



Joining the Faculty of Homeopathy

How membership can provide a helping hand



Who we are

The Faculty of Homeopathy supports healthcare professionals who integrate homeopathy into their practice. With around 1200 members worldwide, we are a close community of like-minded people who stand for excellence in medical care, whether it's conventional or homeopathic, for the benefit of patients.

Incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1950, the Faculty exists to ensure that the education and training of healthcare professionals is of the highest quality. We accredit teaching across the world and set standards in the practice of homeopathy.

Our members are doctors, nurses, midwives, dentists, pharmacists, vets, podiatrists, osteopaths and other statutorily registered healthcare professionals.

Why you should join us

Whether you are just starting out in your homeopathic studies, going onto further training or simply have an interest in homeopathy, being part of a community is great for sharing experiences and gaining knowledge. This can be reassuring, particularly if you have sceptical colleagues. As you gain your qualifications, the Faculty will be here to support you along the way.

It's really important that our membership goes from strength to strength, so we can continue to lobby for an integrated approach to healthcare, be an authoritative voice for members and influence the way medicine is practised, at the highest level. Together, we can have an impact.

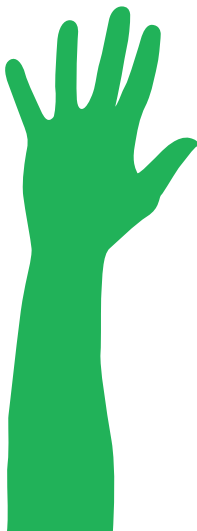
How to join

Membership is open to all statutorily registered healthcare professionals. Return the enclosed form to Tracey Rignall, Membership Officer. If you have any queries email Tracey at trignall@facultyofhomeopathy.org

The benefits

Publications

The Faculty publishes the Medline-listed journal, ***Homeopathy*** – the authority on homeopathic research. Members receive a free copy every quarter and online access. The journal is mailed along with the members' newsletter ***Simile***, which has the latest news, events, case studies and comment. Members are encouraged to contribute!



Web resources

The Faculty's website has a password protected area full of resources just for members:

- Find other members
- Chat in the discussion forum
- Download presentation materials
- View Faculty policy on a range of issues
- Read our newsletter online
- Get past exam papers
- Access online CPD
- Search for a local group near you
- Sign up for e-news

Events

Regular seminars and our bi-annual conference help members to develop their homeopathic knowledge and gain the CPD they need to retain membership.



Corporate membership of international bodies

The Faculty plays an important role in the international homeopathic community.

All members with the MFHom qualification and above are also corporate members of both the European Committee for Homeopathy (ECH) and Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis (known as LIGA).

The Faculty is represented at the highest level in these organisations.

Promotion

Faculty members with the LFHom qualification and above can promote themselves through an online practitioner list, which is searched by around 6,000 people a month on www.britishhomeopathic.org. The Faculty also runs a corporate scheme with Yellow Pages. And regional, national and international media coverage helps advertise our members to a wide audience.

In addition, leaflets promoting homeopathy are available for members' surgeries, from the British Homeopathic Association.

Library services

The British Homeopathic Library in Glasgow holds the most extensive collection of books, journals and audio tapes on homeopathy in the UK. The online database, Hom-Inform, has around 26,000 indexed references to literature. Faculty members are automatically enrolled with the library and get great rates on borrowing materials.



Local group network

Helping to keep members in touch, local group meetings are also a chance to collect CPD, exchange ideas and share cases. Groups meet throughout the UK and Republic of Ireland.



Research

The development of homeopathic research is vital. The Faculty helps members in a number of ways:

- Advising on suitable research methods
- Publishing reviews of the research evidence in homeopathy
- Improving research skills amongst the membership
- Encouraging collaboration between members and university researchers
- Running data collection projects with members to inform future research opportunities

What our members say...

"The Faculty is extremely important to the nursing profession. Good education, clinical excellence and clinical governance are hallmarks of our profession and the Faculty ensures the continuation of these standards in the practice of homeopathy by nurses."

Frances Baker, nurse

"Patients appreciate attending a dentist who has proved his interest and ability and can be sure that their homeopathic dental treatment is with a properly trained professional."

Phil Wander, dentist

"Membership offers a multi-disciplinary network of like-minded professionals who have the collective vision of providing the best possible care for their patients."

Jane Greenwood, podiatrist

"What has Faculty membership given me? Extensive training when courses for pharmacists were limited, opportunities to interact with other members at events, local study groups and a network of fellow professionals with a common interest and enthusiasm."

Virginia Watson pharmacist

"I have worked as a full time homeopathic doctor for over 25 years both in Australia and the UK and found the Faculty to be an invaluable source of encouragement and education. The website has brought many a referral."

Eric Asher private practitioner

"As a GP in a remote rural practice, I find Faculty membership tremendously important as a way of preventing isolation. The Faculty keeps me in touch with fellow homeopathic enthusiasts with whom I can share experiences and excitements!"

Tim Robinson, GP

"The Faculty's international reputation means that its training is widely sought after around the world. We are extremely grateful to the Faculty for helping us advance the practice of homeopathy in Japan."

Ronko Itamura, doctor



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