



Definition of 'good standing' at the RCP

RCP fellows and members

Fellows and members are expected to act in accordance with RCP Bye-Laws and Regulations and, in a wider sense, have a duty not to compromise the name of the RCP and to conduct themselves in a way which does not compromise their professional standing or registration or other authority to practise medicine. Where an individual's fellowship or membership requires payment of a subscription, this must be up to date and not in arrears.

Should fellows or members be aware of any circumstances which they feel may contradict this and, which might cause difficulty for them or the RCP subsequently (such as being the subject of a GMC inquiry), they are invited to declare them to the registrar. Declarations will be treated in confidence and any such details will be considered on their own merits.

Newly elected fellows must sign a form of faith, as follows:

I faithfully promise, to the best of my ability, to maintain the welfare of the College; to observe and obey its statutes, bye-laws and regulations, and to submit to such penalties as may be lawfully imposed for any neglect or infringement of them; to regard as secret its proceedings, when the College so desires it; to admit to the fellowship those only who are distinguished by character and learning; and finally to do everything, in the practice of my profession, for the welfare of my patients and the community and to the honour of the College.

In addition to the above, all those volunteering to contribute to RCP activities are required to make and maintain a [declaration of interests and good standing](#).

Should an individual be deemed to be in breach of the above definition then they would be subject to the RCP's disciplinary process. This can result in the loss of the [benefits of fellowship](#) including use of the FRCP post nominal. In such cases, the individual's fellowship certificate should not be displayed where the public or colleagues might see it.