

BHPR

British Health Professionals
in **Rheumatology**

BHPR Membership

BHPR's primary role is to unite and support members of the multidisciplinary team in delivering best quality care which meets the needs of individuals with musculoskeletal conditions

Aims

The aims of BHPR include:

- 1) To promote the role of the multidisciplinary team in delivering best quality care for people with musculoskeletal conditions.
- 2) To support health professionals in their role as members of the multidisciplinary team.
- 3) To inform, influence and facilitate health policy and practice to address the needs of people with musculoskeletal conditions.
- 4) To be a viable, effective organisation with its own identity.

Membership

Membership is open to all health care professionals who wish to strengthen their involvement and education in rheumatology and who wish to share their knowledge and expertise, or are simply new to the field and would welcome the opportunity to network with fellow professionals in this specialty. New members from overseas are particularly welcome.

Multidisciplinary

BHPR spans such professions as nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, podiatry, psychology, social work, medicine, pharmacy and others. We hope to widen our membership in the future to include allied care workers.

We have strong links with the British Society for Rheumatology (BSR) and uni-disciplinary organisations such as the Royal College of Nursing Rheumatology Forum, National Association of Rheumatology Occupational Therapists, National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society and the Podiatry Rheumatic Care Association.

In addition we provide a 'voice' for rheumatology health care professionals at the Arthritis and Rheumatism Musculoskeletal Alliance, the Arthritis Research Campaign, Arthritis Care and the European League Against Rheumatism.

Organisation

The daily business of BHPR is the responsibility of Council, nominated and elected from a broad field of professions. Council meets three times per year with an Annual General Meeting at the BHPR Conference. The administration of BHPR is supported by the secretariat of BSR.

Benefits of Membership

Directory

All members are listed and are given access to an electronic copy of our directory.

Email Communications and Newsletter

Bursaries and Awards

We offer bursaries to members for travel to conferences or support with research and educational visits. BHPR also awards an annual clinical prize and works alongside **arc** in judging the Silver Medal awards for clinical and research work for health care professionals.

Conferences

The BHPR Conference, which contains the AGM, runs alongside the BSR Conference – discounted rates for BHPR members. We encourage abstract submissions from members, presented either orally or as a poster, and successful entries are published in *Rheumatology*. BHPR also runs education courses in conjunction with BSR.

Research

BHPR encourages the participation of its members in research. A number of members currently undertaking funded research are available to offer help and advice to new researchers and we provide a forum via our conference for work to be widely disseminated and debated.

Education

Through a wide variety of topics at conference and valuable listing of courses, BHPR provides several avenues of professional development. BHPR has a representative on the **arc** education sub-committee promoting ideas and issues relevant to our members.

Clinical Affairs

BHPR works closely with BSR to produce guidelines, and to evaluate NICE appraisals.

Website

The BHPR website provides more information about the society:
www.rheumatology.org.uk/bhpr

Musculoskeletal Care Journal

BHPR, in association with Wiley Publishers, is proud to offer members a two-year online subscription to the journal *Musculoskeletal Care*.

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