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# Key Dates for 2016

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- June 11th 2016** 2nd National takeAIM conference
- June 14th 2016** 5th Acute Medicine Awareness Day
- June 16th 2016** 5th Society for Acute Medicine Benchmark Audit (SAMBA)



# takeAIM

The Society for Acute Medicine

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Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 – 2nd National takeAIM Conference

At The Studio Birmingham

Delegate Fee £50

To book visit <http://takeaim.org.uk/birmingham-2016> and **Spread the Word!**

## Provisional Programme

**08.45 Registration - Meet and Greet**

*Coffee and refreshments available*

**09.00 Welcome to Birmingham**

*takeAIM Fellows*

**09.10 Toxicology on the AMU**

*Dr Stephen Gulliford – Consultant Acute Physician with an interest in toxicology, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust*

**09.40 The sick respiratory patient on the AMU**

*Dr Clare Lynch – StR in Respiratory and General Internal Medicine, West Midlands*

**10.10 Haematological problems on the AMU**

*Dr Georgina Mayer – StR in Hematology, West Midlands*

**10.40 Break and Poster Viewing**

**11.00 Dealing with Acute Kidney Injury on the AMU**

*Dr James Shawcross – Acute medicine and Renal consultant, Associate Clinical Director at Cumbria Royal Infirmary*

**11.30 Syncope on the AMU**

*Dr Allen Wilson – StR in Geriatric and General Internal Medicine*

**12.00 Acute Internal Medicine and the NHS**

*Dr Sue Crossland – Consultant Acute Physician, Bradford Royal Infirmary and Treasurer for the Society for Acute Medicine*

**12.25 Careers in Acute Internal Medicine – Ask the SpRs**

**13.10 Lunch and Poster viewing**

**13.50 Masterclasses (3x50min sessions)**

**Clinical reasoning & Cognitive bias**

*Dr Nicola Cooper - Consultant Acute Physician & Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, Derby Teaching Hospitals*

**ECG Interpretation**

*AIM Consultant*

**Echo and Ultrasound Masterclass**

*AIM StRs and Consultants*

**16.50 Closing Remarks and Prize Winners**

**17.00 Close**



# Acute Medicine Awareness Day

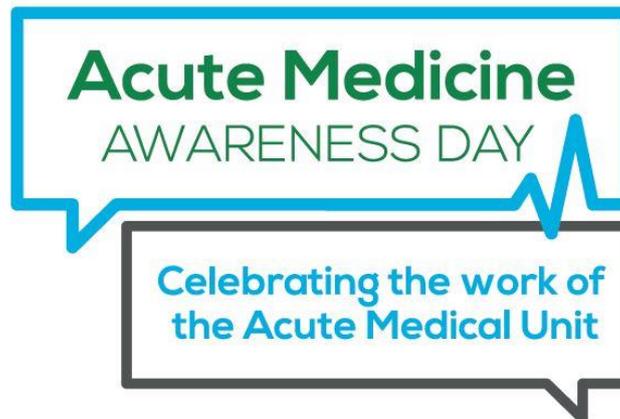
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Tuesday June 14th 2016 – 5th Acute Medicine Awareness Day

Register at:

<http://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/sam-conferences/acute-medicine-awareness-day-14-june-2016/>



Acute Medicine Awareness Day (AMAD) is an opportunity for AMUs to showcase their work to patients, relatives and colleagues.

This year we have developed a number tools to help you plan and run your event.

I am particularly indebted to Dr Charlotte Masterton-Smith, 'Charlie', and Dr Paarul Prinja from the takeAIM team for their help in organising all the material.

Previous events have ranged from cake sales, interhospital rounders, climbing mountains and team night-outs.

Prinja's message is simple,

*'This is a fantastic opportunity for your MDT to raise awareness and celebrate the work of the Acute Medical Unit to patients, relatives and colleagues throughout your hospital.'*

Please email [administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk](mailto:administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk) to register and to get an AMAD pack [#AMAD2016](#)

Details of the AMAD competition are below. Even if you do not enter the competition please send us a summary of your AMAD event and some pictures for the website.

Please join us this year and please let us know how you celebrate your AMU.



# Acute Medicine Awareness Day Competition

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Win a **FREE** place at **SAM Edinburgh**.

The competition is simple. To enter please send,

- A photograph of your AMAD event
- A short summary of your event (200 words maximum)

Who can enter?

- Anyone except consultant physicians – although consultants are encouraged to support their teams
- The main entrant must be a SAM member
- Your unit must be registered in the SAM Unit Directory on our website

The prize

- A free place at SAM Edinburgh
- If the winner is a non-medic, they can combine the free place with our existing non-medic deal of '3 for 2' and have 3 people attend for the price of 1

Closing date

- 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

How to enter

- Send your entry to [administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk](mailto:administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk)

We will publish the winning entry in the July Newsletter.



# SAMBA16

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## June 16th 2016 – 5th Society for Acute Medicine Benchmark Audit (SAMBA)

Last year 82 units participated in SAMBA. This year, for true enthusiasts, we have extended SAMBA with the opportunity to collect weekend data.

External bodies are keen to hear about SAMBA and the data we collect. If **100 units** could take part this year we would have reached a new milestone.

SAM have invested in a new database to make data collection easier. If this year is a success, we can then look at report writing software. I hope we will eventually source external funding to expand further and make SAMBA even bigger; hopefully a more than a once-a-year event.

Other specialties, for example stroke medicine, have significantly developed their profile through national audits.

To register and for more information visit <http://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/news/samba16-save-the-date/>

You can also contact Dr Chris Subbe and his team at [sambaudituk@gmail.com](mailto:sambaudituk@gmail.com)



# SAM Edinburgh

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September 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2016

Past, Present and Future

<http://www.pastpresentfuture2016.org>

SAM's first international scientific conference was held in Glasgow in 2007. Our last visit to Edinburgh was in 2010.

This year we are co-hosting our international meeting with the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. Our programme will include all the familiar features of our autumn meeting. We have attracted an impressive list of speakers. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase our specialty to an international audience and people who may not have heard of acute medicine.

This ambitious joint conference will combine the historical aspects of medicine with a look into the future of healthcare across a broad range of clinical topics. It will be hosted at the world renowned Edinburgh International Conference Centre in Scotland's cosmopolitan capital city, which offers visitors a captivating blend of rich history, natural beauty and adventure.

Abstracts are now invited and the link above takes you to the conference website, including the draft programme and registration details. This year we have added a new type of presentation, 'A Wee Shorty'. This is a platform for junior doctors and members of the multidisciplinary team to present in the category Service Development and Design.

Put this joint SAM-RCPE conference in your diary to enjoy two days of high quality, independent CPD.



# Trainees and Contracts

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In all of my previous Newsletters I have updated you on SAM's position in relation to the junior doctors' contract dispute. At the time of writing this Newsletter a new contract has been proposed and a referendum is planned later this month.

SAM has not been involved in any negotiations regarding the new contract. Acute internal medicine still faces difficulty in recruiting trainees. If trainees working in acute internal medicine, or planning to specialise in acute internal medicine, are unhappy with the terms of the new contract or inequalities between specialties, then please contact SAM at [administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk](mailto:administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk). Whilst SAM is not a trade-union, we remain committed to lobbying for our members; without a high quality workforce we cannot deliver the care we aspire to for our patients.

Recruitment and retention, in all professional groups working in acute medicine remains problematic. Dr Roger Duckitt summarises his thoughts below:

## **Workforce planning: Acute Medicine – an oxymoron?**

*The Health Service is facing significant challenges to recruitment and retention at all levels – and in no other specialty more than in Acute Internal Medicine. The fill rate for ACCS (Acute Medicine) dropped from 87% in 2015 to 78% in 2016 against an overall national reduction in filled posts of 3%. This is unsurprising with current events around the junior contract and many young doctors considering Foundation Year 3 or overseas options. These factors highlight the vital role that the takeAIM team are playing in ensuring that doctors who are interested in Acute Internal Medicine are given a balanced view on the future of the specialty and the broad range of opportunities that it presents. The most important truth is that Acute Internal Medicine is here to stay and is playing a vital role in sustaining acute trusts. The inexorable rise in acute admissions coupled with on-going reduction in bed numbers across the NHS has been supported by constant innovation at the front door, much of this in Acute Medical Units.*

*The Royal College of Physicians annual review of Specialty appointments across the UK in 2014 highlighted the fact that Acute Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine are the two specialties with the highest number of jobs on offer to Consultants. Acute Internal Medicine saw around 125 appointments across the UK – but this was only 50% of the number of jobs on offer. As acute medical teams extend their roles and increase the utilisation of ambulatory care and other aspects of acute medicine, the need remains high for trainees in Acute Internal Medicine to take up these posts and lead the way in delivering the highest quality care to patients at the front door.*

# Ward Noticeboard & Unit Directory Winner

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I am pleased to announce the winner(s) as Frances Humphries (ANP) and Johnathan Elliott (ANP) from the Acute Medical Unit at Manchester Royal Infirmary. They win one free place at a future SAM conference. Assuming they do not want to fight over the prize, I suggest they pay for one place and get two free places through our '3 for 2' promotion for non-medics, or in their case '3 for 1'.



Senior Physiotherapist - Dawn Gudegast  
Consultant - Tania Syed  
Matron - Narinder Saini  
Ward Clerk - Liz Savin  
Advanced Nurse Practitioner - Johnathan Elliott



# European School of Internal Medicine

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SAM is a member of the European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM). EFIM holds two week long schools for trainees each year, one in the summer and one in the winter. Each year we sponsor two trainees to attend a meeting.

Our two scholarships are allocated through open competition. Prospective candidates should contact the SAM office for details at [administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk](mailto:administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk)



# Research Grant

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Royal College of Physicians and NIHR Clinical Research Network award scheme to recognise NHS trainees and consultants active in research

Dr Louella Vaughan, Research Committee Lead, has identified potential funding through the NIHR. Details and application available at <https://www.crn.nihr.ac.uk/can-help/healthcare-professionals/rcp-and-crn-award-scheme/>

Closing date midnight on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Applications to [rcpawards@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:rcpawards@qmul.ac.uk)



# SAM Belfast

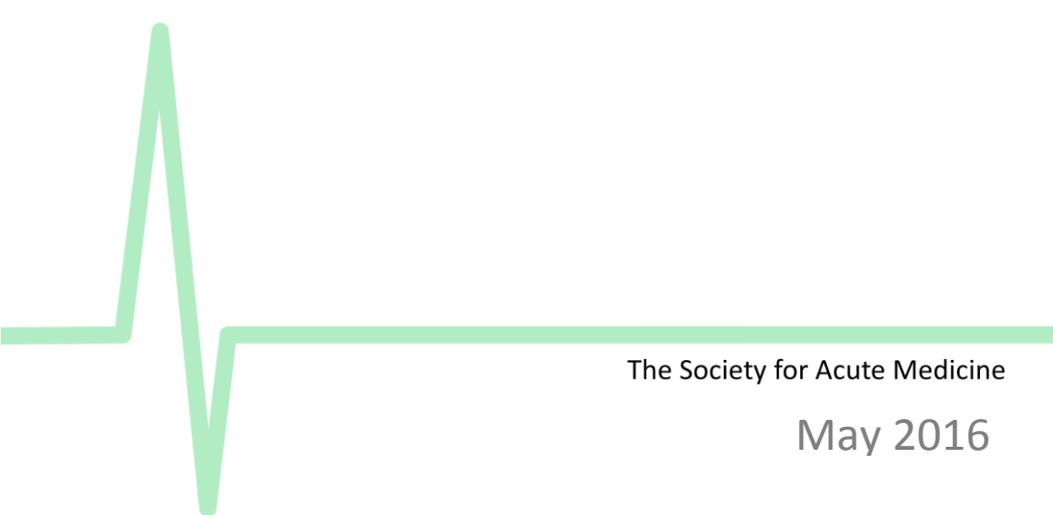
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SAM Belfast was a great success. The meeting focused on the importance of people in delivering acute medical care. Acute Medical Units are great places not because of their geography or a sign on the door; they are great because of the people who work in them.

**My personal highlight** was a talk by Dr Asima Javed from Blackpool. She told us how the Blackpool team had developed an intelligent patient smartboard, a smartboard which can collect SAMBA data in real-time. Asima's talk was memorable not only for the content but the passion she injected into delivering her message - a truly inspirational moment.

My last thought on SAM Belfast is to thank everyone who helped to make our spring meeting special, especially the local organisers Eleanor Campbell and Michael Trimble.



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Many thanks for now,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Mark Holland". The signature is stylized and includes a horizontal line underneath.

Mark Holland

President, The Society for Acute Medicine