

More information

More information can be obtained from the office, and the website [gives details of the Society's officers and management committee, general meetings and a history of the Society since its formation in 1786.](http://www.nnbms.org.uk)

* "Two centuries of medical benevolence: the Norfolk and Norwich Benevolent Medical Society 1786 – 1986"
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**Because life can be full
of nasty surprises...**

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What is it and what does it do?



The N&NBMS is a long-established registered Friendly Society* which provides financial assistance to its members and their families in times of hardship and need.

Despite modern NHS pensions and the personal insurance policies held by many doctors, individual cases of financial difficulty continue to arise on a regular, if fortunately infrequent basis.

A typical combination of circumstances where this may occur is in the unexpected development of terminal or chronic degenerative disease in a relatively young practitioner – often with a young family; pension benefits will be small and insurance cover inadequate. Without help from N&NBMS there is likely to be severe social dislocation and distress.



Recent examples where the Society has provided funds include:-

- help to purchase a car modified for wheelchair transport for a 45year-old GP with recurrent spinal malignancy
- regular income support to a consultant in his early 40s, his wife and child, as a result of a progressive movement disorder forcing early retirement from all work

Who is eligible to join the N&NBMS?

Any registered medical practitioner working in Norfolk at the time of their election to membership (Rule 4 of the Society). Normally this is restricted to individuals registered for less than 25 years. Prospective members are proposed and seconded by existing members – generally this is a formality.

How to join

The Society is keen to recruit new members from both general practice and hospital medical staff of all grades. The website (www.nnbms.org.uk) provides a downloadable membership application form, or a paper copy can be obtained from the administrative office address given below. The current annual membership is only £15, whilst the potential benefits are thousands of pounds.