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Webinars

We hope you have enjoyed the webinars so far. We have one further webinar in the current series to look forward to. Free to all SAM members. For more information on topics and registration please go to the SAM website

15th June 7-9pm

Council posts coming up

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


- Vice President
- Secretary
- New consultant representative
- Trainee 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 the next couple of months so have a think and feel free to get in touch for an informal chat. If you email our administrator at administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk she will put you in touch with the most appropriate person.

You will receive an email in the next few weeks so look out!

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.



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Help get your staff involved

SAM is a truly multidisciplinary specialty and we are really proud of this. We want to continue to encourage all members of the MDT to join the society. Having links with members all over the three nations really helps us to be able to make plans and policies that truly represent all staff who work within acute medicine and also helps us to get the correct representation on all committees.

Our pharmacy representative Jan Basey has asked "Please let your pharmacist colleagues know that SAM membership is available to pharmacists and discounted rates are available for pharmacists for the excellent SAM conferences".

This is echoed by all our MDT reps, so please encourage your staff to get in touch with our representatives and look at ways to get involved in the society.

Vacancy for a member of the Acute Medicine Specialty Certificate Examining Board

The Society for Acute Medicine and the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK are seeking to appoint a member of the Acute Medicine SCE Board. **Please see the attached letter to get more details** and how to apply. This is an essential post for SAM so please do help us and get involved. The deadline is the 7th June 2021.

SAM Policy documents


As we are about to celebrate our 21st Birthday party, we have decided to update some of our visions and standards for Acute Medicine. This will include the creation of some new policy documents too. If you are interested in shaping the future of acute medicine then please get in touch and join us.

21st Birthday Party

SAM is 21 this year and we are planning to celebrate this in style. We are still unsure of what government restrictions will be like for our Conference in London in October but we are keen to hear any ideas you may have for us to celebrate our birthday.

FAMUS Update

We are delighted to welcome Hattie Jones to the FAMUS committee as our first AHP rep. Hattie is a physio in Reading and has been using lung ultrasound to improve the care she gives to patients. We are excited to use her expertise to help improve the delivery of FAMUS to a wide range of healthcare professionals.



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Supervisor numbers continue to increase. We now have 120 registered supervisors across the UK, including at least one in every training area in the UK. We continue to work hard to increase the supervisor pool, which will be a crucial part of the aspiration to deliver POCUS as a core part of the 2022 curriculum.

Please see the [FAMUS section of the SAM website](#) for details of how to become a supervisor, or to find out more about the accreditation process or access learning materials.

Research update

Multidisciplinary Research

A study to investigate the potential antecedents and risk factors for workplace violence in one acute medical unit and along the emergency care pathway (VOICed) will commence with funding from June 2021 for twelve months. This research is a collaborative venture between mental health and acute care, using mixed methods and co-design workshops. The aim is to inform the adaption or development of a violence risk-screening tool and produce a decision-tree detailing that steps that nurses can take to prevent predicted violence. For further information please contact: Liz.Lees-Deutsch@nhs.net


SAM funded research grants

We are excited to announce that SAM will be offering 3 small grants of up to £2,000 for emerging researchers to help develop research studies with the potential to produce grant or Fellowship applications in the future. These will awarded on a competitive basis, applications focussed on collaborative research and with potential to aid in clinical academic career development are encouraged. Full details of the application process along with the application form will be available on the SAM website from 1st July.

SAM Research Network

The SAM Research team would like to invite all research active and research interested SAM members to join a SAM Research Network. The aim is to collaboratively develop multi-centres studies in Acute Medicine, and to share experiences through quarterly Network meetings. Please follow this link to join up. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CXWFJ8J> We would like to encourage a multidisciplinary membership to foster a broad range of perspectives.

Alongside this, we would like to understand how to promote research delivery and recruitment to research and trials in acute medicine. The vital role played by AMUs across the country for COVID trials such as RECOVERY highlighted the role that Acute Medicine can play in advancing medical practice. As



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recruitment to non-COVID trials is re-established, we would like to know whether Units are interested in hearing about clinical trials relevant to our practice that they may be able to recruit patients to. If this is of interest to you, please follow this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CGPZ6FK>

Opportunity for trial participation

The NIHR funded CHAPS trial (Compression hosiery to avoid post thrombotic syndrome) is seeking new sites for recruitment. The trial randomises patients with first presentation DVT to either standard therapy or therapy with the addition of compression hosiery.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the trial manager Sarrah Peerbux on s.peerbux@imperial.ac.uk. Further detail on the trial protocol and other documents can be found at: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/department-surgery-cancer/research/surgery/clinical-trials/chaps-trial/>

If you wish to receive emails related to different clinical trials related to acute medicine please email administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk so that we can create a bespoke mailing list rather than emailing all members. Your assistance with this is really appreciated.