



The Association for
Clinical Biochemistry

Clinical Practice Section



The ACB Clinical Practice Section (ACB CPS)



The uniqueness of the ACB as an organisation based in clinical chemistry is that it includes laboratory-based scientists as well as clinicians involved in direct patient care. In the future, clinical practice of biochemists is likely to expand further: the recently established Metabolic Medicine subspecialty trains medical entrants to clinical biochemistry to remain clinically active throughout their careers.

In the United Kingdom, clinical biochemists who are practicing doctors contribute to specialties such as cardiovascular prevention, diabetology and nutrition.

The ACB, recognising the value of combining laboratory and clinical expertise, has formed a Clinical Practice Section. The Section will help develop and maintain clinical interests within the organisation. Its membership is open to all members of the ACB.



CPS Executive Officers

**Chair Mike Toop, Vice Chair Pat Twomey, Director of Communications Marek Dominiczak,
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ACB CPS: General aims

- Raise profile of clinical practice within clinical chemistry community.
- Inform healthcare community of the medical work within clinical chemistry.
- Support best clinical practice by clinical biochemists.

ACB CPS: Specific aims

- Promote direct clinical care within clinical chemistry and stimulate involvement of medical graduates in the ACB.
- Support training requirements of medical staff.
- Represent interests of medical staff and engage in their professional affairs.

Structure of the Section.

The Section consists of the Specialist Interests Division, the Professional Affairs Division, and the Training, Education and Academic Development Division.

Specialist Interests Division includes several specialist interest groups, which represent existing clinical expertise in the clinical biochemistry community. The following groups have been formed: Cardiovascular Prevention, Endocrinology, Nutrition, Bone Metabolism, Inborn Errors of Metabolism, and Best Practice.

Professional Affairs Division aims to address consultant job plans and matters associated with pathology modernisation. This division will also handle ACB nominations for Clinical Excellence Awards.

Training Education and Academic Development Division will develop training events specifically designed for medical trainees. It will also address undergraduate curriculum in laboratory medicine and aims to contribute to strategic thinking on the future of academic clinical chemistry.



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ACB CPS Regional Representatives

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...I think there is a cause for celebration, and a reason for call to action. The celebration is that the ACB has now created a new structure that can benefit all members. Specifically, creation of the CPS responds to the needs and wishes of medical trainees and consultants in Chemical Pathology. The call to action is this: with the infrastructure now in place, the CPS will become what we make of it. It may help make the ACB a leading clinical body in laboratory medicine- or it may die of inaction. This is really up to the membership. I say, let's make it work.

Mike Toop , ACB News April 2006



The ACB CPS. Get involved.

To become a CPS member, contact division leaders, members of the CPS executive, regional representatives, or email Mike Toop at 'chair.CPS@acb.org.uk'.