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Academy statement

The Academy advocates that all medical interventions should be underpinned by scientific understanding of normal and pathological structure and function. All medical and health care interventions should be evaluated using the same general approach and to the same standard of evidence about effectiveness and safety. All treatments available under the NHS should come under the same regulatory framework and be scrutinised by the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE). The academy strives to ensure that national initiatives or funding schemes are soundly evidence based and deliver the promised benefits to medical science and the patient.

Public money should be spent only on those diagnostic and therapeutic techniques that have been shown to be effective. The Academy recognises that there are an increasing number of complementary medicine practitioners, who are keen to establish the scientific basis of the their work.

The independent Academy of Medical Sciences promotes advances in medical science and campaigns to ensure these are translated as quickly as possible into benefits for patients. The Academy's eight hundred and fifty Fellows are the United Kingdom's leading medical scientists from hospitals, academia, industry and the public service. See our website for further details

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