



**April Newsletter** 

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# While you look after your patients, we look after you.



# Greetings from our CEO



Happy Easter to all our members!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support throughout the years. We have enclosed a short survey at the end of this MedZine and, as always, we would love to hear from you. As a mark of our appreciation, we will donate €20.00 to our partner charity for 2019, Concern, for every completed survey we receive.

If any colleagues or staff in your practice would like to receive these MedZines you might encourage them to let us know and we will gladly add them to our mailing list.

Ruth Shipsey, CEO

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## MedTalks

## Confidentiality

In this month's MedTalk, our in-house legal counsel, Eimear Bourke, will take you through the duty of confidentiality in General Practice.

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# Case Study



# Release of Records to An Garda Síochána in the Absence of Patient Consent

We received a query from a member seeking advice on what to do in circumstances where they had received correspondence from An Garda Síochána requesting the release of medical records relating to a patient who had allegedly committed a crime....

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#### Medisec's Clinical Corner Research and Clinical Trials

From time to time, we receive emails and calls from members querying whether they are covered to participate in clinical trials and research.

Medisec considers these requests on a case by case basis and we would ask that before participating in any clinical trial or research that you forward us all available information in advance for our consideration.

Please read on for further information on what we need from you...

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# Medisec FactSheet Confidentiality

Confidentiality is a fundamental principle of medical ethics and is central to the trust between patients and doctors. Doctors are generally aware of this obligation and are unlikely to deliberately disclose information to a third party without consent.

The responsibility to make sure confidentiality is maintained in a practice remains that of the GP. The Guide to Professional Conduct and Ethics for Registered Medical Practitioners 8th Edition 2016 ("the **Guide**") provides helpful principles-based guidance on the duty of confidentiality and disclosure of identifiable patient information...

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### Reminders



#### Standalone Telemedicine Consultations

What it means and how it affects your cover...

Firstly, when we talk about standalone telemedicine, we mean a service where a GP, employed by a third party provider who manages the service, provides consultations with non-patients. This is separate from telemedicine services you might routinely provide to your own patients or through a locum service to which you are attached. This is already part of what is considered 'normal' GP practice.....

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#### Audits and CPD

Stuck for Ideas for your Annual Audit? There is still time! Consider exploring the sample audits available on the <a href="Medisec Website">Medisec</a> Website. These are available to all members, although it is necessary to log in with your membership number.

#### Webinar

ICGP members can pick up an extra CPD point before 30th April by logging onto their recent webinar...

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Risk or best practice query

Subscription or Membership Query

Other

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RT @med\_indonews: The standard expected of doctors is no different on social media than when communicating face-to-face or through traditio...

9 hours ago reply



