

CPD 2019

Council of the Academy is committed to encouraging and supporting Medical Scientists as they develop their CPD portfolios.

One innovation, which started this year is 'CPD of the Month'.

The CPD committee, aided by Council and the Advisory Bodies, will aim to challenge you each month. The challenge may be pan laboratory medicine with the opportunity for everyone to reflect on the topic or it may be very specific covering a discrete specialised topic. We hope that in each challenge there will be something for everyone to take away as learning.

This CPD activity can be addressed either by reflecting on the topic and the questions yourself, or it could form the basis for group discussion in your workplace with colleagues.

The CPD committee welcome any suggestions you may have for CPD of the month which should be submitted to the CPD Officers for the attention of the committee.

Please log into your CPD portfolio to access the October Challenge.

CPD Challenge October 2019

One of the hallmarks of a profession is that it has a code of conduct and ethics to which all members of the profession adhere.

The Academy has a code of conduct on its website which outlines, at a high level, what is expected of a member of the Academy. Adherence is expected but cannot be enforced.

CORU, as the regulator with responsibility for protection of the public and promoting high standards of professional conduct and ethics among registrants, has produced a much more detailed code. Each year registrants are asked to pledge that they comply with this code. The code is adapted from a framework code which applies to all professions registered.

It is therefore necessary that each medical scientist reads, understands and complies with this code. Failure to do so may lead [to](#) a complaint of professional misconduct.

The challenge this month, therefore, is to read the code and reflect on how it will impact on your own practice as a medical scientist.

Reflections

1. You are required to act in the best interest of service users. What is your responsibility in relation to: Persistent failure of a colleague to ensure analysers are controlled and working correctly while issuing results? This may be within the laboratory or incorrect use of Point of Care devices.
2. You must act within the limits of your knowledge, skills, competence and experience. What are your responsibilities if you are requested by a colleague or manager to undertake duties when you do not believe you have the requisite training or experience-?
3. You must act in accordance with the principles of open disclosure. What are your responsibilities and what steps should you take if you discover that results have been issued, and perhaps patients treated, and it is now discovered that there was a significant analytical error.

Points

Each reflection 1 point