



A three-day leadership course for future Acute Medicine Consultants, approved by the SAC for your CCT requirement. It covers key topics including NHS structure, management, finances, supervision and quality improvement

What: Residential Finishing school to prepare for life as a consultant

Price: £200* for SAM members, which includes food and accommodation (inclusive of optional arrival Monday and stay until Friday)

Who: Exclusive to AIM registrars and portfolio doctors within 2 years of CCT

Date: November 11-13th 2025

Venue: Rural location on the edge of the New Forest

Spaces: Limited to 20

Questions: administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk

Booking: Scan the QR Code or visit www.acutemedicine.org.uk/sam-events

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*The course is offered at this cost due to subsidised funding by SAM for our members, to reflect our commitment to equitable education for all. A further bursary may be available for individuals who are not able to meet the £200 cost due to exceptional circumstances – please contact us to discuss, fully in confidence, if this is applicable



The AWESAM expert-led curriculum includes:

Essentials of job-planning: The process of job applications, Salary negotiations, what is a DCC, and how to prepare for your first appraisal

Consultant interview workshop: Small group sessions and practice with new and established AIM consultants from our expert faculty

The Role Switch - You as an Educator: Supervision, managing trainees in difficulty, planning teaching, and giving effective feedback.

Resilience and Wellbeing: Tackling impostor syndrome, work-life balance, and sustainable career building

Politics & Finances: Understanding Management and NHS structure, including a Q&A with a board member, and how to embrace leadership opportunities

Stepping-up: Preparing you to lead the team on the shop floor and how it really feels to be a consultant

Driving Quality: Fundamentals of Quality Improvement and how to drive this in your department, and how interpret performance data, service development, writing a business case,

Networking: Building and maintaining your professional connections in a small group, developing peer support and learning about what SAM can do for you

The Big Q&A session: Open discussion about approaching coroner/procurator fiscal requests, complaints, challenging clinical scenarios and an open discussion about the things we wish we would have known.



Why come the Advanced Week of Education?

"Absolutely amazing three day course! The host were brilliant, made us feel comfortable, motivated us to socialise and form networks. Every single topic was so relevant, explored and explained in a clear, succinct way with lots of open discussions by experts in Acute Medicine. The accommodation, food and walks were something I had never expected in a professional course! The whole environment of teaching was so informal, yet so informative. The first and the only course where we (trainees and the host Consultants) were all together for three days learning and sharing knowledge.... Overall, a top-notch three day course and I would highly recommend this to all the Acute medicine trainees before their CCT.. Thanks for organising and providing such a wonderful programme for trainees"

"This was the best course I have ever attended in my entire career! I left work behind to fully immerse myself in an experience that exceeded all expectations. The networking, care, passion, resources, and support were unparalleled. From arranging accommodation and meals to picking attendees up from the train station, every detail was handled with compassion and dedication. It simply cannot get better than this. I feel incredibly lucky to have attended, and I am certain that many will aspire to be part of this exceptional course in the future"

- Feedback from AWESAM attendees, March 2025



Eligibility Criteria:

- Open to AIM Trainees & Portfolio doctors (e.g. CESR Pathway) within 18 months of CCT
- Individuals **must be a SAM member** at the time of application
- Applicants must be available to attend the full course from 11:00 on 11th of November until 16:00 on the 13th of November and read the pre-course material (Approx 2-3 hours)
- Applicants must be aware that this is a residential course, which includes some social activities such a group meals in the early evening which you will expect you to attend, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Applications: Join Us in Shaping the Future of Acute Medicine

Prepare for the challenges and rewards of a consultant career in Acute Medicine, with expert guidance, practical training, and unmatched peer support:

- We ask that you include a 500 word personal statement outlining why you are applying to the course, including your learning needs, personal development goals, and what you will bring to the group
- Please note that applications are a competitive process and we anticipate a high demand for spaces
- Positive application weighting will be given to those with a previous unsuccessful application to AWESAM.
- Preference will also be given to those with only one AWESAM diet prior to CCT date, who are returning from Time out of Training, and those in need of mandatory training in leadership to complete curricular requirements, usually evidenced by supporting statement from their TPD

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