

**ROYAL PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN
STATUTORY COMMITTEE**

**PRACTICE DIRECTION 01/05- Witnesses of Fact not to be allowed into
hearing until called to give evidence**

On 26 January 2005, the Chairman of the Statutory Committee (Lord Fraser of Carmyllie QC) issued the following Practice Direction:

“ We have resolved that the practice that we have followed in the past of allowing witnesses of fact to be present in the Chamber while earlier evidence is being given should be discontinued...”

Notes:

1. The direction applies to witnesses of fact to be called by the Society (including the Society's Inspectors) and by the person or company who is the subject of the proceedings.
2. The direction does not apply to expert witnesses.
3. The effect of the direction is that witnesses of fact must remain outside the proceedings until they are called to give evidence.
4. The direction was put into effect immediately on 26 January 2005, and will apply to all subsequent proceedings before the Statutory Committee.

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