

General
Medical
Council



Making decisions about health care

Tell us what you think about
our advice for doctors

Questions for patients and carers

Please send us your answers before
Wednesday 23 January 2019



EasyRead version

About the General Medical Council



We make sure **all doctors** are **good and safe**.



We **give doctors advice** to tell them how to be a good doctor.



We are looking at the **advice** we give doctors about making decisions with patients. It will say **how doctors should work**.



If a doctor does something seriously wrong we can stop them working as a doctor.



Please **tell us** how you think doctors should work.



Please answer the questions starting on the page 6, if you can.

How to tell us what you think



These questions are for:

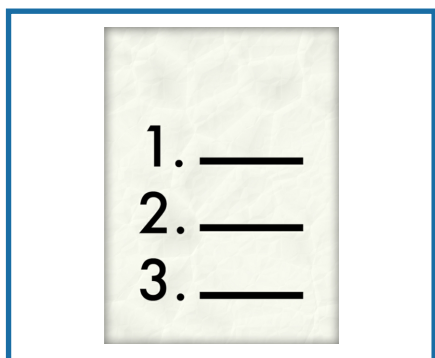
- patients



- paid or family carers



- anyone who supports a patient.



There are three questions.



You do not have to read our advice to answer them.



You do not have to answer every question.



You can send your answers by:

Email to:
gmcconsent@gmc-uk.org



Post to:
**Consent Consultation
Standards and Ethics Team
General Medical Council
Regents Place
350 Euston Road
London NW1 3JN**



If you need the questions in a different format or language, email:
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Telephone:
0161 923 6602



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Question 1: Not having enough time with your doctor

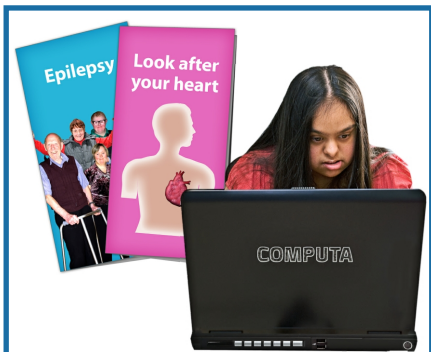


Patients tell us they do not have enough time to talk to their doctor.



Our advice says when you don't have much time with your doctor, you could:

- talk to nurses or healthcare assistants



- read leaflets or look at websites



- go to meetings to talk to other people with the same health problems as you.



Do you like these suggestions?

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Yes

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No

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I am not sure



Please write anything you want to say about this:

Question 2: Helping patients to make decisions



All patients should be as involved as they want to be in decisions about their treatment and care.



We say doctors should:

- write things down for the patient



- let the patient record what the doctor says on their phone



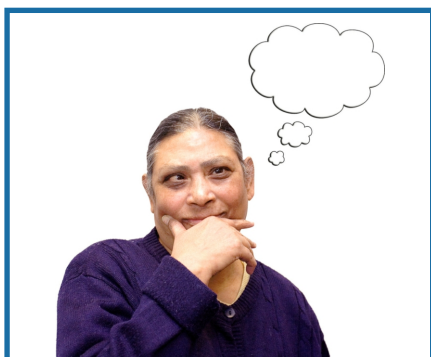
- let the patient bring a friend or carer with them



- give the patient information in a place and at a time when they find it easier to understand and remember it



- find out about the patient - what is really important to them? What upsets them?



- give the patient time to think and talk about the choices.



Is there anything else doctors can do to help patients make decisions?

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Yes

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No

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I am not sure



Please write anything you want to say
about this:

Question 3: Patient information



We think it might be helpful if there is something (maybe a leaflet or a website page) that helps patients and doctors make good decisions.



For example it could:

- have things to think about before you see the doctor



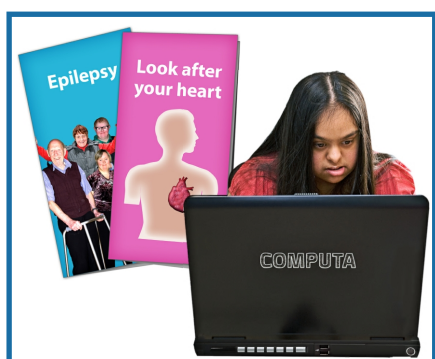
- have questions for your doctor to ask you during the appointment



- help you understand and remember what the doctor has said to you.



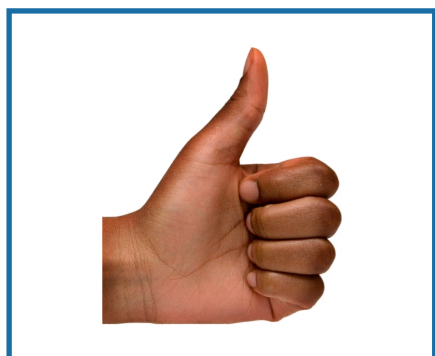
What information would you find useful?



What format would you like? (leaflet, website, poster etc)



Do you have any examples of how a doctor has made it easier for you to understand and make decisions?



Thank you for answering our questions

About you

Please **tell us a bit about you** if you can.



What is your **name**?



How **old** are you?



What is your gender?

Please tick **one** box

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Male

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Female

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Prefer not to say



Where do you **live**?
Please tick **one** box

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England

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Northern Ireland

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Scotland

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Wales



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