

## The Pelvic Floor Society

### Application for Membership

The Pelvic Floor Society (tPFS) is a division of the association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland (ACPGBI) and is funded by membership to this society.

The objectives of the Pelvic Floor Society are:

- To provide a forum for members to engage in critical discussion on the investigation, diagnosis, management of pelvic floor disorders.
- Support clinical and collaborative trials that address specific questions related to pelvic floor dysfunction.
- To facilitate the interchange of information on pelvic floor disorders between members and other interested parties in the UK, Ireland and worldwide.
- Set and monitor standards of pelvic floor investigation and management.
- Engage with the DOH, NICE and other interested bodies to develop a strategic approach to the provision and commissioning of pelvic floor services.
- Provide an advisory role to the Royal colleges and related specialist societies.
- Support and develop educational initiatives. To develop a training curriculum and provide courses related to the investigation and management of pelvic floor problems.
- Organize and fund national pelvic floor clinical and research fellowships.

The society is keenly aware of the importance of a multi-disciplinary approach in the care of our patients. Colorectal surgeons, gastroenterologists, urogynaecologists, urologists, radiologists, research practitioners, continence advisors, specialist nurses, behavioural therapists, psychologists with an interest in bowel disorders and clinical scientists with an interest in colonic and pelvic floor physiology are encouraged to join under the appropriate membership categories.

Membership will be granted based on the ability to demonstrate excellence in the delivery of specialist pelvic floor services. Members should be actively engaged in the study or management of patients with pelvic floor disorders.

There is currently no subscription charge for membership of the Pelvic Floor Society.

Members of the Pelvic Floor Society will be able to enjoy discounted rates to attend local and national scientific meetings affiliated to, or organised by, the society.

The Pelvic Floor Society will meet two times per year in May and October. An AGM will be held after the October meeting. **Members must attend the full scientific programme of at least two out of every four meetings over a two-year period to retain membership to the society.** Members who fail to satisfy the attendance requirement, without acceptable reason, will lose their member status and will have be proposed for re-election following the same procedure for new members.



## **Membership Categories**

(subscription year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December)

*Ordinary membership* applies to medical practitioners on the specialist registrar, associate specialists in any discipline related to pelvic floor disorders, non-medically qualified scientists holding a permanent appointment in the UK or Ireland and doctors in long-term locum consultant posts in the UK or Ireland (> 1 year), all of whom have a demonstrable interest in the diagnosis and management of pelvic floor disorders. Ordinary members will have full voting rights and will be required to attend two out of every four national meetings.

*Affiliate membership* applies to specialist nurses, behavioural therapists, physiotherapists, clinical scientists, staff grades and other technicians working in the field of pelvic floor disorders. Members have full voting rights and will be required to attend two out of every four national meetings.

*Associate membership* applies to medical practitioners in training appointments who have a special interest in pelvic floor disorders. They will have no voting rights and have no requirement to attend regular meetings.

*Senior membership* applies to those aged over the age of 60 that no longer wish to be ordinary members. Senior members will have no requirement to attend regular meetings but will give up their voting rights in doing so. They will however be able to propose new members to the society.

*Overseas membership* applies to duly registered medical practitioners residing and practicing outside the UK and Ireland, who have a demonstrable interest in pelvic floor disorders. Overseas members will have no requirement to attend regular meetings and will have no voting rights although they will be able to propose new members to the society.

## Proposal Form - Membership of the Pelvic Floor Society

Please complete in block capitals

Surname:

Forenames:

Title:

Date of Birth:

Home Address:

Post Code:

Tel No.:

E-mail:

Qualifications and Dates:

Sub-specialist interest:

Current appointment and year of starting:

Time spent in managing pelvic floor disorders:      [<50%]      [50-75%]      [>75%]

Hospital Address:

Post Code:

Tel No.:

E-mail:

NHS Region of Employment:

Where would you prefer your correspondence to be sent? Home address / Hospital address

Member of ACPGBI for year 2013      YES / NO

Member of other learned societies (please state):

Membership category required:

Ordinary

Affiliate

Associate

Senior

Overseas

I have read the requirements and conditions related to tPFS membership and acknowledge that in order to retain membership I **must** attend the full scientific programme of at least two out of every four meetings over a two-year period.

I enclose an up-to-date copy of my curriculum vitae that includes a list of my publications and a brief synopsis describing my current involvement in the investigation or management of pelvic floor disorders.

Signed:

Date:

Completed proposal forms should be sent to:

Mr Thomas Dudding, Honorary Membership Secretary, Pelvic Floor Society, GI Business Unit, Level E, University Hospital Southampton, Tremona Road, Southampton SO16 6YD.