

Osteopathy – where does it fit in your GP practice?

- The Department of Health is encouraging PCTs to commission skilled musculoskeletal professionals such as osteopaths
- BMA guidelines state that GPs can safely refer to statutorily-regulated professionals such as osteopaths
- Osteopaths have sound clinical training in musculoskeletal disorders (MSD) with primary care skills in triaging for pathology and referral to GPs if required for further investigations

Osteopathy provides

- Provision of musculoskeletal disorder service close to your patients' locality
- Quick access for patients with MSDs, normally 2-3 days
- Continuity of treatment – patient sees the same practitioner
- Patients seen by practitioners skilled in clinical assessment and applied differential thinking
- Patient reassessment at each attendance
- The osteopath will help develop self-support strategies and exercises appropriate for each patient
- No capital costs to the GP practice as all support staff and all resource costs are inclusive within fee set
- Osteopathic service provision has a low DNA rate along with high patient satisfaction
- An acknowledgement of clinical governance requirements

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