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Conferences & Webinars

Less than 2 months to go until ScouseSAM! We are really excited and the eventage team have used the experience of SAMGlasgow to put together what promises to be a great conference. It is 29th and 30th April and there is still time to register as an early bird and get the cheaper fee! Programme and registration available via the SAM website or at www.scousesam.org

You don't have to wait long for great CPD though – we have a new series of webinars to enjoy on the

- 9th March 1900-2100
- 20th May 1900-2100
- 15th June 1900-2100

The link for registration and more details of the talks;

<https://www.eventsforce.net/saminars2021>

Changes to membership categories

We are trying to tidy up our SAM database of members (we have currently got lots of different job roles that makes it really hard for us to see how many pharmacists/ trainees/ AHP's etc we have). We will be sending out a letter to get you to follow a simple link to confirm your role – please do complete this, it will really help us.

Council posts coming up

We have the following positions coming up over the summer this year;

- Vice President
- Secretary
- New consultant representative

It is an honour and a pleasure to work on SAM council and offers a different perspective to both clinical work and managerial roles within your trust. It gives people the opportunity to look at the national direction of Acute Medicine and get involved. We would strongly encourage you to apply yourselves, or if it is not for you then encourage your colleagues to do so. The details of these will be emailed out to you in late spring so plenty of time to consider!



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FAMUS committee– AHP rep needed

The FAMUS committee are delighted to welcome Simon Biart as our new trainee representative. He replaces Joe Russell to whom we would like to extend our thanks for his hard work. We would also like to extend a massive thank you to our other applicants – it is heartening to see such enthusiasm amongst trainees in spreading the FAMUS agenda.

To that end, we are still looking for an AHP representative on the committee. This could be from any non-medical background, with a clear interest in POCUS and how it fits into Acute Medicine as a specialty. If you are interested, please submit a short statement of interest (<300 words) to famus@acutemedicine.org.uk by the end of March [Virginia can you amend this date depending on when the newsletter goes out – give around 4 weeks for applicants please].

We continue to expand our Supervisor pool and now have over 100 supervisors across the country. This will help us deliver FAMUS to all four corners of the UK as we look forward to finding out if POCUS will be accepted as a part of the new AIM Curriculum (decision due soon). If you have ultrasound experience and are interested in becoming a Supervisor (or creating or running a course in your area) please see further details via the website here.


Enhanced Care website – now live

The Society was pleased to support the development of a national enhanced care document helping to provide guidance for Acute Medical Units wishing to deliver enhanced care. We have created an area on the SAM website with more information, including a directory of current Enhanced Care units being run within Acute Medicine. This will serve as a source of information for new units and a network for existing units to share best practice.

If your department has an enhanced care unit we very much like to hear from you! Please contact Nick Smallwood (nicholas.smallwood@nhs.net) with your unit details and for more information, or visit the webpage here.

Regional CPD meetings

The Society is keen to encourage regional CPD meetings to foster the development of local and regional networks of best practice. We will support these meetings by paying the CPD registration fee to allow external CPD credits to be assigned. For further details, please see the website here.



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Thermometry survey – we need your views

The Society has representation on the Patient Safety Committee hosted by RCP London. As part of this work, we have been asked to see if our members can help with a project looking into the views of clinicians who use thermometers in their daily practice.

The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete and is available via this link:

<https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/oxford-clinical-thermometry-survey-copy-2>

Any queries regarding the content or project should be directed to
marta.wanat@phc.ox.ac.uk.Upcoming Elections

SAMBA 2021 on 17th of June- Save the date!

Join us for the Society for Acute Medicine Benchmarking Audit 2021 on 17th June.

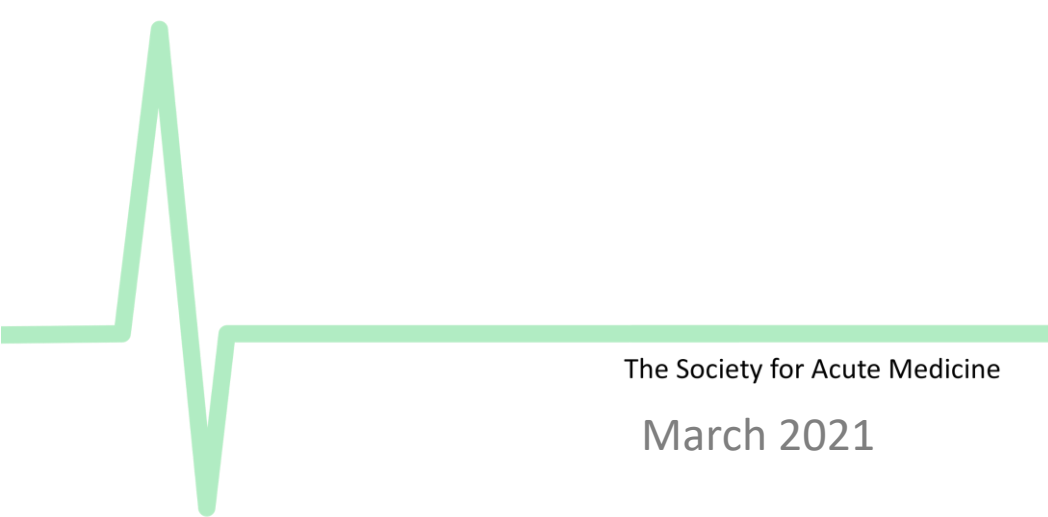
All units seeing acute medical patients, in the UK and internationally, are invited to take part – we hope SAMBA2021 will help provide data that is useful for your own units, as well as comparing each unit's performance against our Care Quality Indicators in Acute Medicine.

Acute medicine services have been under considerable pressure, worked extremely hard, and made substantial changes to the way they deliver their services over the last 12 months. We hope SAMBA2021 will help us assess the changes that have taken place and how performance has changed, but know taking part in SAMBA can take considerable time, resource and effort from each unit.

President's Update

I am so sorry it has taken so long to get a Newsletter out to you all. I hope you can understand that we've all been busy, and coupled with some time off for me, the weeks seem to have flown. From my own personal experience of ill health, I hope you are all holding up to the extraordinary pressures we have faced-and are still facing on a daily basis. We need to look after ourselves in order to look after others-something we are all bad at recognising in ourselves sometimes.

Despite that, the Society has remained busy and I thank my colleagues Nick, Vicky , Tim and Mike for picking up some of the work whilst I have been unwell.



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NHSE published its consultation document for CRS and the Society have responded robustly-with our main focus being on health inequality if patients are admitted via alternative pathways to ED. We are also heavily involved with the GIRFT programme and the Society (and me personally) passes thanks to Mike Jones and Phil Dyer for their work on this-their pragmatic approach to an incredibly difficult job is inspiring.

SDEC work with NHSE continues apace, and getting the work recognised that AIM teams do day in and day out at times been frustrating, but we are productively moving forward and will be sharing the focus and planning for the next steps soon (this work, like almost everything else has been delayed by Covid).

With SAMScouse just around the corner, I encourage you all to register and I hope we can build on the success of our previous online conference. The programme looks excellent and again thanks to Vicky and the organising team for their fantastic work bringing it together. Leading on from this, the government's recent announcements means that SAMLondon may well be the first time our Acute medicine family can get together since this all began-I can't wait to see you all there!

Before I move on to news from other colleagues, I'd like to mention two friends of the Society who have recently died and left a huge legacy as well as sadness in their passing. Donal O'Donaghue was the Registrar of RCPL, a kind and generous man whose passion for acute medicine was evident. He was a kidney doctor, and worked hard at addressing health inequalities as well as equality and diversity in the workplace. He was a staunch ally for me and I miss him greatly. Cliff Mann was previously President of RCEM, and at a time when EM and AIM were seemingly at odds, he worked hard at helping build the productive relationship we have with our ED colleagues today. More recently, he worked for NHSE looking after UEC, and whilst the last conversation I had with him was a robust difference of opinion, I am comforted by the fact that he has always tried to support AIM. He was a fantastic, knowledgeable colleague who I will miss bouncing ideas off. SAM sends our thoughts, love and condolences to their family, friends and colleagues.

That's enough from me, please look after yourselves, get your vaccines and stay safe. Thanks for all you do.

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