



The Medical
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General practitioners
Public health doctors
Junior hospital doctors
Hospital consultants
Medical students
GP registrars
Sessional/Salaried GPs

The Medical Practitioners' Union, founded in 1914 is the only TUC affiliated trade union for all doctors.

The MPU is a professional section within the Unite union health sector, which, in total has about 100,000 members.

Unite has the ability to influence and effectively promote and protect the interests of its members.

MPU President, Ron Singer said:

'The MPU has a proud record of fighting injustice and discrimination against doctors and beyond the medical profession. Why not join us?'

Radical, Professional, Caring



Why you should consider joining the MPU

MPU has long campaigned for a salaried option for GPs that is not seen as being a second class GP. Salaried GPs are often the 'under dogs' in relation to GP partners who are employers. MPU supports a move towards a salaried option for both GP principals, with all the rights and responsibilities of self employed GP Principals, and for GPs not opting for a GP Principal position.

If are you committed to maintaining and improving the NHS and you are a doctor or medical student – you share the values and ethics of the MPU.

If you think Foundation Trusts and PFI projects are misguided, wasteful and wrong – the MPU is fighting against the further expansion of this policy.

If you are committed to a truly national health service and against the escalating privatisation of the NHS – the MPU has been campaigning against the fragmentation of the NHS for the last decade.

If you feel the government 'could do more' for health and social care – the MPU campaigns daily for the practical implementation of this ideal.

If you are against discrimination within and without the medical profession – MPU has led campaigns against the long hours that juniors had to work, uncovered the hidden racism within our own profession and highlighted unacceptable health services for asylum seekers

If you think there should be a progressive alternative voice to the BMA – the MPU, by its history and principles, has always championed the 'alternative way' that puts patients first and the pursuit of single-minded profit last.



The Medical Practitioners' Union is:



- a campaigning organisation for medical justice and keeping the NHS a public service available to all those in need. MPU has two representatives on the GP's committee of the BMA and active members of the BMA Council,
- 100% committed to the NHS and its founding principle - that of being free at the point of access, comprehensive in its services, and delivered to a high quality for all,
- a non-elitist organisation of doctors articulating the strong progressive medical agenda that the media and 'opinion formers' listen to,
- an active network for doctors proclaiming similar values,
- a campaigning body against the 'market reforms' in the NHS whether through the Private Finance Initiatives (PFIs) – 'Buy a Hospital on a Credit Card' schemes – Local Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT), Foundation Hospitals or the use of the commercial sector to hive off less complex clinical services and many support services,
- a medical organisation against the medical, social and emotional effects of international war, civil unrest, the burgeoning arms trade – and the desperate aftermaths that such activity brings,
- an organisation campaigning for the health and welfare of asylum seekers and improved services for patients who do not speak English,
- supportive of an easy return to work for refugee doctors,
- a radical trade union that will fight your corner, especially when traditional organisations may walk on the other side,
- a representative body on medical and social issues to the government and other authorities, boosted in its influence by the large parliamentary group of Unite MPs.

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by filling out the **Unite membership form today and returning it to MPU Professional Officer, Carol English, at MPU, Unite Health Sector, 128 Theobald's Road, London, WC1X 8TN**



Membership of the MPU – the benefits

Joining a professional body is a financial commitment, and you may ask 'What's in it for me?' The answer is a package of first-class advice and benefits.

Unite, the third largest union in the NHS, is becoming increasingly influential and effective in promoting and protecting our members' interests.

There is strength in numbers and there is nothing lonelier than being a solitary voice fighting against injustice in the workplace.

It makes sense to join a trade union with a strong emphasis on professional issues, which campaigns ceaselessly on your behalf at a time of continuing and often dramatic change in health care provision.

David Fleming

National Officer
for Health/MPU



The benefits include:

- expert advice and local representation on contracts and terms and conditions of employment -
- representation by lawyers at GMC hearings,
- an email discussion group,
- a website,
- an annual seminar on a topic of current interest to members,
- an opportunity to campaign on medical/political issues.

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