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Response to the report by Sir Liam Donaldson, Medical Revalidation: Principles and Next Steps

Dame Carol Black, Chairman, Academy of Medical Royal Colleges said:

We commend this report on the principles that will underlie revalidation of doctors - the process through which doctors will demonstrate their continued commitment to meet the high standards of medical practice established in this country. The Academy views revalidation as a unique opportunity for every doctor to demonstrate to patients, the public, their employers and peers their professional competence to deliver high quality medical care across the four nations of the UK. It is a process that will further reinforce the trust that patients and public have in their doctors. We particularly applaud the CMO's declaration that revalidation must be built into professional life and be deliverable while providing service to patients. The report has been prepared by a widely representative group of people, including the Academy lead in revalidation. For many months the Academy has worked closely with the GMC, supported by the Department of Health, to define the high standards and the methods by which a doctor may demonstrate continuing clinical competence.

This work to ensure effective revalidation is advanced and progressing well, with input from employers, lay representatives and other agencies. It has our fullest support.

For more information please go to the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges revalidation website. <http://aomrc.org.uk/revalidation.aspx>