



MCA

Medical Council *on* Alcohol

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AN INDEPENDENT CHARITY AFFILIATED TO THE
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

Registered Charity Number 265242.

The **Medical Council on Alcohol** (MCA) welcomes members including doctors from all specialities, nurses, medical students and health professionals allied to medicine.



MCA Vision

Our vision is to have a workforce of health professionals educated and supported to reduce health harm from alcohol.

Our Mission

- We aim to ensure that all doctors, medical students, nurses and other health professionals allied to medicine understand the risks to their patients from alcohol and act effectively to prevent and manage these.
- We promote scientific advancement in the understanding of alcohol-related harm through our Journal and other publications and activities.
- We work with campaigning organisations on public health and policy interventions to reduce alcohol-related harm.
- We work with health care professionals to increase understanding of the risks associated with their own alcohol consumption and of the measures to address these.

Who are we

The MCA was founded in 1967 by a group of doctors concerned about the effect of alcohol on health. We are an independent charity of health professionals from all medical specialities, without links to the government or the alcohol industry.

We are dedicated to improving the understanding and management of alcohol-related health harm.

What we do

We communicate with, support and educate health professionals and others through a range of activities to meet our primary aim of reducing alcohol-related harm.

The MCA is active in 4 main spheres

■ Education

■ Journal

■ Policy

■ Support



Education

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This is the MCA's main area of activity. Our activities include:

- Distribution of a highly regarded handbook on alcohol and health free to all UK medical students and available to others commercially.
- Links with medical students and medical schools through a network of Regional Advisors.
- Work with the BMA around student welfare and information about drinking.
- Regular student competitions.
- Newsletters for students and health professionals.
- An active website with material for all health professionals.
- An annual symposium on an alcohol-related topic aimed at all health professionals.

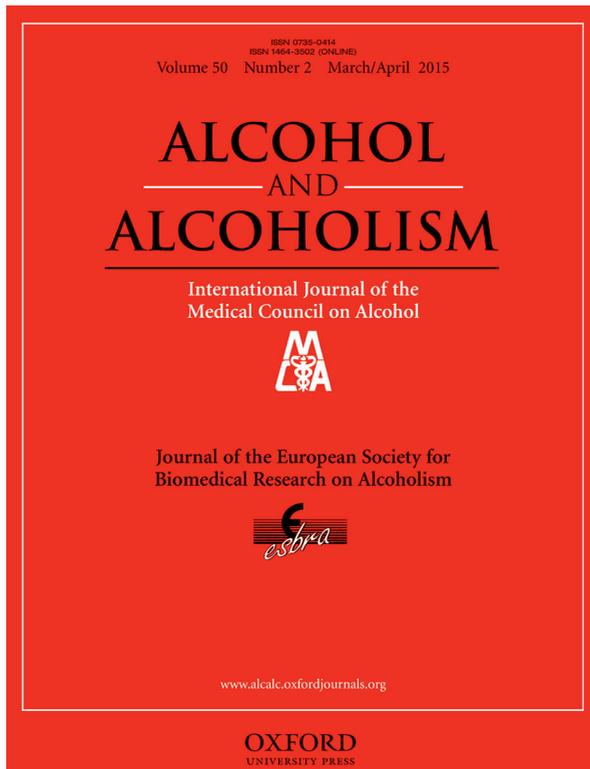


Journal

JOURNAL

The MCA co-owns the Alcohol and Alcoholism Journal with Oxford University Press.

This is a leading academic journal in the alcohol field which publishes articles on biomedical, psychological and sociological aspects of alcoholism and alcohol research.





Policy

The MCA is not primarily a campaigning organisation but we do work with some organisations on public health and policy interventions to reduce alcohol-related harm.

The MCA is a member of the Alcohol Health Alliance (AHA), an umbrella group of organisations which seeks to influence alcohol policy. We participate in campaigns on issues such as minimum unit pricing, licensing and advertising.

The MCA board members have been involved in the creation of a number of guidelines, including NICE guidelines.

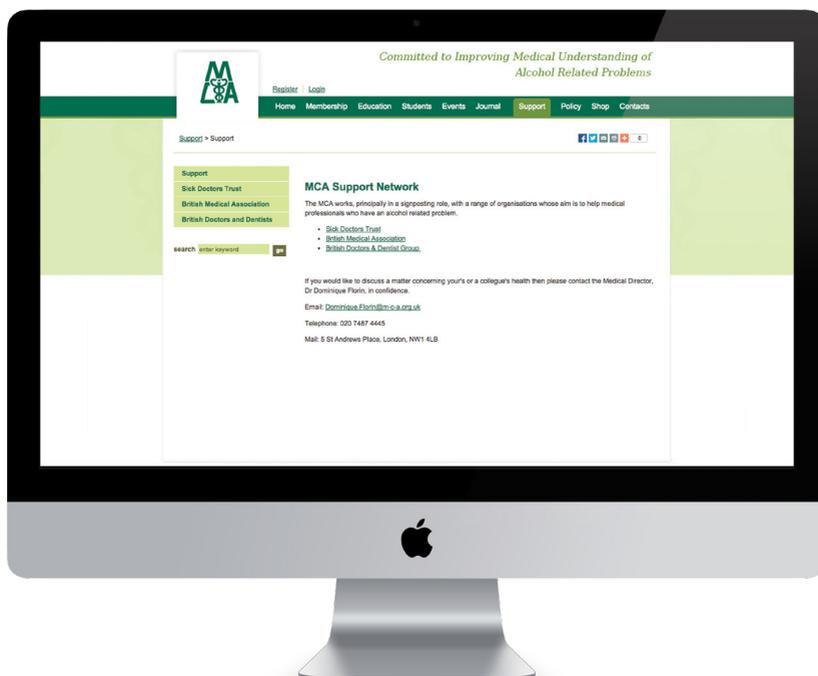


Support

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The MCA acts as a link for health professionals concerned about their own use of alcohol. We have close links with the British Doctors and Dentist Group and the Sick Doctors Trust.

This is also an important area of work with medical students, to prevent alcohol related problems during student years which can lead to adverse effects on future careers.



Membership

Benefits of MCA Membership:

- Up to 50% reduced rate to attend the MCA annual symposium or any MCA events.
- Free attendance at the MCA AGM with annual Max Glatt lecturer.
- Access to the members-only area of the MCA website containing downloadable and printable information and resources for all health professionals.
- A quarterly newsletter with articles on the latest alcohol research and authored by leaders in the field of alcohol and addiction.
- A significantly reduced rate for the journal Alcohol and Alcoholism.



Membership Types

There are five different types of membership (Jan-Dec):

TYPE	AUDIENCE	BASIC PRICE
Band A	Retired	£25
Band B	All health professional students (eg medical nursing etc)	£25
Band C	Other associated organisations	£40
Band D	Nurses and all professionals allied to medicine	£33
Band E	Doctors and Dentists	£55

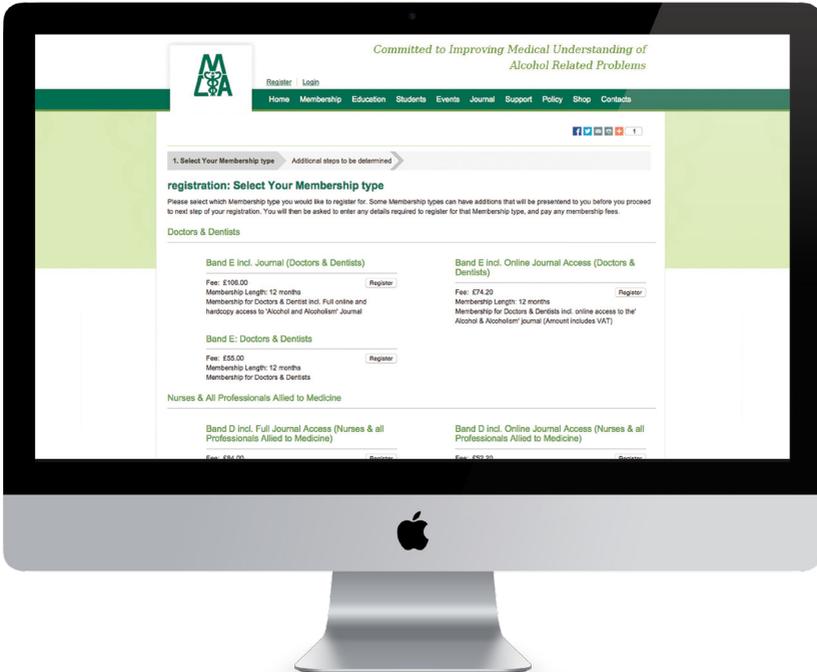
Within these types of membership there is the option of having a basic membership; membership with online access to the 'Alcohol and Alcoholism' Journal (**£16 + VAT**); or online and hardcopy of the journal (**£51**).

How to Join

- 1 Register at www.m-c-a.org.uk/account/register
- 2 Choose your membership package and click on **Register**
- 3 Enter your details and choose your **Payment method**

Alternatively you can download a standing order form and post it to the MCA or fill in the form opposite and post to:

The Medical Council on Alcohol, 5 St Andrews Place, London NW1 4LB



Information Request

Please **TICK** the appropriate box and we will send you out the relevant information:

- Membership details (Medical Practitioner)
- Membership details (Institutions)
- Membership details (Retired / Student)
- Membership details (Nurses / PAMS)
- Alcohol & Health Handbook
- Student Competitions
- Subscription to Alcohol and Alcoholism Journal

Title		First name	
Surname			
Institute or Organisation			
Job Title			
Address			
Telephone			
Email			

If you would like to speak directly to the MCA office please call **020 7487 4445** or email **info@m-c-a.org.uk**

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