

SAM NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME FROM NICK MURCH, SAM PAST PRESIDENT



Hello and welcome to Summer! It is impossible to ignore the collective breath many of us are holding currently. I don't just mean the SAM council elections, but that the 2026 FIFA World Cup is well underway across the Atlantic, and our representative home nation teams are providing an example of what it means to operate under high-stakes, high-acuity pressure.

Whether you are supporting England or Scotland, part of the AMU sweepstake (I got Paraguay) or simply observing the drama from a distance, the parallels between the stadia of North America and our AMUs, SDECs and EDs is striking. Managing a surge of patients demands the exact same attributes currently on display in the tournament: rapid decision-making, flexible multi-disciplinary teamwork, and the resilience to handle whatever comes next. If only we also had hydration breaks and fully air conditioned hospitals!

The acute medical team cannot rely solely on a defensive, risk-averse approach. Success requires an assertive, structured flow: advancing the line, identifying bottlenecks early, and executing decisive treatments. We will be looking for that same level of tactical synergy and fluid leadership as we again head in to the prolonged Winter period. As leaders in acute medicine, we have to ask ourselves, 'Could this work on a cold rainy night in Stoke?' If not, then we need to reconsider our approach to acute care.

As we navigate the systemic challenges of the summer months, let's channel that same big tournament spirit. Look out for your teammates, have shared gameplans and clear communication, and remember that every successful shift is achieved through coordinated collective effort. Even if the Summer clinical respite may feel shorter than our teams' participation, we must all have some much needed downtime.

Enjoy the newsletter, keep an eye on the schedule, and to all our members and colleagues, thank you for your continued dedication and work on the frontline.

Nick Murch
SAM Past President

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAMGlasgow

The Society for Acute Medicine's 20th International Conference will take place on **8-9 October 2026** at the **Glasgow Hilton**.

You can register for SAMGlasgow either in-person or as a virtual delegate.

Registration and full conference information [here](#) and view the programme [here](#).

Abstract Submission for SAMGlasgow now open Deadline: 2359hrs on Sunday 9 August 2026

Abstract authors are invited to submit for display at SAMGlasgow in the online ePoster showcase and as a full sized poster at the event. A selection of the best abstracts may also be invited to take part in an oral presentation on the main conference programme.

[View the Call for Abstracts for more information](#) | [Submit your abstract here](#)

Abstract Results: 27 August 2026

AIM SCE Revision Course

The next **SCE Exam is on 16th September** and SAM is again running an online Revision Course. The course will run over 4 evenings in **June and July (24th June, 1st, 7th, 16th July)** with recordings available afterwards. This course is **free** to all SAM members.

[Register Here](#)

The course allows for full interactivity between the faculty and participants with time for discussion built into each presentation.

During the webinars participants can answer of mock questions live and between weeks 3 and 4 attendees have the opportunity to sit a mock exam. The week 4 session reviews the mock exam questions.

[View the programme here](#)

SAM Educational Evening Webinar

Immunotherapy Toxicity – Managing Mimics | Tuesday 23 June 2026 | 7.30-8.45pm

Learning Objectives:

- Develop early recognition of immunotherapy toxicity presenting on the acute take
- Recognition of constellation presentations (e.g. MMM(H), HLH/Stills/MCAS syndromes) and their investigation
- Exploration of escalation decision making and multi-speciality support for these complex patients

[Register here](#)

COUNCIL UPDATES

SAM President Visits Downing Street

Dr Price joined MPs, peers and representatives from across the health and social care sector to deliver a letter to 10 Downing Street calling for better support for hospices. This is part of the ongoing work that SAM are involved with in highlighting the experience of patients that are approaching the end of life.



Congratulations to Dr Gordon McKinnon, New Consultant Rep

Dr Gordon McKinnon, our new consultant representative, was presented with the award for Consultant Trainer of the Year by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. This is a brilliant achievement and highlights the excellence in medical education and supervision we see in so many of our acute medicine colleagues. Congratulations to Dr McKinnon from all at SAM.

SAM Election Update

SAM Council Elections, June 2026 | Deadline to Vote: 12pm on Thursday 2 July 2026

Voting is now open for the following Council positions:

- ACP Representative
- Resident Representative (Formerly Trainee Rep)
- Research Lead
- Secretary

Further candidate information and voting instructions [can be found here](#).

RSM Emergency Medicine Section Conference



Dr Vicky Price (SAM President) and Dr Tim Cooksley (former President of SAM) were asked this month to speak at the RSM Emergency Medicine Section conference in London. It was a joint conference between Acute Medicine and Emergency Medicine, featuring some very productive collaborative discussions. We have so much in common; it was great to share ideas, vision and patient centred practice. SDEC was a hot topic and it was good to share the vision of SDEC as an admission avoidance service and have consensus around this.

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SAM Specialist Interest Group – Perioperative Medicine

Are you passionate about the intersection between acute medicine and perioperative medicine? Or interested to learn more about it? SAM is exploring the creation of a new Perioperative Medicine Special Interest Group, if you are interested in joining or contributing the please let us know.

Drop a quick line expressing your interest to: sarah.ibitoye@nbt.nhs.uk by **15 September 2026**.

SAM / FPM Small Research Grant Winners

SAM and the Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine (FPM) are delighted to have worked together to deliver the first round of research small grants, supporting Acute Medicine dedicated research projects to progress from concept to reality. The competitive application process was overseen by the research committee, and we are incredibly grateful for their diligence in overseeing the process and recommending the awards. Strengthening our research footing is one of the key aims of the Society, and we hope that these small research grants will help us progress that aim. If successful, we anticipate further small research grants awards in the future. A full list of grants is below:

- **Jessica Smith:** *Single-centre medical SDEC service evaluation: a feasibility study*, £5430 (SAM and FPM joint award)
- **Tom Knight and Richard O’Sullivan:** *Building a Trainee-Led Research Network in Acute Medicine: A Feasibility Workshop Approach*, £3000 (SAM and FPM joint award)
- **Tamsin Cargill:** *Acute medicine assessment and management of decompensated cirrhosis: barriers and enablers*, £6000 (SAM award)
- **Joanne Kerins:** *Decision to discharge – a realist review of management reasoning in acute medicine*, £5840 (SAM award)

We would also like to thank those unsuccessful applicants for their time taken to apply and the work they are already undertaking to advance acute medical research – we hope to be able to support more projects in the future, and the research committee remain available to support anyone looking to develop an acute medical research idea or project. Contact them via the administration team.

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SAM Acute Medicine Nurse Capability Framework (Phase 1) Update

We will be offering a pre-release review period between July and August 2026, giving acute medical nursing leaders the opportunity to provide early feedback before publication.

To take part, please ensure you are a member of the Acute Medical Nursing Leadership Network WhatsApp group, as all invitations and survey links will be shared there. Participants will be asked to complete a short survey to help shape the final version of the framework.

Join the group: [SAM Acute Medicine Nurse Capability Framework \(Phase 1\) Update](#)

International Nurses Day Feedback

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating International Nurses Day this year. The energy, pride, and passion shown across acute medicine were extraordinary, and the national feedback shared by patients and colleagues has been nothing short of inspiring. We're delighted to share the full report capturing these reflections and messages of gratitude — a powerful reminder of the impact acute medical nurses make every single day.

[Read the full report here.](#)

Volunteers Sought - Round 3 Acute Internal Medicine Verification and/or Interviews

Volunteers are being sought to support with the Round 3 Acute Internal Medicine verification and/or interviews.

If you can support, [please complete the MS Form](#) with your availability. Please also circulate to your fellow colleagues and Final Year Trainees who may also be able to support.

The verification window is Wednesday 26th August 2026 - Sunday 6th September 2026.

Interview dates: Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th September and Thursday 1st October 2026.

[Further information can be found here.](#)

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SAMBA 2026 Date Change

Due to the planned industrial action by resident doctors in England, the Society for Acute Medicine Benchmarking Audit 2026 will now be taking place on **25th June 2026**.

For those who have registered already for the original date, please read this important update [here](#).

Further information and registration are available [on the SAM website here](#).

Applications Open for FAMUS Committee Member – Northern Ireland

FAMUS continues to grow from strength to strength and is now seeking a new committee member to represent Northern Ireland and help shape the future of PoCUS and FAMUS in the UK and indeed, beyond.

How to Apply:

[Please click the link here](#) and complete the form along with a 300-word Statement of Interest to join the FAMUS Committee.

This should highlight your competence with ultrasound and/or education, and your commitment to ultrasound training.

Please consider the following essential/desirable specifications when applying:

1. You must be working in Northern Ireland
2. Commitment to Acute Internal Medicine
3. Accreditation and/or Trainer in Point of Care Ultrasound (PoCUS)
4. Involvement in education (including PoCUS)
5. Professional Qualification with Registration

Please pass this onto anyone you think may be interested in applying.

Closing Date for applications: Friday 26 June 2026

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National Chronic Subdural Data Hub (nCSDH) launch

SAM has reached out to this research group to offer our support and collaboration, on the launch of the National Chronic Subdural Data Hub (nCSDH), a research project evaluating the care provided to patients presenting with chronic subdural haematoma (cSDH).

This project aims to collect data across the entire patient pathway — from presenting hospital to neurosurgical centre, and back again, and include those with non-operative management. The goal is to understand whether equitable access to care exists across the country and whether variation in care impacts patient outcomes.

They are seeking site leads, resident leads, and local investigators at all hospitals involved in the care of patients with cSDH. As Acute Physicians we often care for patients who do not require operative management or before they are transferred to a neurosurgical centre and are well placed to contribute.

Site teams will receive support for local R&D registration, study set-up and delivery.

Collaborators will receive recognition through group authorship on future publications and/or through the Associate Principal Investigator (NIHR) scheme.

Data collection will run for twelve months from **September 2026**.

For more information or to register visit the website:
<https://ncsdh.uk/>



Meningococcal B (MenB) Vaccination Update

Further guidance has been published regarding time-limited Meningococcal B (MenB) vaccination.

Last week the government announced that from late July there will be a time limited Meningococcal B (MenB) vaccination for:

1. Year 13 age group
2. Those aged less than 25 years who will be attending undergraduate Higher Education or living in further education. accommodation or halls of residence for the first time in Autumn 2026

[Further guidance has now been published](#) for those responsible for commissioning and operationally delivering the national NHS routine vaccination programme. Please share this guidance with all those involved in delivering the programme in your area.



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EFIM-FDIME Clinical Research Seminar 10 (before launch)

All SAM Members are automatically members of EFIM. EFIM has now launched the EFIM-FDIME 21st Clinical Research Seminar for EFIM Young Internists. The seminar will take place in Paris on 14 – 16 October and the maximum age is 35.

This seminar is supported by the Foundation for the Development of Internal Medicine in Europe (FDIME). Thanks to this generous support, up to 15 bursaries will be awarded to young internists from EFIM member countries.

Please visit the [EFIM website](#) for more details on eligibility criteria and application requirements.

Applications should be sent to: sjeanbart@yahoo.com
Application deadline: 15 July 2026

Webinar: Urgent Community Decision Making Framework

Join the Out of Hospital Community of Practice for a session on the [Urgent Community Clinical Decision-Making Framework](#) where we will discuss the contents of the framework and some examples of how different teams have supported people to receive acute care at home. There will be a short Q&A session following the presentations before splitting into breakout rooms on three of the clinical conditions mentioned in the framework to discuss barriers and enablers to implementation.

This session will run from 13:00 - 14:15 on June 25th, 2026.

An MS Teams invite was sent by the iUEC Out of Hospital team. If you have not received this invite and are interested in attending the session, please sign up via the link [here](#).