

ACADEMY OF MEDICAL ROYAL COLLEGES _____

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Academy statement on Junior Doctors' dispute

This is a time of unprecedented crisis for the NHS. With this in mind and in the spirit of placing patient welfare first and foremost we are writing in response to the escalation of the junior doctor's dispute in England.

We call on both sides in the dispute to step back from the brink by suspending imposition of the contract and the all-out strike and urge a return to negotiations.

We believe that this is essential if the current impasse is to be broken and progress made in resolving this extremely damaging stand-off for the benefit of all NHS stakeholders, particularly our patients and trainees.

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- This statement is backed by all the Presidents of all the Medical Royal Colleges and faculties across the UK
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