

Joint Committee on Immunology & Allergy

This is a standing committee established jointly between the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Royal College of Pathologists. The joint committee is advisory rather than executive, and has accountability to each of its parent bodies. In terms of accountability to the Royal College of Physicians of London it reports to Council through the Medical Specialties Board. Its accountability to the Royal College of Pathologists is through the Royal college of Pathologists' SAC Immunology to Council.

Terms of Reference

The committee is established to advise the parent bodies, or other organizations on their behalf, on matters of mutual interest. These will include:

- Workforce and training
- Setting national standards and agreeing joint guidelines and policy statements *
- Drawing up of specifications for clinical governance in relation to the practice of the specialty
- Developing and extending service review
- Continuing professional development for the specialist, including general medicine, if necessary
- Reviewing ethnic minority health issues on an annual basis
- Any other specific matter of particular relevance to the specialty
- To interact with the appropriate specialties
- Advise College/s or other working parties

* In detailing these issues the committee will restrict its advice to the context of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The contribution of any Scottish representative on the committee is welcomed, but the Scottish Colleges are not involved in joint ownership or sending items of business direct to the committee. The committee may liaise with other organizations as appropriate to share or obtain advice. However, the committee or any of its members may not make any public statement or approve any published materials in his/her own name or that of the parent bodies, except with their approval.

Frequency of meeting and rotation of Chairmanship/secretariat

To alternate on a four yearly basis between Colleges. Four year tenure for officers/members. The chairman and vice-chairman should be nominees from different colleges and there is no automatic appointment of the vice-chairman into the chairmanship of the committee. The vice-chairman would normally come from the existing membership of the committee and his/her commencement would be limited to the duration of membership of the committee. Ideally commencement of office for the

Chairman and Vice-Chairman should be staggered so there is a period of overlap for continuity.

Meeting to be convened twice per annum. Members are requested to attend at least one meeting a year [updated Dec 2010]

Finance

Costs to be split on a 50/50 basis, the current secretariat to be responsible for dealing with travel expenses for all members.

Membership

3 representatives from the Royal College of Physicians (London)

3 representatives from the Royal College of Pathologists

1 trainee representative from each Royal College

1 representative each from the British Society for Immunology, Association of Clinical Pathologists and British Society for Allergy and Clinical Immunology

Chair of the Allergy SAC (JRCPTB)

Chair of the RCPATH SAC in Immunology

President and Registrar of each college *ex-officio*

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