



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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SAMGlasgow



The Society for Acute Medicine's 17th International Conference is on 12-13 October 2023 at the SEC, Glasgow.

The programme theme is "Health Disparities & Inequalities on the AMU."

You can register for SAMGlasgow, either in-person or virtually.

Online Attendees

Virtual attendees are able to **watch ALL sessions online, both live and on demand, for 4 months following the conference.** The conference virtual platform also offers the opportunity to message and network with other attendees.

In-person delegates can also access the virtual platform so can watch any sessions they miss at the live event. All sessions will be available to ALL delegates (in-person and virtual) for **4 months** after the event.

12 CPD Points will be applied for with the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom (**Activity Code: 145178**)


Pre-conference courses

SAM are running an Ultrasound course on Wednesday 11 October 2023. For more information and to book please see link to conference below and select link from there

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Call For Abstracts

We invite authors to submit an abstract for display at SAMGlasgow in the online ePoster showcase. A selection of the best abstracts will also be invited to take part in a "lightning" oral presentation of your poster and to display a hard copy of your poster at the conference. The ePoster showcase will be live for 4 months



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after the conference dates to extend the life and reach of your poster. Abstracts should be submitted online at: www.samglasgow2023.org by 13 August 2023 (link below)

Please note that we have updated our submission guidance for Case reports and QI submissions, and these must be followed to ensure your abstract is accepted as a submission. ***Please read the guidance carefully!***

https://cdn.eventsforce.net/files/ef-wqdbqri56uui/website/223/sam_glasgow_2023_call_for_abstracts.pdf

New Council Members


It was a busy month for SAM with elections and many thanks to the Treasurer Mike Wheble for running this election. There were some close calls in the elections, and we want to thank all of those who stood for a post. We would strongly encourage those not successful this time to continue to keep an interest and run again, in the meantime there are lots of other opportunities to get involved in SAM and we would urge you to do so.

We are happy to announce that from October;

- President Elect will be Vicky Price
- Physician Associate Representative will be Katie Cobain
- ACP Representative will remain as Elaine Clark
- QI committee Lead will remain as Chris Subbe*
- Regional Representatives for
 - England will remain as Nick Smallwood
 - Northern Ireland will remain as Michael Trimble*
 - Scotland is Claire Gordon*
 - Wales is John Hounsell*
- Trainee Representative is Latif Rahman
- New consultant representative is Beth Griffith

*These posts will be ratified at the AGM in October as they were uncontested

We will have a brief introduction from them in the Newsletter when they start in October, but many congratulations to all and welcome to Council!



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SAS Doctors

As you may remember in a previous newsletter, we asked for expressions of interest to represent SAS doctors within SAM. I'm delighted to introduce Laura who will take up this role.

"My Name is Laura Jones and I am an Acute Medicine SAS Doctor at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Gateshead. Working with SAM I hope to develop the role and recognition of SAS in acute medicine.


Like many SAS doctors I ended up here after some life challenges leading to a change in how I work. I started in a role as a senior clinical fellow and I quickly found my love for acute medicine again! After 6 months I recognised that a career as a SAS doctor could offer me excellent training, job satisfaction and an opportunity to develop my interests within acute medicine. All alongside an improved work life balance. I approached the department to discuss a move to become a SAS doctor and was fortunate many months later to interview for and be appointed to a permanent SAS role.

There are many benefits to being a SAS doctor, but there are a lot of challenges too. As SAS we are still finding our voice, locally people often struggle to understand the role, recognise your skills and that's before we think on a national level. I am lucky to have found a job in a forward-thinking department that has excellent management support. This is in a trust where SAS doctors work in very senior managerial roles. However, I know this is not the case for all SAS. Lots of people remain on short term 'none SAS' contracts, spend years in fellow posts with no options for progression and lack of recognition for the fantastic work they do. Many people don't even know that there are alternative routes for development. I love my training colleagues and find we can learn lots from each other, there is a place in acute medicine for us all and the future workforce needs to be a diverse mix. One size does not fit all for development as a doctor and we need to make sure that we are not losing excellent doctors to the 'one size for all' traditional training model.

I look forward to working with SAM to promote SAS within acute medicine. I hope I can give SAS acute medics a voice, as I know my excellent predecessor, Libby, has before me".

DNAR survey

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman have recently upheld a number of complaints about how decisions on Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) notices are communicated to those affected. After reviewing these complaints and speaking to external stakeholders, they are running a research project into doctors' experience of DNACPR decision making. They want to use this information to help NHS organisations and staff improve the way DNACPR decision making is managed. This is about understanding whether the current DNACPR decision-making process works for doctors, or if changes to policy or practice would support you in these critical decisions.



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<https://phso.welcomesyourfeedback.net/6mof74>

Your response will be totally anonymous. The survey closes on Friday 21st July.

SAMBassadors – a note from Kelham, our education lead

"Do you love MedEd? Do you work on AMU? Then this role is for you..."

SAMBassadors are regional education leads. Designed to bring national education initiatives to you. The only requirements for the role are that you have a passion for Medical Education and work on an Acute Medicine Unit.

A SAMBassador will be responsible for ensuring SAM affiliated courses are delivered in a more accessible way. These will be varied, cater for the whole MDT and will include:

- SpR Finishing School
- Procedure Simulation
- POCUS...(watch this space)
- Human Factors

We will also welcome any suggestions that may be specific and support your region!

You will be supported by the Education Committee Chair and be invited to attend the quarterly meetings.

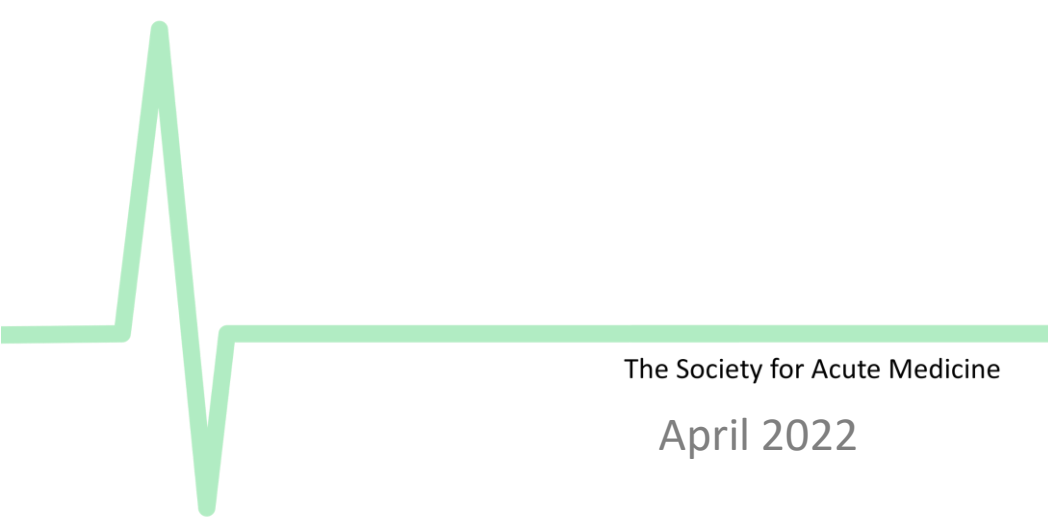
Further information will follow at SAMGlasgow with applications opening shortly after. However, if you have any queries or want to discuss the role further then do get in touch!"

Pharmacy Technicians

SAM are always delighted to embrace the multi-disciplinary aspect of our membership, reflecting the way we work together in Acute Medicine. We are delighted to encourage pharmacy technicians alongside Pharmacists to register for SAM Glasgow and submit abstracts for work they are conducting within their local AMUs.

QI Committee

Our QI committee meet regularly on zoom and are always willing to accept new members. As always – get in touch administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk



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They have been working hard setting up some QI courses and the provisional dates for the next SAM QI Acute Physicians as Improvers course are;

Day 1 – [Thursday 28th September](#)

Day 2 - [Wednesday 11th October](#)

It qualifies for 13 external RCP CPD points and we expect it to book quickly. Booking information will be on the website soon.

We are working hard on a Masterclass for senior staff and a paper on the metrics for SDEC and the PREMS

Acute Medicine Awareness Week

Acute Medicine Awareness Week 2023 **10th - 16th July**

The theme of **#AMAW23** is **Bright Ideas**. We want this week to be a celebration of the innovation, adaptation and inspiration happening in acute medicine across the UK.

Taking part in **#AMAW23** and showing off your unit's bright ideas is easy - all you need is a twitter account and a mobile phone - to find out more and get involved, register your unit's interest

here: <https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/acute-medical-awareness-week/>

And Finally

Summer approaches and unlike years ago when we could relax a little and look forward to a bit of a reprieve, most of us are still faced with overcrowding and stretched resources. The theme of **Bright Ideas** for **AMAW23** got me thinking about our unit and when I asked our junior colleagues it was really refreshing to hear them talk about the great things we do on our unit that we take for granted.

As a consultant one of the downsides is that you don't move anymore (at least not often usually!) and get inspired by how others do things. Same goes for ward rounds, you get used to doing it your way and don't always think about how to change it.

SAM conferences are a great way to get new ideas for your unit by networking with your peers, talks and inspirational posters. I always come back enthused with a list of things to try. **AMAW23** will be another great way for us to learn from others and share and showcase ideas.



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We all know that it is often the little things that make a difference, like getting thanked or seeing an idea work. Hopefully we will get to see lots of **Bright ideas** in AMAW23.