



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The British Thoracic Society (BTS) was established in 1982 and now has over 2,800 members, drawn from all professionals working in respiratory medicine and respiratory health. Members include medical practitioners, nurses, physiotherapists, physiologists, clinical scientists, basic scientists, researchers and stop smoking professionals.

**The Society is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. Its core charitable objectives are:**

- The relief of sickness of people with respiratory and associated disorders by the promotion of the highest standards of clinical care and the undertaking of research into the causes, prevention and treatment of respiratory and associated disorders, and disseminating the results of such standards and research.

and;

- The preservation and protection of public health by the provision of information in matters concerning respiratory and associated disorders and how they might be prevented.

**To achieve these objectives the Society undertakes a number of key activities:**

- Acts as the major representative of British respiratory medicine and works to increase the profile and understanding of respiratory disease, academic respiratory research and the work of specialists in respiratory medicine with the government, the National Health Services in the UK, organisations representing the interests of respiratory patients, the general public and the media.
- Publishes the journal *Thorax* and seeks to maintain its high international profile by the continuing high standard of scientific papers, the impact factor and an efficient turn-round between submission and publication.
- Organises regular scientific meetings. The annual Winter Meeting in December 2010 attracted over 2000 delegates.
- Develops and maintains high standards of continuing medical education for consultants and others in the specialty and for those in related specialties and professions. The annual Summer Meeting and the Short Course programme are well attended and provide opportunities for integrated learning for around 1500 delegates annually.
- Produces and disseminates Guidelines on the treatment and management of a range of lung diseases. Guidelines are accompanied by associated audit and educational materials, and patient information.

- Promotes clinical research, educational and organisational links between the specialty and other specialties, the Royal Colleges and other representative bodies.
- Advises on, and contributes to, the education of trainees in respiratory medicine.
- Collects information, with others as appropriate, for the planning and monitoring of medical workforce in the specialty. This assists the relevant Committees in the UK in their assessment of educational posts and advice to Postgraduate Deans on training and trainees. Work is in hand to extend this activity to other sections of the respiratory workforce.
- Has developed the means to collect data about the provision of respiratory services to allow benchmarking against standards.

**The benefits of becoming a member of the BTS**

- Our two annual Meetings bring together respiratory healthcare professionals from the UK and further afield. A wide range of topics are covered in the symposia, and, at the Winter Meeting, both spoken and poster abstracts are presented, showcasing some of the best respiratory science. Membership of the Society brings entitlement to discounted fees to attend both the BTS Summer and Winter Meetings.
- The BTS runs a series of short courses every year, providing educational support for all professions working in the respiratory field. BTS members are the first to know about the forthcoming programme and members are entitled to a significant discount on the course fees.
- If you choose to take *Thorax*, this highly respected journal with an international reputation for excellence will be delivered to your chosen address once a month, keeping you up-to-date with the latest scientific research. The subscription also allows full on-line access.
- Participation. Members are encouraged to become actively engaged with the work of the Society through our Committees, Working Parties and Specialist Advisory Groups.
- The members' section of the website provides access to information in relation to clinical standards, governance and CPD as well as best practice guidelines. This valuable resource is also a place where the Society can communicate with members and provide effective and important administrative services.
- Both BTS News (an informal but very informative half yearly magazine) and the monthly eBTS News, contain articles of general interest as well as news about appointments, vacancies, other CME courses, and developments in the NHS.

## BTS MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

### *With Thorax*

<b>Full</b>	Normal rate for medical members. Includes subscription to <i>Thorax</i> and full BTS members' mailings. It is a condition of membership that doctors and doctors in training take the journal.
<b>Concessionary</b>	For medical, doctoral and others if gross income is below £42,000.
<b>Overseas</b>	Doctors permanently resident outside the UK (refer to information sheet for the 2 overseas rates).

### *Without Thorax*

<b>Concessionary rate</b>	Receive mailing list items only, and concessionary rates at BTS Meetings. (NB. Medical members MUST receive <i>Thorax</i> and so do not qualify for the 'without <i>Thorax</i> ' rate).
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**Category definitions and the current subscription rates are shown on the information sheet.**

If you are NOT a member of the Society before the end of April, you will not be able to take advantage of the discounted rates for the Summer Meeting.

If you are NOT a member of the Society before the end of September, you will not be able to take advantage of the discounted rates for the Winter Meeting.

Membership of the Society is not open to persons who are or have been full or part-time employees of, or paid consultants to, or received payment for service and/or sponsorship in any form, including research funding or benefits in kind from the tobacco industry, at any time during the ten years prior to their application for membership.

*NB. There may be a slight delay in receiving issues of Thorax on first joining, but back issues will be sent from the date membership is activated if this occurs.*

## METHODS OF PAYMENT

We will only accept payment for membership in pounds sterling. If you do not have a British bank account, and therefore cannot pay by Direct Debit, please pay by credit card, sterling cheque or International Money Order.

1. All new UK members are encouraged to pay by Direct Debit and will receive a £15.00 discount off the annual and pro-rata membership rates (this will also apply for subsequent subscription years). Therefore please complete the Direct Debit Mandate. The pro-rata amount due for the first year's subscription will normally be taken from your account at the end of the month you join. Thereafter renewal payments will be processed on the last working day of February, each year and will be for the full annual fee, minus the £15.00 discount. Please see the table on the information sheet for the pro-rata payment required for your first year of membership.
2. If you wish to pay by Eurocard, Mastercard, Access, Visa, Switch or Solo, credit/debit cards, please complete all details on the reverse side of this form. For payments by Switch and Solo we also require the 'valid from' date and the issue number. *Please note we cannot accept AMEX or Diners Club credit cards nor Visa Corporate Purchase cards beginning with 4715. These are now in use by some NHS Trusts and companies but BTS is not registered to accept these cards.*
3. If you wish to pay by cheque, please make the cheque payable to The British Thoracic Society (not 'BTS') for the appropriate amount.

Annual payment should be received by 1st March each year. A letter informing you of new subscription rates will be sent to you at the end of January. If payment is not received by 31st March, subscriptions will be lapsed and *Thorax* discontinued until subscription is re-instated. If a subscription is lapsed and membership is later reinstated in the same membership year, then the whole year's subscription will be payable.

***Please note we are unable to issue invoices requesting payment of subscription***

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION

Please complete the application form in full, detach it and return it, with completed Direct Debit form or credit card authorisation, or cheque to:

**The British Thoracic Society,  
17 Doughty Street,  
London WC1N 2PL**

For any further enquiries please send an email to [membership@brit-thoracic.org.uk](mailto:membership@brit-thoracic.org.uk) or visit [www.brit-thoracic.org.uk](http://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM USING BLOCK CAPITALS AND BLACK INK THROUGHOUT. THANK YOU.

SURNAME

DATE OF BIRTH

FIRST NAMES

PREFERRED TITLE

(TO APPEAR ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE)

MALE

FEMALE

QUALIFICATIONS

PLEASE ENSURE YOU NOTIFY US OF ANY CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY:

**WORK ADDRESS**

JOB TITLE

NAME OF HOSPITAL

DEPARTMENT

STREET

TOWN / CITY

COUNTY

POSTCODE

COUNTRY

DIRECT TELEPHONE No

MOBILE No

E-MAIL ADDRESS

**HOME ADDRESS**

ADDRESS LINE(S)




POSTCODE

COUNTRY

TELEPHONE No

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH ADDRESS SHOULD BE USED FOR CORRESPONDENCE:-

Work

Home

NB. IF NEITHER BOX IS TICKED THEN THE WORK ADDRESS WILL BE USED

**POST HELD** (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

**MEDICAL**

RESPIRATORY CONSULTANT

SAS GRADE / RESPIRATORY

ASSOCIATE SPECIALIST

ACUTE CARE CONSULTANT

INTENSIVE CARE CONSULTANT

GENERAL PRACTITIONER

CONSULTANT RADIOLOGIST

CONSULTANT RESPIRATORY

PAEDIATRICIAN

CONSULTANT SURGEON

OTHER (PLEASE STATE)

ARE YOU:

WORKING IN INTEGRATED CARE.

A MEDICAL STUDENT

**MEDICAL TRAINEES ONLY**

SPR

ST1/ST2

ST3+

FY1/FY2

NTN NUMBER:

EXPECTED CCT DATE:

PLEASE STATE YOUR TRAINING DEANERY:

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**PHYSIOTHERAPY**

CONSULTANT RESPIRATORY

PHYSIOTHERAPIST

RESPIRATORY PHYSIOTHERAPIST

TICK HERE IF YOU ARE A MEMBER

OF ACPRC

**PHYSIOLOGICAL MEASUREMENT**

CLINICAL SCIENTIST

CLINICAL PHYSIOLOGIST

TICK HERE IF YOU ARE A MEMBER

OF ARTP

**ALL APPLICANTS**

(PLEASE INDICATE IN WHICH CATEGORY YOUR SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST FALLS.

TICK UP TO THREE BOXES)

ASTHMA

OCCUPATIONAL LUNG DISEASE

COPD

ORPHAN LUNG DISEASE

COUGH

PAEDIATRICS

CRITICAL CARE

PALLIATIVE CARE

CYSTIC FIBROSIS

PHYSIOLOGY

EPIDEMIOLOGY

PLEURAL DISEASE

INTEGRATED CARE

PULMONARY REHABILITATION

INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE

PULMONARY VASCULAR DISEASE

INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES

SLEEP

LUNG CANCER & MESOTHELIOMA

SMOKING CESSATION

LUNG INFECTIONS

TRANSPLANT

MANAGEMENT

TUBERCULOSIS

I wish to apply for membership of The British Thoracic Society in the following category:- (see inside front cover for full details).

I enclose a copy of my most recent payslip/other as evidence of my salary if I am claiming the concessionary rates.\*

Full       Concessionary with *Thorax*       Overseas       Concessionary without *Thorax*

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name clearly

\* There will be a delay in processing your application if this is not enclosed.

### DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT

The information you supply on this form will be held on file and on a membership database held on the BTS central server and accessible to BTS employees on their desktop computers. Information is used for BTS mailings (including global emails), for the online members database, and to analyse membership categories and BTS income and expenditure streams. Members are given the opportunity to indicate that they consent to use of their personal data for these purposes and to review and amend their personal data via the protected area of the BTS website, or by contacting the Society at any time.

### BTS WEBSITE

The BTS website ([www.brit-thoracic.org.uk](http://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk)) contains several pages that are password protected and are accessible to BTS members only. One section is a searchable database which currently allows members to search for other members according to name, place of work, and email address. Only work contact details are given. The Society's head office staff sends a monthly global email to members and it is anticipated that emails will also be sent (more infrequently) by head office on behalf of BTS Specialist Advisory Groups to those members who have specified their areas of special interest.

If you do not wish to receive global emails from BTS please tick here

If you do not want your details to be included within the searchable database and Directory please tick here

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED

DATE NOTIFIED

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

D/D FORM RECEIVED

FIRST YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION PAID (Y/N)

INITIALS

### PAYMENT DETAILS

I would like to pay my subscription to The British Thoracic Society by Debit/Credit card:

*If you are paying by Direct Debit you do not need to complete this section*

Please tick which type of membership you are applying for:

Full       Concessionary with *Thorax*       Overseas       Concessionary without *Thorax*

Please debit my MASTERCARD, VISA, EUROCARD, ACCESS, SWITCH, MAESTRO or SOLO card for the amount of: £

(not AMEX or cards beginning with 4715 or 4484)

CARD NUMBER

VALID FROM:     EXPIRY DATE     ISSUE NUMBER (Maestro/Solo only)

3 DIGIT SECURITY CODE (on back of card)

CARD ADDRESS (i.e full address where all correspondence concerning your credit card is sent e.g. your home)

 POSTCODE 

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_