



NEWSLETTER

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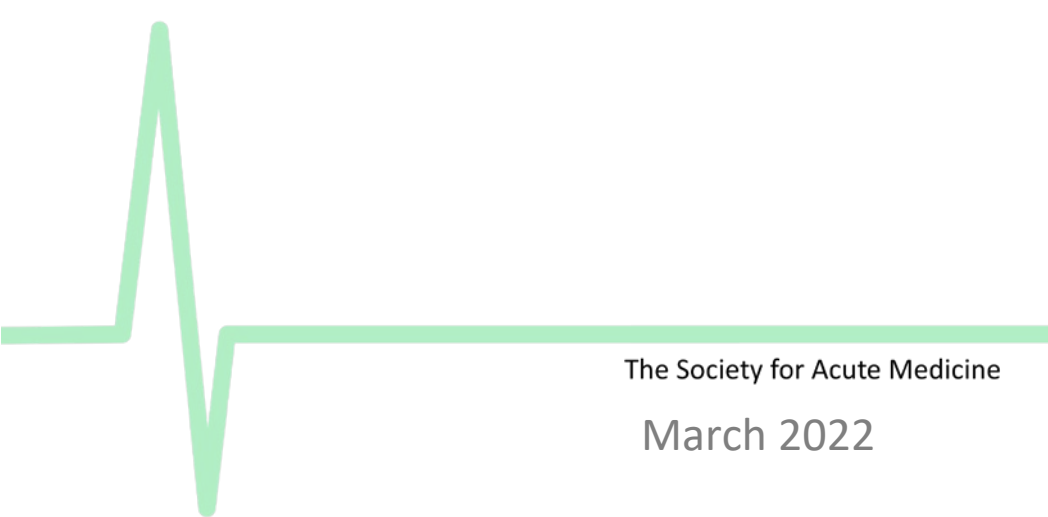
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SAMBristol



There is still time to register for our upcoming SAM conference in Bristol on the 24th and 25th March. 12 CPD points have been approved by the RCP and the programme is excellent. Once again you have the option of attending in person or watching via a virtual stream. This will be available after the conference so you can watch at your own convenience. All members of the MDT are welcome.

Register here



<https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/sam-events/sambristol-24-25-march-2022/>

Webinars

SAMinars 2022, Series 1: Clinical Practice Hot Topic Webinars

The SAMinars are back in 2022 with a new format! Each webinar will focus on one topic and offer an interactive opportunity to discuss and debate current challenges and topics within acute medicine.

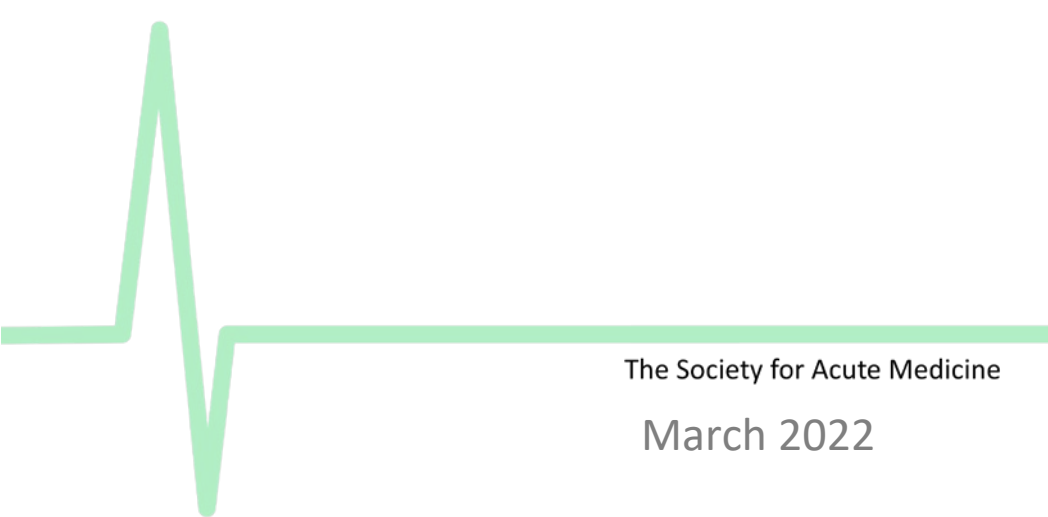
2022, Series 1 SAMinar Dates

Tuesday 10 May 2022, 1900hrs-2045hrs: Workforce session

Thursday 16 June 2022, 1900hrs-2045hrs: Trainee Session

The SAMinars are **FREE** to attend for SAM members. A standard rate of £20 will be charged to non-member doctors, £10 for non-member nurses/AHPs/pharmacists and FREE for undergraduates (you must have a University email address to register with). Copy and paste the link below to register

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Frailty and Urgent Care Meeting



And if one great conference isn't enough, 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.

Organised by the British Geriatrics Society, Royal College of Emergency Medicine and the Society of Acute Medicine.

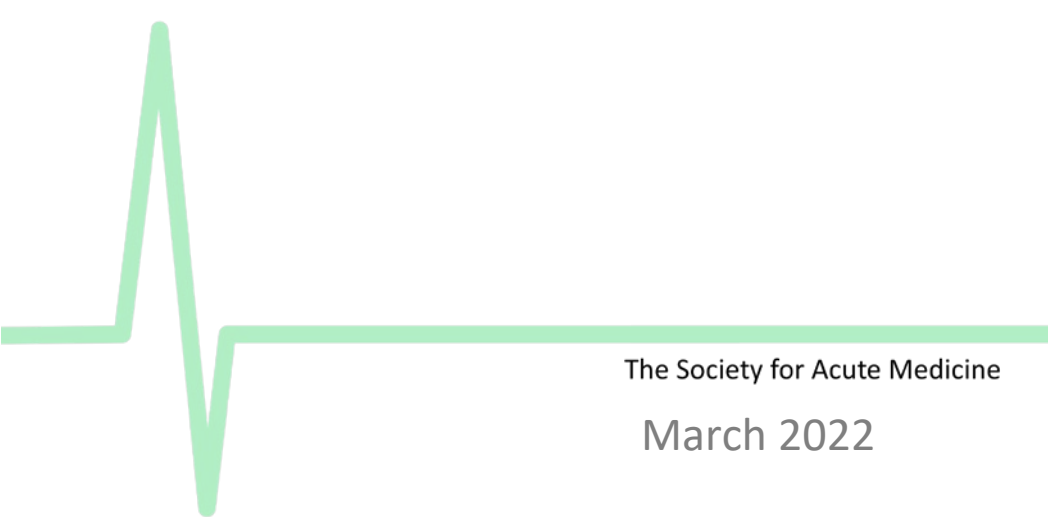
Credits

This meeting has applied for 6 credits of live CPD credit (expires 8 August 2022) and 6 credits Distance learning CPD accreditation (expires 08 July 2023) from the Royal College of Physicians (RCP)

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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A note from our ACP Rep Elaine Clark

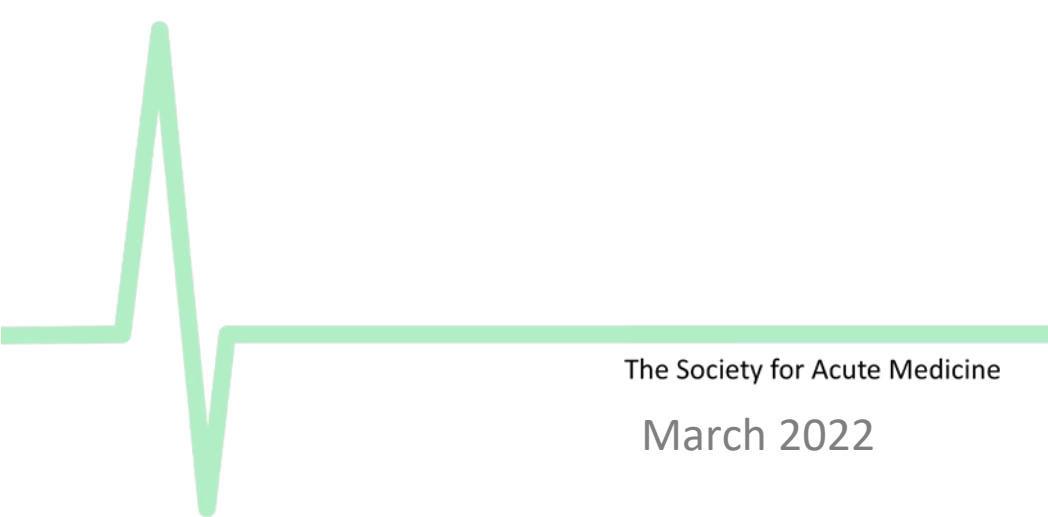
As we leave winter and start our Covid recovery plans there has never been a better time to be involved in Advanced Practice. Up and down the UK Acute Medicine will be looking at workforce redesign to accommodate new ways of working and redesigning roles. This means a lot of new advanced practice roles are coming up in all of the multidisciplinary teams. Some great examples of this are within the ambulance service with Advanced Practice paramedics, frailty teams with OT and PT staff training in advanced practice and some pharmacy staff not only independently prescribing but starting to clerk patients in to AMUs. The national curriculum in England will be launched soon and will help support staff involved in the redesign of services, but within the devolved nations there are some amazing examples of portfolio requirements in Advanced Practice and SAM has been working with many units to help this development.

We need as many of you to share your amazing work within the SAM community. The best way to showcase this is by sharing your work with posters at SAM conferences. Some of the best posters I have seen since my first conference in 2000 have been from ACP staff. There will be webinars in the future on how to write an abstract and present your work but if you haven't already please do register for SAM Bristol either in person or virtually where you can see examples of this, interact with peers and learn from some of the finest speakers on the conference circuit. See you in Bristol!

Election Results

We're delighted to let you know that Moni Choudhury has been re-elected as the PA representative. Moni has worked really hard over the last three years to set in place a number of initiatives for SAM PAs (see below!) as well as working on the curriculum so we look forward to having her on council for another term! It was good to get so much interest from great candidates and really lovely to see a growing number of PAs join SAM and we're looking forward seeing them get involved in the Society.

The communications role remains unfilled at present and we will be looking for interested people in the summer. This is open to all members of the Society and as it is a new role is there to be shaped by the successful applicant. Do talk to any of SAM council if you would be interested to join council and want more details.



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PA teaching sessions

We have had great success with our PA teaching sessions and the next one is on 6th April 7-8pm

“Infectious Disease Presentations on the AMU” with Dr Joseph Lewis

The teaching session is open to both qualified and student Physician Associates in all things acute and general medicine.

The session will be run on the Zoom Webinar platform.

Please do encourage your PA's and student PA's to register for this – it is completely free

Copy and paste this link into your browser to register

<https://www.eventsforce.net/eventage/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=99529&eventID=194>

Trainee Rep update

The new AIM curriculum is in the final stages of approval and will include Point of Care Ultrasound competency. A great deal of hard work has gone into this with so many positive changes but it will obviously require some transition and teething. Once it is finalised we will ensure trainees get thorough information and will be arranging virtual sessions/Q+A's to enable all affected by the change the opportunity to become well-informed so keep an eye on your inbox for an invite to this.

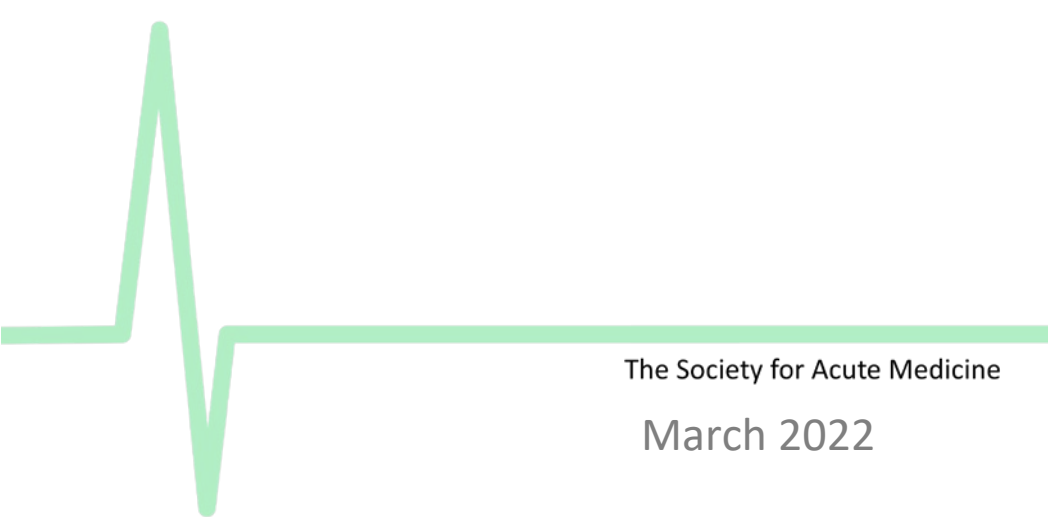
Look out for Kelham's Acting Up blog on the SAM website. He has been sharing his experiences of the process to hopefully shed some light for those of you approaching this stage.

<https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/education-hub/inside-the-mind-of-an-acute-medic/>

SAM have launched the 'Learning Hub' on their website allowing members to access recorded virtual learning for free. We have asked regional TPDs to take turns providing material so please consider recording your training days and checking they are suitable for sharing as we would love to include them.

Interested in Research or QI? We have SAM sub-committees that are keen for enthusiastic trainees to get involved with developing these areas and contributing to national projects. Email us to find out more.

Our email is traineerep@acutemedicine.org.uk if you would like to contact us about any of the above as well as any training issues or suggestions.



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Fee Increase

As per the AGM in SAMLondon, SAM are increasing their fees. We are taking this opportunity to also tidy up our membership categories, which will enable us to ensure that you are kept up to date about things that are most relevant to you and make sure we are truly representing our members.

You do not need to do anything about this at the moment but it is really important that you **respond when you do get the emails regarding this as without your up to date job role the default will be that you will be charged the fee from the highest tier**. We are sending emails about this nearer the time and we will also be posting out information. The details will also be on our website. As usual, please don't hesitate to contact us with any queries.

AKI Survey

Please can you complete this survey to identify how Acute Injury Care (AKI) care is being delivered at your hospital. The survey is being led by UK Kidney Association (UKKA) and will support the work of UKKA AKI Specialist Interest Group (SIG), the NHSE/I Renal Service Transformation programme and the Society for Acute Medicine (SAM). Your response will be used to inform the development of the optimal AKI pathway of care which is currently under review.

We anticipate the survey will take 10 minutes of your time. We will be grateful if you could complete the survey by **Friday 25th March 2022**. We will try and send a reminder if you have forgotten to complete the survey.

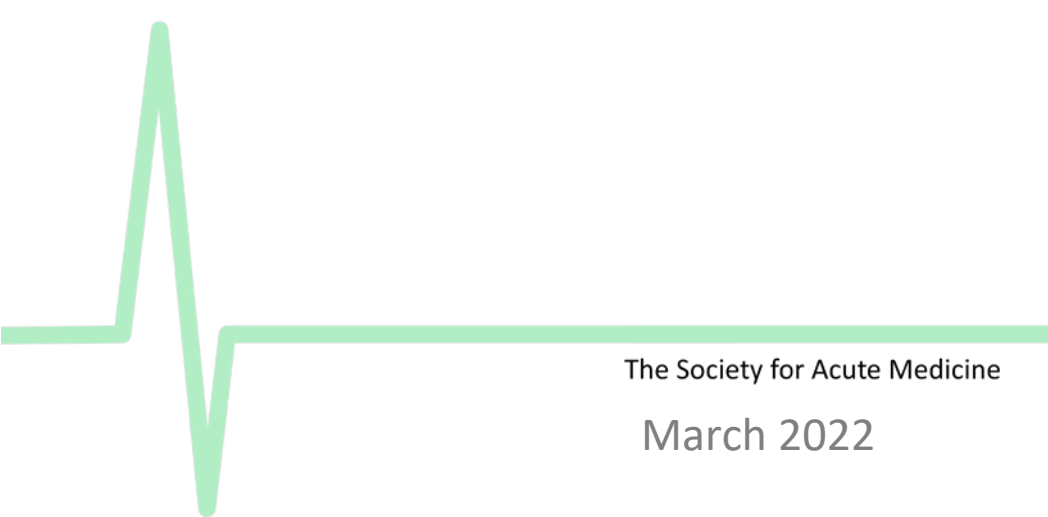
The link is below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/KKcP8ZtkB2>

FAMUS update

The FAMUS team are working hard to prepare for the introduction of the new AIM curriculum, which we hope will include bedside ultrasound as a core skill.

As part of these preparations, we are delighted to welcome two new regional representatives to the working group: **Zoe Harzeli** from Scotland and **Padraig Headley** from Northern Ireland.



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This will allow us to support the regional delivery of ultrasound training and help iron out any issues as they arise. We are very grateful for their input to the group which means all four nations are now fully represented.

Alongside this, the number of Supervisors registered continues to steadily increase and courses are starting to restart following the difficulties of the last two years.

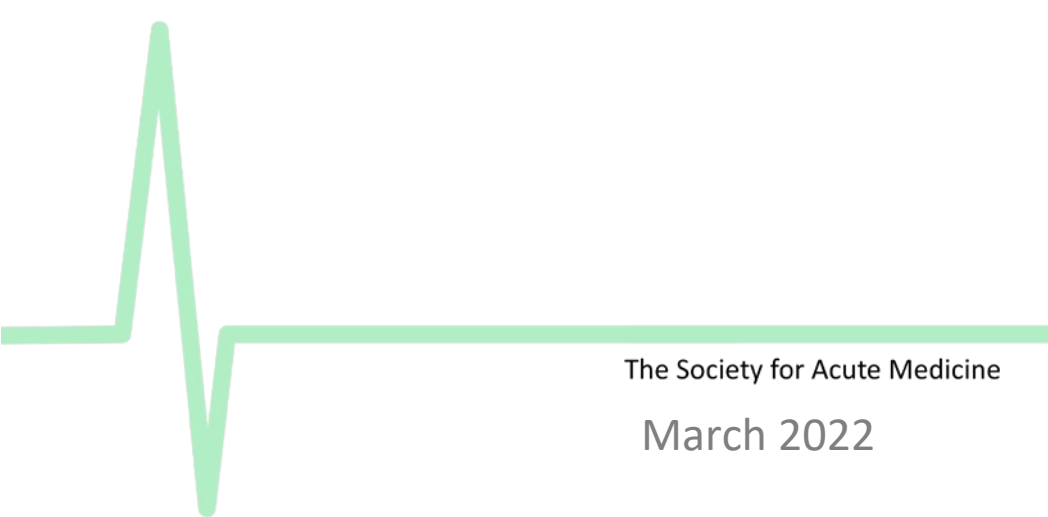
There remains a wealth of information about the accreditation and training process available on the Society [FAMUS webpage](#), with links to free educational and learning resources. In addition, there is an FAQ section with contact details to help answer any queries.

And Finally

Whilst working in the NHS at the moment, it is very obvious the true nature of the sustained demands on all of us, no matter what role we are in. The current stresses are not necessarily hitting the top of the headlines every day due to the tragic events unfolding internationally, but they are being discussed at National meetings and SAM are doing their very best to represent our members and your views. For those of you that haven't seen it, "Six to help Fix" is just one of our policy documents, as well as the previous documents produced around SDEC /Ambulatory care and what those areas should (and shouldn't) be used for (see links below). More policy documents will be released at SAMBristol.

Our aim is to represent you as our members and we want to make sure we are getting this right. Please keep telling us your views/frustrations/ successes and get involved. We need to continually keep reminding each other and ourselves that we are doing an incredible job and of the real value that Acute Medicine brings to patient care within the hospital and never tire of telling people just how important it is as a specialty. ¹

¹ Jones, Mike: The evidence for acute internal medicine and acute medical units: [Future Hospital Journal 2016 Vol 3, No 1: 45-8](#)



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<https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Six-to-help-fix-Acute-medicines-tips-to-improve-in-hospital-flow-FINAL-26-01-2022.pdf>

<https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/download/standards-for-ambulatory-emergency-care/>

<https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/download/joint-statement-rcem-and-sam-regarding-same-day-emergency-care/>