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**Dear Dr**

**Re: Invitation to a Primary Care Education course in rheumatology**

**I Am writing to invite you to the above course. The content has been decided from a questionnaire sent to local GPs last year.**

**Courses will run for 1.5 days and are running on the following dates:**

**Cost : FREE**

**Further courses will be held so don't worry if you cannot make this one. The course has been PGEA approved until April when things change of course!**

**Courses will take place in the Clinical Skills Centre of the Whittington Hospital. They will be very interactive with a lot of case-history discussions.**

**I do hope you will be able to attend one of these dates.**

**Please email me at the above address to let me know your availability. I will then send out programmes. The course is part of a project sponsored by the Arthritis Research Camapign.**

**Best wishes**

**Yours sincerely**

**Dr Inam Haq**

**INVITATION TO A FOCUS GROUP AT DEANERY AWAYDAY 6 / 7 NOVEMBER**

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*Professor David Brenton, Professor Jane Dacre, Dr Jonathan Cartledge, Dr Deborah Gill, Dr Margaret Lloyd,  
Dr Janet Radcliffe Richards, Professor Dame Lesley Southgate*

Dear Primary Care colleague

I am a Specialist Registrar in rheumatology and have an interest in medical education. I will be speaking at the London Deanery Awayday on the 6 and 7 November. I am involved in a project funded by the Arthritis Research Campaign looking at the development of a needs based training programme in rheumatology for GPs.

A part of this project takes the form of focus group interviews. The Deanery have allowed me to run a focus group on each day of the awayday from 9.00-9.30am.

I would like to invite those of you who are interested to attend for a focus group interview. The interviews will form the basis of the training programme which will run in February 2004 and to which all those taking part in the focus group will be invited to attend.

I appreciate that you are all extremely busy and would be grateful for any help you can provide for this valuable project.

If you would like to attend for a focus group, please fill in the form below and FAX it back to the number below.

Yours faithfully



Dr Inam Haq

**\*FAX BACK THIS PAGE TO 020 7288 3322 FOR ATTENTION OF DR INAM HAQ\***

Name (please print):

Telephone number:

Contact email:

I would like to attend a focus group interview on      6 November  
( Circle appropriate date)

7 November

## **Consent form**

### **A study of the impact of a needs-based training programme in Rheumatology on general Practitioners' confidence and skills in the management of musculoskeletal problems**

Lead Researcher: Dr Inam Haq

Subject Identification number:

1. I confirm that I have read and understand the information sheet (version 1) for the above study and have had the opportunity to ask questions.

Initials.....

2. I understand that participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason, and without my legal rights being affected.

Initials.....

3. I understand that for the purposes of the study, my referral letters to secondary care will be looked at by the lead investigator. I give permission for access to these referral letters.

Initials.....

4. I agree to take part in the above study

Initials.....

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Name of subject                      date                      signature

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Name of consent taker                      date                      signature

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Researcher                      date                      signature

1 for study subject, 1 for researcher

Leora Leboff  
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3 February 2003

Dear Leora

Re: GIM training

After a long period of thought and on discussion with seniors, I have decided not to accredit in GIM. Professor Isenberg has agreed to this as head of North Thames STC. I am currently in research and will finish in June 2004. Could you amend your records and also let me know how much more rheumatology I would have to do on my return from research. I think I will also need a PYA this year.

Just to recap, my training has been as follows:

1. 10 months at N Middlesex Hospital
2. 12 months at Whittington Hospital
3. 12 months at Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital
4. 12 months at University College London Hospitals Trust
5. 1 clinic per week for 36 months at during research period.

Many thanks for your help. Please let me know if you need any more information.

Yours sincerely

Dr M I Haq

Dear Dr Scadding

I would firstly like to thank you for inviting me to be part of the rheumatology SQG. I thoroughly enjoyed the Glasgow meeting and certainly learned a lot about question writing and its problems!

I would like to recommend a colleague to become part of the Oncology SQG. Her name is Alison Birtle. She is a 5th year Clinical Oncology SpR and is currently in research at University College London studying PSA negative prostate cancer for an MD thesis. She obtained her FRCR qualification 2 years ago.

I am sure she would be a valuable addition to the SQG. Her contact details are below:

Dr Alison Birtle  
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Institute of Urology and Nephrology  
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Tel: 020 7679 9296

Many thanks for your consideration.

Best wishes for 2003

Dr Inam Haq MBBS BSc MRCP  
Educational Research Fellow  
Specialist Registrar in Rheumatology

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 which will have PGEA accreditation. We will assess the effect of the training course on knowledge using a peer examined Objective Structured Clinical Examination, together with focus 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



Professor Jane Dacre  
Professor of Medical Education  
Consultant Rheumatologist

Dr Inam Haq  
Educational Research Fellow  
Specialist Registrar in Rheumatology

