

# NEWSLETTER

## **March 2023**

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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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#### **SAMCopenhagen**

The Society for Acute Medicine's Spring 2023 Conference will take place on 4-5 May 2023 at the Scandic Hotel in Copenhagen. SAM hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us in-person in the beautiful city of Copenhagen. The conference has both in-person and virtual attendance options available.

Working with our European colleagues, we have created a great programme for you to enjoy and learn from.

Those registering as virtual attendees will be able to watch all sessions online both live and on demand for 3 months following the conference. The conference virtual platform also offers the opportunity to message and network with other conference attendees.

Nurses/AHPs/Pharmacists/PAs qualify for the 3 for 2 offer – pay for only 2 places for 3 people to attend. Contact <a href="mailto:samconference@eventage.co.uk">samconference@eventage.co.uk</a>

REGISTER at: www.samcopenhagen.org



#### **Educational evenings**

We are providing a series of monthly education sessions this year and they are being led by a different member of our MDT representatives each month. These sessions all have CPD accreditation and the idea is to provide some free education sessions for all including those members of SAM that don't always find it easy to get access to a study budget. Please do join these and also let your team members know about these. We are also keen to get suggestions for speakers and topics, so do please let us know!

Next sessions are:

Tuesday 28 March 2023: Stroke, Brendan Black (PA led session)

Tuesday 18 April 2023: VTE dilemmas, Elaine Clark (ACP led session)

Tuesday 16 May 2023: Managing Mental Health patients on an Acute Medical Unit, Simon Woodward & Sean McDonnell (nurse led session)

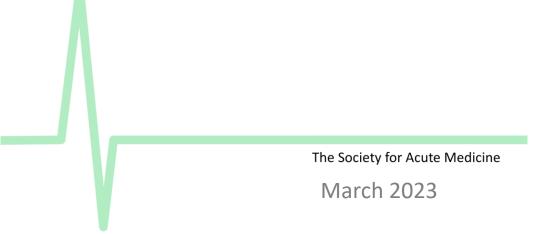
Wednesday 21 June 2023: Preventing Deconditioning in the AMU, Brian Dolan (AHP led session)

Register at: <a href="https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/sam-events/sam-educational-evenings-march-june-2023/">https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/sam-events/sam-educational-evenings-march-june-2023/</a>

#### <u>Trainee survey – from Gordon McKinnon, our trainee rep</u>

We are keen to understand the breadth of specialist skills used by acute medics, as well as supporting those training in different skills. Please take a minute to complete this short survey for consultants: https://forms.gle/WVZqsfNxPvc1LqWG6 or

trainees: <a href="https://forms.gle/PB1dHX1DWS5C65ms7">https://forms.gle/PB1dHX1DWS5C65ms7</a> to help us see the range of skills used across the UK.



#### **UTI study (from Dr Sue Crossland)**

Dear all

I'm very excited to share we are recruiting for a huge UK-wide study on antibiotic durations in UTIs.

This is a brilliant opportunity to get involved in AIM relevant research. We will offer loads of support to involved teams. I have enclosed a feasibility document as an attachment and would be happy to give more info if needed. Please sign up if you can – see appendix to newsletter for more information.

#### **Cellulitis study**

Researchers from the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences are interested in interviewing UK based healthcare professionals (e.g. nurses, emergency nurse practitioners, paramedics, GPs and hospital doctors) to understand your experiences of the challenges surrounding the diagnosis and management of cellulitis.

The interview would take up to 60 minutes, and be held online or by telephone.

If you decide to take part you will be compensated with a £40 gift voucher and receive a certificate of participation for Continuing Professional Development. Please read the <u>Participant Information</u> <u>Sheet</u> and contact us at <u>uhsussex.cellulitis@nhs.net</u>. For more information go to <a href="https://www.community.healthcare.mic.nihr.ac.uk/cellulitis">https://www.community.healthcare.mic.nihr.ac.uk/cellulitis</a>

Thank you for your time and consideration.



### **Climate Change and Health Scorecard initiative**

SAM are very well aware of the impact of climate change and also our responsibility to look at changes we can make to tackle this crisis.

SAM has been invited to assess its sustainability by the climate and health scorecard initiative alongside other organisations such as RCP. The pilot of this initiative was peer reviewed and published open-access in the Journal of Climate Change and Health: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.joclim.2022.100164">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.joclim.2022.100164</a>

We will keep you updated on this and likely be asking for interested people to get involved with projects in the future.