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Goodbye SAM Manchester – Hello Copenhagen

Thanks to the amazing team behind SAM Manchester we had a really successful conference and really enjoyed the medical updates and networking. Remember you still have 3 months to catch up with the recorded sessions online for the next 3 months. Contact the Eventage team if you are having any difficulties with access (samconference@eventage.co.uk)

We are already excited to the upcoming conferences and our next stop is Copenhagen! So get your study leave booked in for the **4th and 5th of May** and we'll let you know when we're open for bookings (likely mid December). For the really keen, get your study leave in for Glasgow 12th and 13th October.

SAM Scotland

So talking of great conferences – **SAM Scotland is on the 16th December**. This **FREE** training day is aimed at the multidisciplinary team who work in acute medicine and related specialties.

We have all missed the networking, social interaction & opportunity to collaborate with like-minded colleagues working in acute medicine in Scotland - so this is your chance to 'get back in the room,' and have those all-important chats, learn from each other and build those strong collaborative relationships. You can also attend virtually (online) as for some we know this works better.

Copy and paste this link into your browser for more information.

https://www.eventsforce.net/eventage/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=105177&eventID=206&CSPCHD=00000400000mHHwM0FSeN_n83iHcRKR3Gls4ue2lsJWPyl5XI

PLEASE NOTE – PARKING IS VERY LIMITED AT THE EVENT AND THERE IS A PLANNED TRAIN STRIKE THAT DAY ☹

Podcast

Hopefully a lot of you will have been able to listen to our podcasts. We are keen to get as many people aware of these as possible – so do please spread the word amongst your teams. We have done a range of podcasts from clinical subjects to review of guidelines to team discussions of situations. Do let us know what you think. We are available on spotify and apple and many other podcast providers.

<https://spotifyanchor-web.app.link/e/zLEmfz15ytb>

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NICE updates

SAM is registered as a stakeholder and get informed about the latest guideline releases. We plan to let you know about these in the newsletters and are looking at having these on the website too.

This month we've been told about

NM231 guidance

<https://www.nice.org.uk/standards-and-indicators/qofindicators/percentage-of-patients-with-atrial-fibrillation-and-a-last-recorded-cha2ds2-vasc-score-of-2-or-more-who-are-currently-prescribed-a-direct-acting-oral-anticoagulant-doac-if-eligible-or-a-vitamin-k-antagonist-if-not-eligible-for-a-doac-or-a-doac-is-declined>

This indicator aims to promote the use of DOACs over vitamin K antagonists unless DOACs are declined by the patient or not indicated

NG228

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng228>

Subarachnoid haemorrhage caused by a ruptured aneurysm: diagnosis and management

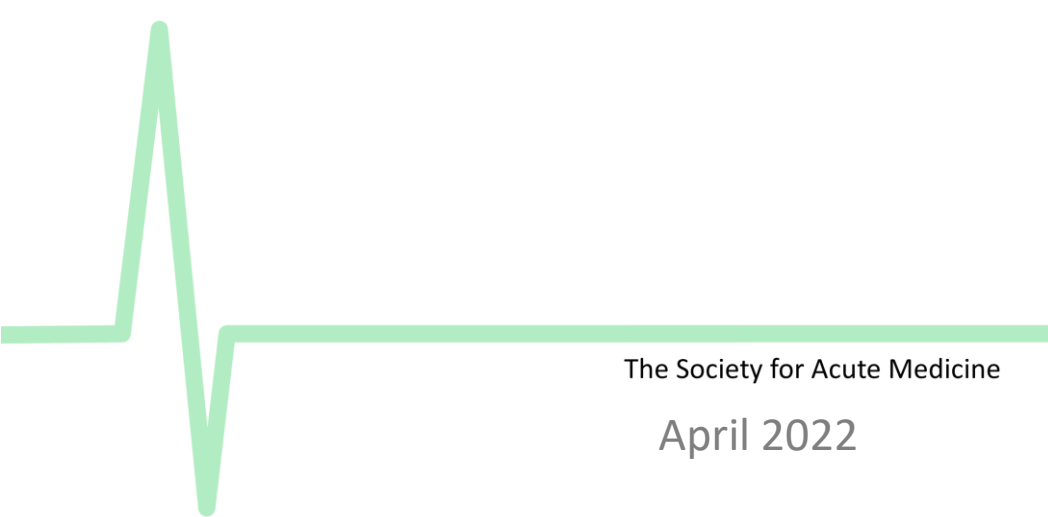
PE audit by the BTS

As well as the NICE updates – the BTS have also written to us to let us know about the release of this important piece of work regarding PE management. We will be releasing a podcast on this soon!

<https://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk/quality-improvement/clinical-audit/national-outpatient-management-of-pulmonary-embolism-audit-2021/>

Education Evenings

Following the success of the PA teaching evenings the education team are setting up monthly education evenings from January. These sessions will be one hour long and take the style of clinical education sessions. They will be free for all SAM members. Our PA, AHP, ACP, pharmacy, nursing and trainee reps will all be taking a role in organising speakers and hosting these events which aim to provide updates and education for all members of the society. We will publish the dates and topics nearer the time.



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As always if you want to get involved in any of our committees do get in touch at administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk

2022 RCP Census of Consultants and SAS Doctors

Acute Medicine needs you! If you're a Consultant or SAS Doctor you will probably have had an invitation to complete the 2022 RCP census. This year more than ever Acute Medicine hopes to use the information to help create a specialty workforce document. So, if you can spend 10 minutes of your time completing it via your personal email link then you will be helping us shape the specialty for the future.

If that's not enough, there is a league table of returns by specialty and currently we sit in second place amongst the big hospital specialties (behind palliative medicine). Let's see if we can make it to the top!

Enhanced Care – document now live!

SAM and the Intensive Care Society are delighted to have launched the joint document '**Enhanced Care Units: Guidance on development and implementation within Acute Medicine**'. This collaborative document will help create and develop Enhanced Care Units with Acute Medicine and provide a framework for improving the care to this vulnerable group of patients.

SAM President Tim Cooksley said: "This guidance is a fantastic collaboration between the Society for Acute Medicine (SAM) and the Intensive Care Society (ICS) to help support the development of enhanced care units. This will support the delivery and implementation of areas that will improve the outcomes and quality of care for patients with a range of acute illnesses."

The guidance – and a range of other resources dedicated to enhanced care, are available on the dedicated area of the SAM website. <https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/enhanced-care/>



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FAMUS – modular split

The FAMUS accreditation is soon to be split into modular components, allowing more flexibility for practitioners to undertake the module(s) which are relevant to their practice. This will be accompanied by an increase in the fees to cover the administration costs involved. For anyone thinking of registering, now might be the time before the modular approach is finalised and fees need to increase.

As always, we continue to be on the lookout for potential Supervisors to help support the delivery of ultrasound training within Acute Medicine. This is particularly relevant now it forms a core part of the AIM higher training curriculum. If you have ultrasound experience and or have been teaching ultrasound already, please consider applying. All details available via the website. Copy and paste the web address into your browser <https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/famus/>

Acute Medicine QI course

The SAM QI team have been hard at work and they are now excited to offer a bespoke QI course for acute medics/

This bespoke QI programme is delivered over 2 full days and supports attendees to learn core quality improvement skills by applying the theory to real life examples relating to improvements in Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC). Each attendee is expected to deliver a QI project to support the application of learning.

The aims of the event

Understanding the principles of QI • Identifying opportunities for improvement • Building a case for change and planning improvement • Working with stakeholders to effect change • Deploying measurement for improvement • Exploring creative change ideas • Testing and implementing change ideas

Who is it for?

Aqua is working in partnership with the Society of Acute Medicine to provide this entry level programme suitable for all junior doctors, ACPs & Physician Associates in Acute medicine. The price of this programme is £325 + VAT per place

Joining instructions are on the following link

<https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/sam-events/acute-medics-as-improvers/>



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A message from our Education Lead Kelham

"The SAM Learning Hub is LIVE! It is your one stop shop for all your Acute Medicine education needs. Suitable for all members of the AMU MDT! Here you will find:

- SAMinar recordings
- Links to the SAM Podcast
- Recorded content from regional SpR Training Days
- More exciting stuff soon...

Please let us know what you think of the Learning Hub and what you would like to see in the future. You can find it on the SAM website or via <https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/learning-hub/>

Please contact Kelham Slinger (@KelhamSlinger on Twitter) via the SAM administrator with your feedback!"

Career Framework for Nurses and AHPs

We are keen to learn from acute medicine units across the UK that have developed and implemented training and/or competencies to support nurses and AHPs careers in acute medicine. The routes to delivery of a framework are likely to vary and this is an area that will require further exploration. Examples are portfolios, workbooks, practice educators and clinical supervision. If you would like to share your ideas, please see the attached flyer and link to the survey – thanks!



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QI & Research - Got involved

We are always keen for our members to get involved with our committees – no experience necessary, just need to be a SAM member. This month we are looking for collaborators with the latest PREMS work with the QI team and there is the FUSE study for people who want to get involved with research. For more details – contact us (administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk)

Finally - A message from our President Elect, Dr Nick Murch

"I would like to, on behalf of SAM, your colleagues and patients, thank those of you who are working over the festive period, and for all your continued hard work over another pressurised year for those in healthcare. This is the time of year when family and friends are celebrating time off work, while those in Acute Medicine are there for our patients, ensuring that some of the most vulnerable in our society are not alone, but cared for, at a potentially difficult time.

It comes after a year that has seen the NHS continue to respond to the long-term knock-on effects of the Covid pandemic, with the further pressures of 'older' respiratory viruses and 'constipated' hospitals that urgently need more support with regards to discharge planning.

Looking ahead, with some optimism, especially as the excellent SAM Manchester conference reinvigorated those of us who have been here before by showcasing the talent and innovation that has been, and will be, developed within the specialty. There truly has never been a better time to be involved in Acute Medicine, and indeed SAM.

Thank you so much for everything you do to keep the NHS functioning and to make us as the Society, so successful. To you and yours, we send wishes of a happy Holiday season."