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Register for our next SAM conference in Manchester – 19th/20th September

The Society for Acute Medicine is delighted to be hosting its 16th International conference on 19-20 September 2022 at Manchester Central. The conference will be a hybrid event with **both in-person and virtual attendance available**. Many have missed the networking, social interaction & opportunity to collaborate with like minded colleagues in acute medicine so this is your chance to 'get back in the room.' We have all missed the chats that happen in the coffee breaks, queues and with speakers after their talks. That's what adds huge value - not to mention the welcoming atmosphere which every SAM conference provides.

You can also attend **virtually (online)** as for some we recognise this works better.

The programme is full of excellent speakers and topics that will make the conference a great success. Our independent programme continues to be based on the most recent research and development in acute medicine. Copy and paste the link below to see the programme;

<https://www.eventsforce.net/eventage/frontend/reg/tAgendaWebsite.csp?pageID=101414&eventID=198&mode=>

In-person delegates can also access the virtual platform thereby ensuring they can watch any sessions they miss at the live event. Sessions will be available to all delegates (in-person and virtual) for 3 months following the event.

Nurses/AHPs/Pharmacists/PAs qualify for the 3 for 2 offer - pay for only 2 places for 3 people to attend. Contact samconference@eventage.co.uk

Here is the link to register;

https://www.eventsforce.net/eventage/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=101429&eventID=198&CSPCHD=001001000000IVANjp9fr9TOyeEnbIL_TEFwqhArETvCCIExTu



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There is also a fabulous opportunity to submit an abstract open until **17th July**. Register on the link below.

https://cdn.eventsforce.net/files/ef-wqdbqri56uui/website/198/sammanchester_2022_call_for_abstracts_updated.pdf

Opportunities on SAM council

It's that time of year again when some of the roles on SAM council are coming to the end of their tenure. Joining SAM council is an excellent opportunity to get involved with the work the Society does to promote Acute Medicine on a national level and also to ensure all members are represented fairly, both within the council and at a national level.

If you are thinking about it or would like to know any further details please contact us Secretary@acutemedicine.org.uk and we will put you in touch with the most appropriate person to give you more details

The posts available are

- Treasurer (This post also involves being one of the five directors of SAM)
- Nursing representative (band 7 or 8)
- Pharmacy representative
- Representative to Training and Education committee
- Research Lead
- Trainee representative
- IT and communications lead

Want to get involved, but think a formal role is a step too far? We are always keen for members of any experience and any part of the MDT to get involved. There are Research, QI and Education committees that are happy to have members get involved, there is a policy documents and SAM vision group and we are now starting a number of offshoot groups (AKI/pregnancy/Oncology) that members can get involved with. It is interesting how doing something outside of your work place can actually reinvigorate you more – try it!



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Research team looking for volunteers to help with a qualitative study looking at clinical decision making

We are seeking volunteers to participate in a qualitative research project exploring clinical decision making by acute medicine consultants and acute internal medicine registrars. The project has received ethical approval. Interested colleagues will be provided with a study information sheet and those wishing to participate will be asked to provide written consent.

Participants will be asked to undertake a semi-structured interview lasting 30 to 45 minutes. The interviews can take place either face-to-face or using a web-based platform. Participant responses will be handled confidentially. The qualitative methodology employed is called grounded theory. In this study a theoretical model of clinical decision making will be constructed by the researcher; this model will be presented to the original participants for comment prior to completion of the study.

If you would like to participate please contact secretary@acutemedicine.org.uk and your details will be forwarded to the research team.

GIRFT report

The Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) national report for acute and general medicine, which has been written by Dr Mike Jones (consultant acute physician and senior lecturer at the University Hospital of North Durham and University of Durham) and Dr Philip Dyer (consultant physician in general medicine, diabetes, and endocrinology at the University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust), is now available for you to review.

The report is based on meetings with more than 100 hospital teams across England – both pre-pandemic and in the context of COVID-19 – and the 19 recommendations aim to help trusts across England standardise patient care and aim for excellence to cope with increasing demand from an ageing population.

NHS colleagues and stakeholders can access the report on the FutureNHS platform by copying and pasting this link into their browser

<https://future.nhs.uk/GIRFTNational/view?objectId=131151301>

There is a webinar to highlight the report, on Monday, June 27th (12.30pm). Register via this link;

<https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/events/girft-webinar-standardising-care-in-acute-and-general-medicine>



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SAM policy and vision documents

SAM are producing some documents that will hopefully be of interest to our members as well as useful if you are writing talks/papers etc. We are very grateful to Michael Trimble our Northern Ireland representative for leading this group as well as Rhid Dowdle who has done a superb job as our archivist. These documents include the history of SAM, a look at the current structure of SAM, information about education and training as well as what the Acute Medical Unit is. The aim is to build on these with time and we are looking to produce some documents on Research and Workforce in the near future. These can be accessed on the website under the “About” tab.

<https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/sam-policy-and-vision-documents/>

As usual – please let us know if you’d like to be involved in this group by emailing secretary@acutemedicine.org.uk.

ACP update – a message from our ACP representative Elaine Clark

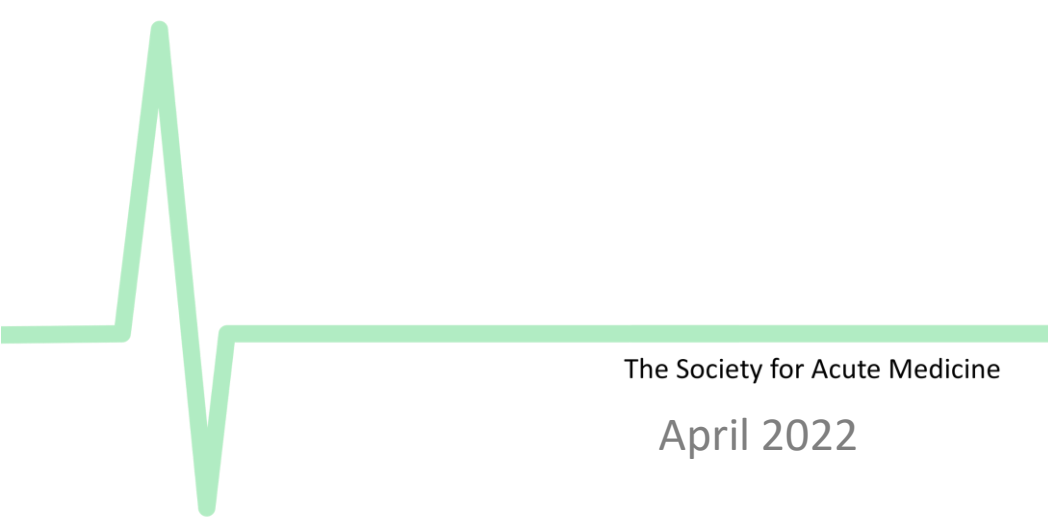
SAM Manchester will be in September this year and I’m hoping you will be there in person and also take advantage of the 3 for 2 offer on places. More details can be found on

[https://www.eventsforce.net/eventage/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=101429&eventID=198&CSPCHD=002001000000KRemloLfXm1p_uc4xIFC7\\$Uk0UJUfXjbQv3MHd](https://www.eventsforce.net/eventage/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=101429&eventID=198&CSPCHD=002001000000KRemloLfXm1p_uc4xIFC7$Uk0UJUfXjbQv3MHd)

We are also really keen for you to share the amazing work you are doing and we hope to see many more abstracts from ACPs this year. The submission date is still 5 weeks away so plenty of time to submit. To help last month’s webinar contains a talk on how to present your work or please contact me directly if you need any help elaine.clark@aapct.scot.nhs.uk

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Trainee update and Survey – A message from Kelham and Courtney

Dear trainees,

We know the last several years have been filled with challenges and that AIM trainees have been significantly impacted. This is why the SAM trainee survey is so important. We are able to look at year on year satisfaction with AIM training and identify issues to focus our efforts on. TPDs receive the anonymous results in order to improve training within your region. Without your honest feedback, we are unable to represent everybody as we would wish to. It will take no more than 5-10 minutes of your time and we promise the results will be acted upon and released for all to see. Thank you for your time and we hope to see as many of you as possible in Manchester!

Copy and paste this link into your browser

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/36TBN6L>

PA update

Thanks to all the PAs who have attended the monthly evening webinars and helped make them such a success. We are hoping to build on this success with our dedicated PA session in Manchester. Details of how to register and the special 3 for 2 offer on attendance is at the top of this newsletter.

We hope to resume more teaching sessions later in the year. We also send out a dedicated PA newsletter – if you aren't getting this, let us know.

We'd also like to say a huge thanks to Katie Cobain for her support with the PA Newsletters and teaching sessions.

Fee increase & Membership update

You should all have received an email about upcoming fee increase and updating our membership details. You should also get a letter in the post.

PLEASE CAN ALL MEMBERS RESPOND INCLUDING THOSE ON HIGHER TIER

The fee increase was approved at AGM in London but you may be wondering why we need to update all your details.



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The answer to this is that as we are growing as a Society we want to make sure that we are offering opportunities for all members to get involved in areas of interest and make the most of the massive amounts of experience and talent we have a collective group.

The issue is that as the membership is growing, the previous way of recording the membership data is no longer useful. For example, we can't easily see how many pharmacists are members of SAM as people will often call themselves by different titles, so the only way of knowing would be for us to look at each members record individually (1200+) to see if the title would fit with a pharmacy role, which we can assure you takes a lot of time! We also have the problem that people don't naturally think to update their details (for example when they go from being a trainee to a consultant) so this list also quickly becomes out of date.

The new system will allow us to automatically have an update each year and also allow us to quickly see how many members we have of a certain profession or in a certain area.

It also offers those in tier 1 and 2 to choose whether they want a paper copy of the journal. Like everyone we are keen to be green as we can and reduce our carbon footprint. Many people prefer to get their journal online or live in a household with more than one member, so this form allows you to chose the paper free option.

The key message is ALL MEMBERS PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM. If you don't you will be automatically charged at the higher rate

Copy and paste this link to complete your form;


<https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/member-update-form/>

Equality and diversity

SAM London was an excellent showcase of the importance of equality and diversity and the highlighted the very real issues that our patients and our colleagues face on a daily basis from discrimination.

SAM is really keen to take this forward and develop a group of interested people to link in with SAM council. This group will be able to define its own agenda with the council's support to look at both being an advocate for patients as well as colleagues.

If you are interested in joining this group then please get in touch for more details.
Secretary@acutemedicine.org.uk



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Frailty and Urgent Care Meeting

2022 Frailty and Urgent Care Meeting

Hybrid Event!
8 July 2022
London



SAM have worked with the BGS to put together another great event looking at frailty and urgent care.

Date(s) Live 08 July 2022 On Demand until 8 July 2023


This event is intended for clinicians and healthcare professionals working with older people in urgent care settings. The day will include keynote presentations from experts in their field, time for questions, and sessions demonstrating best practice approaches available. It will be available to attend in person (although limited spaces – book early) or to access online, live and on demand for 12 months after the meeting date.

This meeting has applied for 6 credits of live CPD credit (expires 8 August 2022) and 6 credits

The events page is here <https://www.bgs.org.uk/events/2022-frailty-and-urgent-care-meeting>

SAM and RCEM members can use discount code **UFC2022**

- To use this SAM and RCEM members will need to register via the BGS website, creating a website account if not already in place
- Complete the form as required until you see registration fees. Enter the discount code supplied via SAM or RCEM
- SAM/ RCEM members who are also BGS members won't be extended a further discount



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And Finally...

It seems somewhat repetitive to keep thanking our members for their on-going hard work in Acute Medicine, and we can run the risk of it sounding hollow.

A thank you is nice but it doesn't always help when there is an emergency department full of medical patients all needing our care and attention and what feels like never enough staff to look after these patients or beds for them to go into. Add to that a reminder that it's June (not winter when I last checked despite feeling like it) and then we go to fill up our car on the way home and get a reality check there too.

It is tough and at SAM Bristol it was perhaps reassuring in some ways to hear every talking about the same issues that we are facing, knowing that we aren't the outlier and that we are all in this together.

However, at the Society we are lucky enough to hear about all the amazing things that are happening around the country as well as the struggles. It was lovely to see all the photos online of the Awareness week where all members of the SAM MDT got involved to celebrate and food was shared across the four nations. We are also seeing the improvements people are making all the time in their units, whether it be a small QIP or a reorganisation of the whole department with a new enhanced care area.

On a national level our Research, QI and Education committees continue to work really hard to ensure that we are doing great Research and QI projects as well as supporting smaller research projects with our grants and also ensuring that we are providing the best possible training and education for our current and future workforce. Our conference teams have taken on the challenge of hybrid conferences and had huge successes and a big congratulations to TakeAIM for their hard work putting together their excellent (sold out!) conference last week.

A thank you can make a huge difference and when we take time at work to thank people we really can see the impact it makes in a positive way.

So despite all the pressures, there is much to be proud of and an awful lot of hard work, and as a Society representing you, we do want to thank you, a full meaningful thank you, for continuing to provide the care and hard work and make it easy for us to be proud of the work Acute Medicine is doing as we represent the Society nationally.