



The APA Presidential medal

The medal is worn by the President at the AGM and other formal occasions and was generously donated by Portex Ltd in 1979. The hallmark confirms that it was made in 1978 by Garrard of Albemarle Street, London.

It depicts the now well known baby logo, but it is not at all clear who supplied the sleeping baby image. We don't know whether the image was based on a picture of a somnolent post operative baby, but in any event it is an excellent portrayal denoting safe and successful anaesthesia and pain relief.

The medal is made from 9 carat gold and inlaid with turquoise enamel. We believe that it has a value of a reasonably large 4 figure sum (in pounds!) and it is appropriately insured.

At the end of a 2 year period as President the Immediate Past President is presented with a smaller (replica) medal of a similar design. The Minutes of the AGM of 1979 record that Portex kindly provided funding for 5 of these medals and the first 2 were presented to Dr. Gordon Jackson Rees and the widow of Dr. Cope (the first APA President).

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