

Introducing the Dispensing Doctors' Association (DDA)



The Dispensing Doctors' Association (DDA) represents over **6,600 doctors** currently working in **1,100 dispensing practices** across the UK. It is the only organisation that specifically represents the interests of dispensing doctors and their **9.9 million** patients.

The DDA meets regularly with the Department of Health and other agencies to promote the contribution dispensing doctors can make to rural health, and to achieve fair remuneration and reimbursement for their services.

- Individual DDA Board members are charged with ensuring that the voices of rural patients and their dispensing practices are heard at all levels.
- At the local level, DDA Board Members host visits to their practices and build relationships with constituency MPs. At the national level, DDA Board Members respond to Government consultations and attend all relevant professional events. DDA Board members also attend the annual political party conferences.
- Since its inception, the DDA has had many successes. The most notable example of DDA political lobby is the development and maintenance of the rural 'accord' with the pharmacy contract negotiators, Community Pharmacy England (formerly PSNC), and the British Medical Association.



The DDA has also been instrumental in the development of controlled localities in Scotland, and in the creation of dispensing GP-'friendly' control of entry regulations in Wales (2017).

In 2025, the DDA is running the Rural Access to Medicines and Pharmacy services Under Pressure (RAMP UP) campaign. A key focus of this campaign is to engage with the BMA GP Committee to achieve sustainable dispensary remuneration, which is negotiated separately to the main GP GMS contracts.



Membership

Membership of the Dispensing Doctors' Association is open to GP practices with an interest in dispensing. Membership is practice-based, and one membership will provide all practice staff with access to the help and support of the DDA Board Members and the DDA Office Team, and also to our exclusive member-only resources designed to support the safe and effective delivery of practice-based dispensing services.

