

The Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture UK

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Name Change of the Association

With immediate effect, the name of The Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine (UK), ATCM, has been changed to *The Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture UK*. The short name of the Association remains unchanged as *ATCM*.

The new name of the Association has Acupuncture added in order to show to the general public that all ordinary members of the ATCM are qualified to practise acupuncture as part of their traditional Chinese medicine practice, and they practise the authentic form of traditional acupuncture.

Notes to editors:

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The Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture UK represents over 700 qualified practitioners of acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine working throughout the UK.

Founded in 1994, the ATCM is the largest voluntarily self- regulatory body for the practice of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) including acupuncture. Since 2000, the ATCM has been actively participated in, and remains committed to, the Department of Health's move towards statutory regulation of the sector.

All full members of ATCM hold a university, college or other recognised professional qualification at or above BSc level. Our website www.atcm.co.uk lists all practising members and local practitioners can be found via the website "Find A Registered Practitioner" search.

Regards,

ATCM Council