Specialist Skills in Acute Internal Medicine

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Why Specialist Skill?

- Part of getting acute medicine recognised as sub-specialty then specialty.
- Subjects relevant to practice of acute medicine
- Initially limited echocardiography, endoscopy, ultrasound, cardiac pacing, certificate of medical education
Procedures

• Echocardiography
• Upper GI endoscopy
• Bronchoscopy
• Ultrasound
Qualifications

• Medical education
• Healthcare management
• Leadership
• Toxicology
• ID/tropical medicine

• Diploma or Masters in each
Specialty Interest

- ICM
- Stroke medicine
- Remote and Rural medicine
- In patient diabetes

- Research
Problems

• Getting time to get the specialist skill
• Getting trainers to train
• Getting opportunities relevant to the skill
• Fighting against other trainees for the training
Evolution

• Specialty status
• Separation from GIM
• Need to ensure defined assessment
  – External validation
  – JAG, University, other SAC
• Not a complete list
• Method to get skills included
Additions

• Tilt table

• Patient safety

• Medical ethics

• Palliative care

• New skills being added
  – Mechanism: presentation to the SAC
  – Approval by SAC
Details

• In programme training
• OOPE
• Part time distance learning

• DO ONLY ONE!!!