

**The Society for Academic Primary Care  
– a resource for RCGP members  
and their practices**

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# Aims of workshop

- **Enable participants to:**
  - **Understand the contribution made by the UK primary care academic workforce**
  - **Understand the need for an effective primary care academic workforce**
  - **Appreciate the potential synergy between academic primary care and clinical service provision**
  - **Be more aware of the opportunities for career development in academic primary care.**

# Outline

- **Introductions**
- **Reasons for attending**
- **Background to SAPC**
- **An acronymonious quiz – a brief guide to the roles of RCGP, SAPC, WONCA, CHMS, UKPCRN and others in the fight to retain the best of general practice**  
*\*prizes to be won!*
- **Why is SAPC important for the RCGP?**
- **How can SAPC help me?**
- **Summary and action points**

# SAPC – a brief history

- **Formerly Association of University Teachers of General Practice**
- **then Association of University Departments of General Practice**
- **Now individual medical and non-medical membership**
- **Mission: “The aim of the Society is to promote excellence in research, education and policy development in general practice and primary health care”**
- **Working themes – membership, meetings, careers - and political influence**
- **Executive, annual meeting, newsletter, representation, regional groups, journal links**

# Club quiz

- 5 minutes then swop papers
- Mark and discuss

**SAPC Society for Academic Primary Care**

**RCGP - royal college of general practitioners**

**nMRCGP – the new MRCGP**

**Wonca – World Organisation and National Congresses  
and Academies of Family Medicine**

**EGPRN – European General Practice Research  
Network**

**UKCRN – UK Clinical Research Network**

**GMC General Medical Council**

**CHMS – Council of Heads of Medical Schools**

**UEA – University of East Anglia**

**UAE – University of the Arab Emirates**

**RAE – Research Assessment Exercise**

**HoDs – Heads of Departments**

**CEA – Clinical Excellence awards**

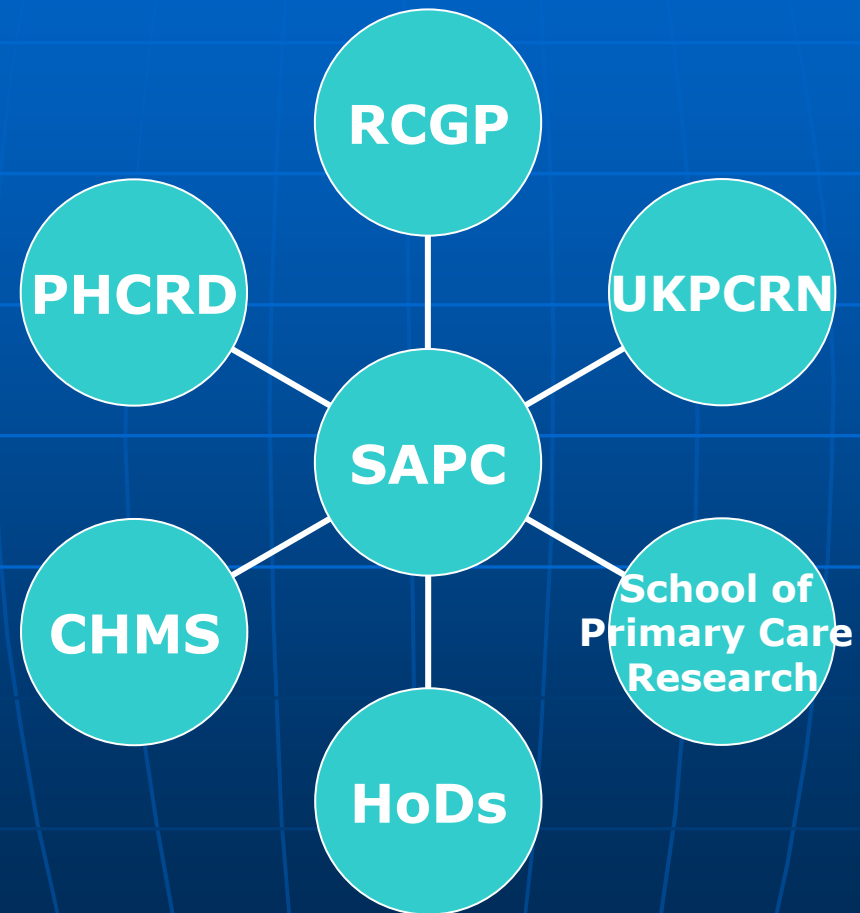
**QOF – Quality Outcomes Framework**

**And for today's fabulous bonus**

**QaloOfF**

**DLTBGYD**

# SAPC – organisational links



# Discussion

- **What do RCGP members need from primary care academics?**
- **How do the links work?**
- **Career opportunities for academic activities**
  - **what are they?**
- **What do you get from your links?**
- **What more would you want, and how could you achieve this?**

# Feedback and summarise

- **Any action points for SAPC to consider?**

# Careers

## 'Fast track'

- **Foundation Years – academic track**
- **During VTS – 4 year Academic Clinical Fellows (national and some regional)**
- **'Walport Lectureships'**
- **NHS NCCRCO awards (pre – and post – PhD)**
- **Academic post**

## 'Service +'

- **Research projects**
- **Scientific Board**
- **MD / PhD**
- **Hosting roles**
- **Part time appointments**
  - **Deanery / u-g / ...**
- **Academic posts**

# Achievements

- **'First among equals' – similar status to other clinical specialities**
- **A substantive department in every medical school, leading PC research and education**
- **Growing academic units in other universities**
- **European networks of primary care research**
- **Excellent research outputs relevant to practice**
- **More students interested in being GPs at early stage of career**
- **Specific national funding for career posts and research programmes in primary care**

# Qs, As and summing up



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