

TESTIMONIALS

From the time when I was a Medical Student, through the years of training jobs and now as a Senior Consultant CMA has been my first port of call to seek guidance when faith and clinical practice are incongruent-highly recommended to those who wish to seek the truth that Jesus Christ offers and apply it in the practical setting of a busy clinical life.

Dr Charlie O'Donnell

Emergency Medicine/Intensive Care Med Consultant

In all my professional career as a doctor, the CMA and its members have been a real inspiration and support to me. Without them, the professional dilemmas of abortion, good patient care, as well as spiritual issues would have been much harder to deal with. The CMA has also done excellent work at all levels of British Society, including in parliament, the media, the GMC, BMA and many other places.

Dr Adrian Treloar

Consultant and former GP and Clinical Director

It was as a medical student that I was first exposed to medical procedures that conflicted with my conscience. I felt uncomfortable with the idea of providing some of these services. I contacted the CMA regarding one particular dilemma I had at the time related to advising on contraception, and I received helpful guidance. Feeling very supported by the CMA, I felt able to write to one of my educators sharing some of my concerns. Shortly after, I joined the CMA and have been a member since. I value knowing that there are other Christian healthcare professionals who share some of my core values and who are generally supportive in those times of need with regards matters of conscience. I hope the CMA can continue to be a source of support for healthcare professionals who feel isolated as they strive to work in accordance with their conscience.

Dr Anulika Igboaka

Specialist Registrar and CMA member

Thanks to our parish priest, I joined the Guild of Catholic Doctors (as the CMA was), at the start of my career as a GP. The Guild and its members helped me rapidly see the beauty and dignity of the practice of Medicine through the eyes of Faith. I cannot think how barren my professional life would have been without them.

Dr Robert Hardie

Former CMA President



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Joining the CMA will help us to do the work that we need to do, and, we hope, help you in your professional career.

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Integrating faith & clinical practice
For doctors, nurses and all the
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THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (UK)



Our aims include:

- **Providing professional support**
- **Providing informed opinion**
- **Providing an effective voice**
- **Helping professionals to integrate their faith into their professional practice.**
- **Publishing the Catholic Medical Quarterly**

We exist for Catholic Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists and other Health Care Professionals, as well as to support excellent ethical healthcare which fully respects the value and dignity of all patients.

PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

especially in matters of conscience which may affect future careers. We do this with colleagues and also by working nationally to

influence professional guidance and legal developments.

PROVIDING INFORMED OPINION

concerning the implications of new developments and trends in modern health and social policy e.g. embryo experimentation, embryonic stem cell research, assisted conception, financial restraints and limitations in Health Care, transplantation ethics, Living Wills and Care Pathways, and active and passive euthanasia projects. We do this in the media, in local presentations and also through the Catholic Medical Quarterly.

PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE VOICE

that can, when necessary, make itself heard at the highest government level, within the Church and with other churches, and through the media etc. Through our submissions to medical and government bodies we work to build the Gospel of Life within the NHS and professional bodies.

HELPING INTEGRATE OUR CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN FAITH INTO CLINICAL PRACTICE

We do this by

- gaining courage to allow Christ to come closer and to live in our hearts, minds and lives,
- by helping members to ask searching questions in an open and mutually supportive atmosphere,
- by helping members develop knowledge on both faith and bioethics,
- by fostering networking with those with whom we have much in common as well as those in different disciplines allied to

medicine who may have different approaches on various issues,

- by encouraging members to build bridges between Catholic Health Care Professionals, the Clergy and Hierarchy, other Health Care professionals in other Christian denominations and HCPs belonging to other world faiths with whom we share in common so much of our medical ethics.

THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL QUARTERLY

Now in its 67th volume, the CMQ was first published in 1947 as the Catholic Medical Gazette and is a highly respected source of Catholic debate, academic discussion as well as articles which seek to inspire. It is published 4 times a year in print and also online at www.cmq.org.uk. It has an international reputation as one of the leading Catholic healthcare journals.

Our History

The CMA was founded in 1911 as the Guild of St Luke, Cosmas and Damian. The Guild was later renamed the Guild of Catholic Doctors. Doctors and Dentists were admitted as members until 2006 when we decided that the Catholic Medical Association we should become open to all practicing Catholic healthcare professionals. As such the CMA aims to reflect the opinion and concerns of all Catholic Christians working in Health Care.

We now welcome in our normal membership **all health-care professionals who are practicing Catholics**. Others may join as Associate members.