



NEWSLETTER

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Remember: If you have anything you wish to share with SAM members, please let us know by e-mailing administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk

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SAMBelfast



The Society for Acute Medicine's Spring 2024 Conference will take place on 2-3 May 2024 at the Europa Hotel, Belfast.

The programme theme is "The Thinking Acute Clinician."

You can register for SAMBelfast either in-person or virtually.

[More information and registration here](#)

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

SAM invite authors to submit an abstract for display at SAMBelfast in the online ePoster showcase and as a full sized poster at the event. A selection of the best abstracts will also be invited to take part in a 2-minute "lightning presentation" of your poster.

The ePoster showcase will be live for 1 year after the conference dates to extend the life and reach of your poster. Abstract Submissions are invited from all members of the multi professional team.

Abstract Submission Deadline: 3 March 2024

Abstract Results: 18 March 2024

[View the Call for Abstracts for more information.](#)



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SAS Update

Hello, I am Laura Jones and I am the SAS representative for SAM. I am pretty new to the role and delighted to be working with SAM to grow and develop SAS representation within the society. We have recently created a webpage (<https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/specialty-and-specialist-doctors-sas/>) which I would love to get more stories for - if you are a SAS doctor in acute medicine please get in touch via email administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk with a short paragraph about why you love being a SAS in acute medicine and what your role involves!

To really help improve the SAS representative in the society we are keen to gather some information about how many SAS doctors there are in Acute Medicine as well as find out more about the roles people take on and what SAM can do to help SAS doctors everywhere. **Whether you are a SAS doctor or not, please take a couple of minutes** to fill in the following survey to let us know about the SAS representation in your department? Please share this with your colleagues, including those who are not currently members of SAM.

<https://forms.office.com/e/zGR65bkY0Z>

EcoSAM Competition



You may have heard about our new Sustainable QI group. We are putting together details for a competition with a cash prize for the entry that shows the best initiative to help with sustainable medicine. More will follow on this shortly, but we wanted to give you advance notice to get your thinking caps on! What can you do differently in your department to use less plastic and implement sustainable medicine? Some initiatives that units have already done include “gloves off”, the IV to PO medication switch and rationalising blood tests. Start thinking and watch this space!



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Message from our pharmacist – Ekta

Please be aware of the new regulatory measures regarding Valproate

From January 2024:

- Valproate must not be started in new patients (male or female) younger than 55 years, unless two specialists independently consider and document that there is no other effective or tolerated treatment, or there are compelling reasons that the reproductive risks do not apply.
- At their next annual specialist review, women of childbearing potential and girls should be reviewed using a revised valproate Risk Acknowledgement Form, which will include the need for a second specialist signature if the patient is to continue with valproate and subsequent annual reviews with one specialist unless the patient's situation changes.

NICE Updates




*National Institute for
Health and Clinical Excellence*

Dear Stakeholders and registered interest,

The final guidance for IP1929 Percutaneous thrombectomy for intermediate-risk or high-risk pulmonary embolism is now available on the NICE website.

[Published guidance and advice](#) | [Guidance](#) | [NICE](#)



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SAM educational Evenings



SAM Educational Evening: 2023: A Year in Review
18 December 2023, 7.30-9.00pm
Zoom webinar

Dr Vicky Price and Dr Nick Murch will take this opportunity to review the last 12 months in Acute medicine. This will be really useful for clinicians to review what has happened within the NHS over the last year, both politically and also provide an update in key knowledge updates.

They will cover:

- The latest NICE updates
- A review of data from various sources including ECDS and SAMBA
- Important papers released this year
- Updates for key advances in acute medicine

The webinar will include an interactive quiz. To celebrate the festive season, a prize will be offered to the winner of a donation being given to a charity of their choice.

2 CPD points have been approved.

The webinar is free to attend for SAM members. Non-members are required to pay a fee of £15.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



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And finally...

It is an honour to have been appointed Secretary of the Society of Acute Medicine. Acute Medicine as a speciality and as a community has grown in its stature and influence within healthcare since I was last on SAM Council as Trainee Representative in 2016 and I am looking forward to building on the strong organisational foundations set by my predecessors in this role.

These are challenging times for the NHS in a high demand and under-resourced system. Acute Medicine has established its role as an innovator in the urgent care both at the front door, stretching into rapid diagnostics and Hospital at Home systems.

This innovation is fostered by engagement and growing community of practice of the Acute Medicine speciality. Over the last few years, I have been working with a couple of organisations on growing membership, engaging members to take more active roles, and facilitating collaborative projects.

For SAM, I have been co-chairing the Acute Oncology sub-group over the past year, where we have established a close relation with the Acute Oncology Society resulting in a few publications, conferences, and creating a growing community for those of us with a sub-specialist interest in Acute Oncology. There will be more information on the SAM website regarding sub-groups and how to get involved.

The Whatsapp based Acute Medicine Trainee & New Consultant (1st 5 years post CCT) has continued to grow since it was founded in 2015 from initially 10 regional representative members to more than 180 members across the UK facilitating an informal support and advice network across regional boundaries on both training and the practice of Acute Medicine. We have recently introduced regional representatives, if you would like to know more, please feel free to contact me at neil.patel@nhs.net.

Lastly, please feel free to reach out if you have ideas or questions: secretary@acutemedicine.org.uk

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Neil Patel

SAM Secretary