

Key points

- Join the single biggest individual pharmacist member organisation in Great Britain
- Take advantage of benefits including free subscription to PJ and a free copy of MEP
- Demonstrate your Member status with the letters MRPharmS after your name



What does the Society do?

The Society is the dedicated professional body for pharmacists and pharmacy in Great Britain. We're proud to be the professional body for pharmacists and pharmacy and are the only body in Great Britain which represents all sectors of the profession. We're here to promote and represent the professional interests of our members.

We provide our members with the support and development they need to fulfil their professional potential, offering access to a range of services.

We work tirelessly to raise the profile of the profession, so that the role of pharmacy is understood and recognised by governments, other health professionals, patients and the public. One of the ways we do this is through increasing the coverage of pharmacists in the media and we're now the source of pharmacy expertise for journalists and provide immediate comment on breaking news stories. We've developed a team of expert clinical spokespeople from across the profession who can comment with authority about medicines in different specialities.

Why should I join the Society?

As a professional it's important you keep abreast of new developments within the profession, developing your own skills and knowledge as the profession develops. Indeed, continuing professional development is one of the things that set you apart from non-professionals.

We believe that being a member of the Society is a fundamental part of your professional identity. It's about demonstrating your commitment to maintaining your skills and developing new ones and your commitment to patient care.

Naturally individual members will want different things from their professional body, but we believe we've developed services which meet all our members' needs.

What services does the Society offer?

We've put together a package of services which appeal to members regardless of the stage they're at in their career. All our services have been developed with members, exclusively for members.

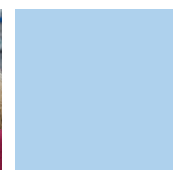
In addition to our core services there are others which, although you may only need them at specific points in your career, would be vital to you at that point.

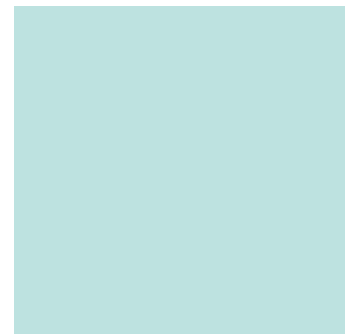
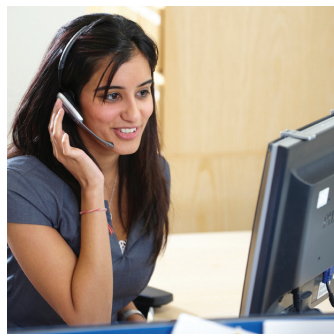
You can find out more about all our benefits at www.rpharms.com/membership.

Here are just a few of the services you could benefit from:

Medicines, Ethics and Practice

MEP is the 'must-have' guide for pharmacists. Members receive a free copy as part of their membership. In line with the new role of the Society, *MEP* has been completely revamped and is now a much more practical and user-friendly text. Designed to help pharmacists practise confidently and professionally, it embeds professionalism and professional judgement at the heart of the decision-making process. An indispensable guide for any pharmacist.





Pharmaceutical Journal

With its comprehensive coverage of pharmacy news, technical articles and reviews on medicines and medicines use, as well as its continuing professional development section, the *Pharmaceutical Journal* is the essential read for pharmacists. Subscription to the *PJ* is included in your membership. Members can also subscribe to receive *Clinical Pharmacist* for free as part of their membership.

Dedicated support team

Wouldn't it be reassuring to know that help is only a phone call away? Our dedicated support team is your first port of call for all your professional queries. We provide confidential support and expert advice, such as legal and ethical issues that you might encounter in daily practice.

Practice guidance and support tools

Pharmacy is constantly changing and developing, so it's important you're always up to date with the latest developments. As a member you'll get access to practical guidance and professional support tools, so you'll always know about changes which affect your practice. We'll interpret new regulations so you understand from day one what they mean for you. And in a fast moving world you'll always want the latest news to hand, which is why all our guidance is available through our website, allowing us to respond quickly to any changes. You can also sign up to our e-alerts so you'll be the first to know about anything which affects your practice.

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Continuing professional development support

Our CPD support service provides you with the support and guidance you need to go beyond simply meeting the requirements of the regulator so that you are continually developing and improving your practice now and throughout your professional life.

Map of Evidence

The Society is committed to building the evidence base for the profession. A great way to improve performance is to share knowledge and replicate successes from one place to another. Our Map of Evidence allows you to learn from others, but also provides you with a forum to share your own successes. We are interested in anything that generates new knowledge or points to innovation, good practice, promising practice, lessons learned and success stories in the full cycle of the making and taking of medicines.

Local practice forums and online groups

One of the best ways of developing your skills and knowledge is through learning from the experiences of others. We have a network of forums established throughout Great Britain each with their own online area on our website. Here you can discuss issues with your peers and find out how they have dealt with similar situations or see if they can answer a question for you. We also have groups dedicated to a particular area of interest such as our Industrial Pharmacy Forum or our prescribing and medicines management group.

Where can I find out more about membership?

To find out more visit the Society's website www.rpharms.com/membership. Alternatively if you'd like to contact a member of the team you can call them on **0845 257 2570** and select option 2 for membership, or email membership@rpharms.com

How much does membership cost?

The annual fee for membership is £192. Our membership year starts on **1 March**. Anyone joining after this time pays on a pro rata basis. So for example if you joined at the start of September, you would pay £96. This is equivalent to 6 months membership.

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