received a Golden Bull for the following definition of the word 'container': "In relation to an investigational medicinal product, means the bottle, jar, box, packet or other receptacle which contains or is to contain it, not being a capsule, cachet or other article in which the product is or is to be administered, and where any such receptacle is or is to be contained in another receptacle, includes the former but does not include the latter receptacle."

Bamber says his medical colleagues don't object to the medical jargon among doctors. But as with specialized

terminology in any profession, such language is often incomprehensible to outsiders, and when addressing a wider audience it is important to use plain English. Bamber adds that while the motion might not end the use of obscure language, "at least now we can say that it is the wish of the medical profession."

In response, the National Health Service issued a statement that it was "working to improve communication." — Mary Helen Spooner, London, England

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