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Dear Colleague

Musculoskeletal complaints form a large proportion of consultations in Primary Care. Training in managing these problems has thus far been poor. Only few vocational schemes offer rheumatology training and until recently, undergraduate rheumatology training was poorly taught.

Professor Jane Dacre and I are involved in a project supported by the Arthritis Research Campaign to try and improve training in musculoskeletal problems in the community.

The first stage of the project is to find out how much training current Primary Care Physicians have had in rheumatology in their under- and post graduate education, and what areas of rheumatology are felt to be importance to their practice.

Following this, we will set up a needs based training course in rheumatology . We will assess the effect of the training course on knowledge using a peer examined Objective Structured Clinical Examination, together with group discussions.

Please find enclosed the training questionnaire which will only take a few minutes to complete. Once results have been collated and a course programme organised I will then contact all those who expressed interest in attending.

The demands on your time are much appreciated, and may thanks for helping us by completing the questionnaire. The aim of the project is to improve knowledge, confidence and skills in managing musculoskeletal problems in primary care, to the benefit of the doctor and patient.

Best wishes

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Rheumatology Questionnaire

Name:

Practice:

Telephone

Email:

1. Did your postgraduate training involve any rheumatology experience?
 - Yes
 - No
2. If YES, what form did this experience take?
 - Regular Clinic
 - Occasional Clinic
 - Sitting in on clinics
 - Attendance on ward rounds
 - Other.....
3. As part of Continuing Medical Education, have you attended any courses, workshops or clinics to help you in dealing with musculoskeletal complaints.
 - Yes
 - No
4. If YES, what form did the education take?
 - Clinics
 - Ward rounds
 - Lectures
 - Courses
 - Other.....
5. How important do you think knowledge of musculoskeletal problems is to Primary Care?

Not at all important 1

2

3

4

5 Extremely important

6. How do you rate your confidence in managing musculoskeletal problems?

Not at all confident 1 2 3 4 5 Extremely confident

7. How important do you feel knowledge of the following musculoskeletal problems and their management are in primary care:

	Not at all Important				Extremely important
• Back Pain	1	2	3	4	5
• Osteoarthritis	1	2	3	4	5
• Soft tissue musculoskeletal problems e.g shoulder,elbow.	1	2	3	4	5
• Injection techniques	1	2	3	4	5
• Rheumatoid arthritis	1	2	3	4	5
• Other inflammatory forms of arthritis (Psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis etc)	1	2	3	4	5
• Osteoporosis	1	2	3	4	5
• Multisystem connective tissue diseases (Lupus, Scleroderma, vasculitis, myositis etc)	1	2	3	4	5
• Sjogrens Syndrome	1	2	3	4	5
• Paediatric rheumatology	1	2	3	4	5
• New therapies in arthritis	1	2	3	4	5

Are there any topics not mentioned above that you feel should be covered in a practical course on musculoskeletal problems in primary care.

Would you be interested in Taking part in a focus group discussion on rheumatology training in Primary Care?

- Yes
- No

Would you be in attending such a PGEA approved training course in rheumatology?

- Yes
- No

Which would be the best format ?

- 1 whole day
- 1 half day
- 1 ½ days
- 2 whole days
- 2 half days
- Other.....please specify

Which days of the week are best for you.

- Monday am
- pm
- Tuesday am
- pm
- Wednesday am
- pm
- Thursday am
- pm
- Friday am
- pm

Many thanks for completing this questionnaire

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