

## TOPDOC Diabetes Study

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The Postgraduate Tutor

Dear Sir/Madam

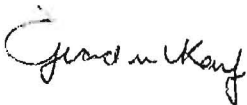
### **TOPDOC Diabetes Study (Trainees Own Perception of Delivery of Care in Diabetes)**

I am writing to ask for your help in recruiting trainees in all specialities to complete an online questionnaire asking about confidence in managing aspects with diabetes care and their perceived training needs. Our pilot study across the UK centres showed a lack of confidence in managing aspects of diabetes care, including the management of diabetes emergencies amongst postgraduate trainee doctors with a perceived need for more training. We were keen to clarify whether or not these results truly reflect the situation nationally. We refined our questionnaire and having been awarded funding by the Association of British Clinical Diabetologists are now in a position to administer the questionnaire.

I would be grateful if the poster advertising the webpage from where the questionnaire can be done could be placed in an appropriate place within your postgraduate centre and that if possible every encouragement can be made in order that the trainees have the opportunity to complete the questionnaire. Further details of the study including a list of individuals on our national steering group and those acting as regional facilitators is available on the webpage [www.topdocdiabetes.org](http://www.topdocdiabetes.org)

Thank you for your help in anticipation.

Yours faithfully



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