



The ROYAL
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MEDICINE

LEAVING A LEGACY

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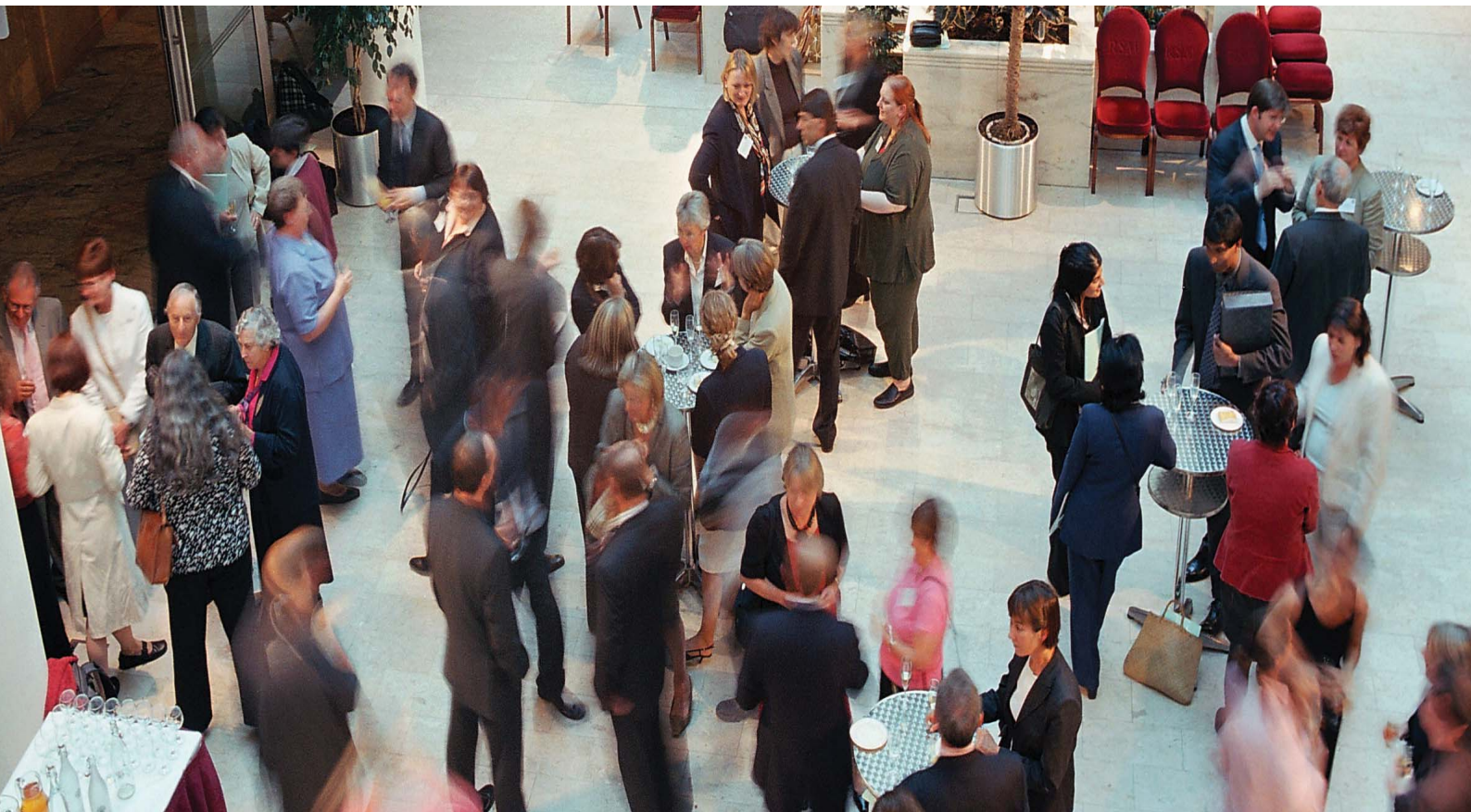
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A message from the Society's Development Director.

From the moment we are born, throughout our lives and especially in our later years, we are all patients and we all depend on the skills and knowledge of doctors and other members of the medical profession.

We assume that those treating us are experienced, up to date with the latest developments and constantly learning about good practice and about unusual cases from their colleagues. This assumption is a fair one because of the existence of the Royal Society of Medicine.

As I am sure you know, over 30,000 medical professionals walk through the doors of the Society for post-graduate medical education training and for continuing professional development each year.

The Society provides a multi-disciplinary approach which can only benefit us as patients.

For over 200 years we have been a vital voice and an essential provider of education in the medical world. We now need your help to nurture and expand our academic programmes and our training services, to invest in electronic learning and digitisation of our Library and to develop our projects to create links with patients, carers and the general public.

The Royal Society of Medicine is a charity. We receive no money from Government and we are dependent on the philanthropic support of people like yourself. Please do consider leaving a legacy to the Society.

Feel free to contact me to discuss this further. Do call me on 07789 203 735 or email paul.summerfield@rsm.ac.uk.

Paul Summerfield

Paul Summerfield
Development Director
The Royal Society of Medicine

“I see the Royal Society of Medicine as offering the chance to mix with medics – both academics and clinicians – and therefore catch up with what is going on in human medicine and especially gynaecology. Many of the better hypotheses and experimental studies in which I have been involved during my career have originated from human medical research, especially endocrinology. By spreading the word of new scientific and clinical findings, and by providing a forum where such things can be discussed and criticised, the Royal Society of Medicine brings new science to the attention of clinicians and thereafter to the patient.”

*Professor W R Allen
CBE ScD MRCVS
Veterinary Surgeon*



Why you should consider leaving a

- The RSM plays a vital role in maintaining the skills and knowledge of doctors, dentists, veterinarians and other allied professionals in healthcare;
- The RSM aim to maintain and improve standards of practice and treatment for the benefit of patients;
- The Society is the largest provider of postgraduate medical education and professional medical development in the U.K;
- Uniquely, the RSM brings together practitioners in medicine from a very wide range of disciplines – from surgeons, physicians, GPs, medical scientists and radiologists through to anaesthetists and dentists - to provide a unique forum for their development;
- The Society's multi-disciplinary approach to medicine directly benefits patients, because their needs become the centre of focus. Practitioners of medicine are becoming increasingly specialised and there is always a danger that they can lose sight of the context and big picture in which they operate. The RSM prevents this from happening;



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- The RSM engages with the general public involving them as patients and carers through our 'Medicine and Me' meetings. A range of books published through RSM Press and an expanding programme of lectures on 'hot topics' are also available to the public;
- To continue to be effective in an ever changing environment, where doctors' time is at a premium, the RSM needs to constantly invest in the delivery of its services to maintain the high standards of professionalism that have been recognised and valued for over 200 years. By supporting the RSM, you are supporting this vital mission;
- Leaving a legacy to the Society can help the valuable work of the Society and can also reduce inheritance tax on your estate. Gifts to the Society, in your Will, are free of inheritance tax. (Your solicitor will advise you about the inheritance tax implications for your estate and whether you need to do any inheritance tax planning).

“As a specialist registrar in radiology, I was particularly grateful to the Royal Society of Medicine when I was fortunate enough to be awarded the Finzi Prize for my research work into radio-iodinated contrast media and their affects on properties of red blood cells. This prize enabled me to attend the most important annual radiological meeting, The Radiological Society of North America. As President-elect of the Radiology and Radiotherapy Section, I look forward to the challenge of perpetuating the high standard of academic meetings held by this Section throughout the coming year.”

Dr. Nicola H Strickland
BM BCh MA Hons (Oxon)
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Why your legacy is so valuable to the Royal Society of Medicine

The Society exists to meet the educational needs of doctors, dentists, vets and others in the medical sector. Over 19,000 are members and rely on the services the Society provides. We need to plan for the future and provide the very best medical education facilities.

Because the Society is a charity and receives no money from the Government, the Society is dependent on donations from members and from members of the public to continue to improve our educational services and information we provide to the medical profession.

For over 200 years the Society has received some generous donations in the form of bequests and many of these gifts have contributed towards a critical difference to the provision of superb educational programmes, our Library which is the best of its kind in Europe and for facilities which attract members and potential members to come together and exchange vital information about cases, research, best practice and much more.

Your legacy will provide for doctors, dentists, vets and others making a real difference in the medical sector and as a consequence will help the patients of today and tomorrow.





How to decide how much you might wish to leave the Society

Naturally you will wish to ensure that your family and friends are provided for before you make any donations to charity. If you do decide to give to the Society, it is very straightforward and we are extremely grateful for any sum you choose to donate.

The size of the donations listed opposite are solely listed to give you an idea of how your donation could benefit the medical world. You may wish to specify the use of the money you provide to us or indeed, prefer us to determine this on your behalf in order to continue the work of the Society. We do not wish to offend you if you are considering a small sum. Every penny does count !

EXAMPLES OF WHAT YOUR DONATION COULD PROVIDE:

£500 to £1000 a year's subscription to a specialist medical Journal to be available in our Library or help us to repair valuable older medical books which are in urgent need of conservation;

£5000 to £10,000 an 'E- package' of specialist medical Journals, available through our Library for doctors throughout the world

£10,000 to £25,000 online access to specific medical databases, helping doctors wherever they are in the world

£25,000 - £50,000 specific education or training programme for doctors

£75,000- £100,000 a series of books for the general public, about diseases and common medical complaints, published by RSM Press

£250,000 - £500,000 substantial proportion of the academic, educational and training programme run by the RSM for doctors and medical students for an entire year

£1 million or more the investment necessary over a 10 year period into new training courses and educational opportunities for doctors, particularly in the area of 'E-learning'- accessible to doctors

“I was first introduced to the Royal Society of Medicine by Mr. David Farrar (past President of the Section of Urology) when I worked as his registrar in the early 1990s. By educating and informing those who ultimately care for the public, I believe the Society performs an invaluable service. It is an organisation where one has access to a huge variety of educational opportunities, not just in one's own specialty. I was instrumental in setting up the Section of Black and Ethnic Minority Healthcare and am the Founding President. The first meeting of the Section remains the most memorable moment of my time here.”

Francis Chinegwundoh
MBBS FRCS



What type of legacy you could give

A legacy is a gift that you make in your Will. A brief guide to making a Will is enclosed with this brochure. Because of the complexity it is strongly recommended that you use a solicitor to draw up your Will rather than trying to do this yourself.

There are three main types of legacy:

1. Pecuniary legacies
2. Specific
3. Legacies and residuary legacies

You can help the Society by making a pecuniary, specific or residuary legacy to the Society in your Will.

1. Pecuniary legacies are cash gifts, e.g. a gift of £2,000. Rises in inflation mean that this type of gift decreases over time. For example, a gift of £1,000 made in the 1980's would be worth less than £250 now. So you may want to review the amount of pecuniary legacies from time to time (your solicitor will advise you about this).

2. Specific legacies are gifts of items of property, such as jewellery, paintings, shares or your house.



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3. Your residuary estate is what is left after your debts, funeral expenses, certain other costs and tax on your estate have been paid and after your specific and pecuniary legacies have been deducted. A residuary legacy is a gift of your residuary estate. Residuary legacies are not directly affected by inflation, so can enable you to maximise your generosity.

If you wish to make a residuary gift to the Society you could choose to leave the Society the whole of your residuary estate or a share of it (e.g. 10%, one quarter etc).

Your solicitor will advise you about which type of gift you should make to the Society, which will depend on your circumstances. You should consult a solicitor before making a decision.

In our other brochure 'Making a Will - Useful Information', we provide example wording for making a legacy to the Society in your Will, which we recommend that you take to your solicitor.

“The Royal Society of Medicine not only provides a broad platform for different disciplines within the medical field, it also welcomes the non-medical contribution. In so doing, it provides a forum for important and productive general discussion. I remain very proud of the day I was made an Honorary Fellow.”

Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss



Gifts from overseas

If you live abroad it should still be possible for you to include the Society in your Will, but you will need to seek legal and tax advice first.

If you are a US citizen you might choose to make your gift to the RSM Foundation Inc, a 501(c) (3) organisation to which contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of US laws. You should seek legal and tax advice about this.



Saying Thank You

We would be grateful if you could inform us if you are planning to leave a legacy to the Society as this will help us with our financial planning (but you do not have to tell us or, if you do tell us, you can ask us not to contact you about it). We will keep this confidential.

We also want to say thank you and there are many ways in which the Society can recognise your generosity. The Society will endeavour to:

- Thank you for your support;
- Thank you by listing your name in RSM News and on our website;
- Invite you to very special events and lectures;
- Facilitate opportunities to meet our President and senior officers;
- Provide opportunities to put your name, the name of your parent(s) grandparent(s) on a room, part of the Society's building or be associated with a specific area of our educational work.

Even if you tell us that you intend to make a gift to the Society in your Will, you can change your mind at any time, e.g. by changing your Will (which your solicitor can help you with).

For more information on making a legacy

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