

## Medical Organisations

There are a number of organisations which represent and provide services for medical students and doctors. You can choose to join any or all of the organisations listed below, although some charge a subscription fee.

BSMS students are encouraged to investigate what these organisations can offer them before joining. The main organisations you may come into contact with are listed below:

Name	Purpose	Website
<b>British Medical Association (BMA)</b>	The British Medical Association is the doctors' professional organisation established to look after the professional and personal needs of our members. The BMA represents doctors in all branches of medicine all over the UK. They aim to promote the medical and allied sciences, seek to maintain the honour and interests of the medical profession and promote the achievement of high-quality healthcare. Their policies cover public health issues, medical ethics, science, the state of the NHS, medical education and doctors' contracts.	<a href="http://www.bma.org.uk/">www.bma.org.uk/</a>
<b>Medical Defence Union (MDU)</b>	The MDU is dedicated to supporting the medico-legal needs and reputations of all their members throughout their professional lives.	<a href="http://www.themdu.com/">http://www.themdu.com/</a>
<b>Medical Protection Society (MPS)</b>	The Medical Protection Society is a provider of comprehensive professional indemnity and expert advice to doctors, dentists and health professionals around the world. The organisation helps with legal and ethical problems that arise from professional practice. This includes clinical negligence claims, complaints, medical council inquiries, legal and ethical dilemmas, disciplinary procedures, inquests and fatal-accident inquiries.	<a href="http://www.medicalprotection.org/">www.medicalprotection.org/</a>

<b>Medical Women's Federation (MWF)</b>	<p>The MWF aims to advance the personal and professional development of women in medicine and to improve health of women and their families in society, both in the UK and abroad. The MFW consult the government and media on information on issues relating to women doctors; such as equal pay and pension rights, access to flexible training and family friendly working practices.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.medicalwomen.org.uk">www.medicalwomen.org.uk</a></p>
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