

COURSE OVERVIEW | MEDICAL DEBT COLLECTION

Introduction

- **Student Resources**
- Why You Should Collect Debts
- Credit Policies
 - Reasons to have a Written Credit Policy

Module 1. How to Avoid Bad Debt

Steps that your practice can follow to avoid bad debt accounts.

Module 2. Collecting Bad Debt

- Useful Points to Note
- Communication
- Listening Skills
- Tone of Voice
- Record Keeping and Documentation
- Using Digital Methods to Reduce Bad Debt
- Using Letters of Demand

Module 3. Pre-Legal Collections

- Procedures
 - Assignment 1 (Modules 1-3)

Module 4. Dealing with Difficult Debtors

■ Handling Difficult Debtors

Module 5. Debtors Defences

■ Defences in Common Law

Module 6. The Ethical and Legal Aspects of Collecting Debt

- General Ethics of Practice
- The Doctor-Patient Relationship
 - Assignment 2 (Modules 4-6)

Module 7. Debt Review, Admin Orders and Credit Listings

- What is Debt Review?
- What is an Administration Order?
- What is the difference between an Administration Order and Debt Review
- ≡ Credit Bureau Listings

Module 8. Using a Debt Collector to Collect Outstanding Accounts

■ The Debt Collector's Act

- Account Debt Collector's are only Permitted to Collect
- When to consider outsourcing your debt

Module 9. The Litigation Process

- When to hand an Account over to an Attorney
- An overview of the Litigation Process
 - Assignment 3 (Modules 7-9)