Outcomes for graduates supplementary guidance: Good medical practice and explanatory guidance

Newly qualified doctors must demonstrate appropriate personal and professional values and behaviours. They should know where to find our ethical guidance, and have an appreciation of the wide range of guidance and resources that are available to support them.

We expect newly qualified doctors to demonstrate an understanding of current ethical dilemmas in medical science and healthcare practice and the ethical issues that can arise in everyday clinical decision-making, and be able to apply ethical reasoning to clinical situations. However, we understand that Good medical practice and the explanatory guidance is a considerable volume of material and that newly qualified doctors’ knowledge of our ethical guidance with grow the longer they are practising.

Explanatory guidance that we expect newly qualified doctors to be familiar with include:

- Confidentiality: good practice in handling patient information (2017)
- Consent: patients and doctors making decisions together (2008)
- Doctors’ use of social media (2013)
- Good practice in prescribing and managing medicines and devices (2013)
- Maintaining a professional boundary between you and your patient (2013)
- Personal beliefs and medical practice (2013)
- Raising and acting on concerns about patient safety (2012)
- Treatment and care towards the end of life: decision making