

## Free access to BMJ Learning.... ....for NHS and practice staff across NHS South Central

NHS Education South Central (NESC) has purchased a licence for all staff and trainees across NHS South Central to have FREE access to BMJ Learning.

### What is BMJ Learning?

BMJ Learning comprises over 300 short, interactive e-learning modules on clinical subjects. Although particularly targeted at GPs, GP trainees, hospital doctors, medical trainees, practice nurses and managers, the modules are also reportedly very well-liked by other clinical professionals wishing to keep up-to-date with bite sized chunks of learning.

### How do I access it?

You need a BMJ Learning account and an NHS Athens account (see below if you don't yet have both). Once you have both, access is easy: go to <http://learning.bmj.com/> and select 'Athens users sign in here'.

#### 1) Register for a BMJ Learning account

Go to <http://learning.bmj.com/> and select 'Register here for free modules'. Enter your e-mail address and select a password.

If you already have an NHS Athens account, go to step 3), otherwise:

#### 2) Register for an NHS Athens account

An NHS Athens account will give you access to all the databases, e-journals and e-books purchased by the NHS for the NHS, as well as BMJ Learning.

Register for an account at: <https://register.athensams.net/nhs/nhsscsha/>. Choose the Trust or PCT to which you are affiliated, and follow the onscreen instructions. If at all possible, use a computer connected to the NHS network or an NHS e-mail address, and your account will be set up instantly (otherwise, allow 10 days).

Once your account is set up, you can use Athens and BMJ Learning from computers anywhere.

#### 3) Synchronise your BMJ Learning account with your NHS Athens account

Go to 'My Athens' at: [www.athensams.net/myathens](http://www.athensams.net/myathens) (this is where you can see all the resources available to you via Athens). Login with your Athens account details, then select Resources, then Local Resources. Select BMJ Learning. On this first time of use, your two accounts will be synchronised.

Note that you only need to do steps 1-3 once.

### Is user help available?

There is a user guide at <http://learning.bmj.com/learning/channels/userguide.html>

BMJ Learning Support Tel 020 7383 6160 (weekdays 9am - 5pm) or e-mail [bmjlearning@bmjgroup.com](mailto:bmjlearning@bmjgroup.com)

For help with NHS Athens, or any of the information resources that NHS Athens provides access to, please contact your local NHS library: see the directory of libraries at [www.hlisd.org](http://www.hlisd.org)

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