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Joint statement on transparency and the role of professional organizations

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The British Pharmacological Society (BPS) and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) reaffirm our ongoing and unequivocal commitment to the principles of openness and transparency in the discovery and development of new medicines. This commitment includes our support for the [AllTrials](#) petition, which our organizations signed earlier in 2013.

We welcome the publication of 'All trials registered. All trials reported' by the AllTrials campaign. The aims of the document reflect the desire of both organizations to identify practical solutions that ensure research is conducted transparently and openly.

As professional organizations representing a combined membership of over 40,000, we have a unique role to play to ensure that their insights and expertise are taken into account during the development of standards for transparency. We are also well-placed to identify and share best practice in transparency through our various scientific meetings, publications and educational activities.

We are committed to working productively and proactively with the regulators of research to support their development of standards. We intend to explore with them, and other partners, how professional organizations like BPS and RPS can contribute to achieving transparency in ways that benefit openness in research and patient care.

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Notes to editors

['All trials registered. All trials reported' – August 2013](#)

This new document produced by the AllTrials campaign calls for:

- Professional bodies and learned societies should make it explicit in their codes of conduct that members must register clinical trials
- Professional societies should ensure that their professional codes of conduct reflect the requirement to report summary results

BPS, FPM and RPS are all signatories to the AllTrials campaign.

The British Pharmacological Society (BPS) is the primary UK learned society concerned with research into drugs and the way they work. Our members work in academia, industry, regulatory agencies and the health services, and many are medically qualified. The Society covers the whole spectrum of pharmacology, including laboratory, clinical, and toxicological aspects.

Clinical pharmacology is the medical speciality dedicated to promoting safe and effective use of medicines for patient benefit. Clinical pharmacologists work as consultants in the NHS and many hold prominent positions in UK Universities.

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) is the professional body for pharmacists in Great Britain. We represent all sectors of pharmacy in Great Britain and lead and support the development of the pharmacy profession including the advancement of science, practice, education and knowledge in pharmacy. In addition, we promote the profession's policies and views to a range of external stakeholders in a number of different forums.