



NEWSLETTER

May 2024

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Remember: If you have anything you wish to share with SAM members, please let us know by emailing administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk

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SAM Brighton

After the great success of SAM Belfast, many thanks to all those involved in delivering an excellent Conference, we are headed to SAM Brighton:

The Society for Acute Medicine's Autumn 2024 Conference will take place on 10-11th October 2024 at the Hilton Brighton Metropole.

Registration and Abstract Submission opens in June 2024.

SAM Educational Evening May 2024

The next SAM Educational Evening will be 29th May at 19.30

Topic: Acute Kidney Injury

Speaker: Dr Qiao Zhou (Acute Medicine & Nephrology Consultant – University Hospitals Bristol and Weston Foundation Trust)

1 CPD

[Register here](#)

TakeAIM Summer Conference – Newcastle

*Student fee now reduced to £20! [Register here](#)

Newcastle!

Are you ready for a career in Acute Medicine?

Find out at our takeAIM
conference this summer!

Saturday 1st June 2024
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Newcastle

A one day event aimed at Foundation Doctors,
IMT Doctors and Medical Students interested in
a career in Acute Medicine.

Talks on topics including:

- A day in the life of an Acute Medic
- Point of Care Ultrasound on the Acute take
- Specialist skill development in AIM

Masterclasses in:

- Point of Care Ultrasound
- Acute Medicine applications

**Don't forget to
take part in our
poster competition too!**

Tickets £80 (£35 for Medical students)

Book now at <https://www.eventsforce.net/eventage/238/home>

Poster submission deadline 30th April 2024



Call for Applications from SAM Research

This is a call for applications for SAM Research Committee.

Please see the message below from **Liz Sapey, Research Lead for SAM:**

Dear SAM members

We are looking for people passionate about research in Acute Medicine to join the SAM Research Committee. We are looking for people from different professional backgrounds, interested in different types of research and with different levels of research experience. We welcome everyone!

There are terms of reference for the committee and membership is for 2 years in the first instance. We will meet virtually each quarter, with meetings planned well in advance.

Initially, I hope that the SAM research committee will help build the SAM Research Academy. Faculty members of the Academy is for people with some research experience, supporting others through mentorship, training, and peer support. I hope all members of the SAM Research Committee will join the faculty.

For those with less or no research experience, you are still very welcome! There will be opportunities to join the Academy and help shape how the Academy runs and benefit from the training and research focused events we are planning.

There is a lot of do, and every contribution helps.

The application form can be accessed by the following link and QR Code:

<https://forms.office.com/e/C06uvEWYck>



EcoSAM Sustainable QI Project



The Society for Acute Medicine is proud to be able to offer an exciting opportunity to get involved in a sustainability QI project, where you can make a difference to the carbon footprint AND win £1000!

We have opened the competition now and the closing date will be early 2025 in order for us to mark and allow the winning team to present their project at the Spring conference. This will allow teams enough time to evaluate the impact of any changes and we would expect submissions to follow the usual QI methodology.

For more information and the marking scheme etc - please click on this link and scroll to the bottom of the page:

<https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/sustainability-sig/>

SAM – FAMUS Butterfly Cloud

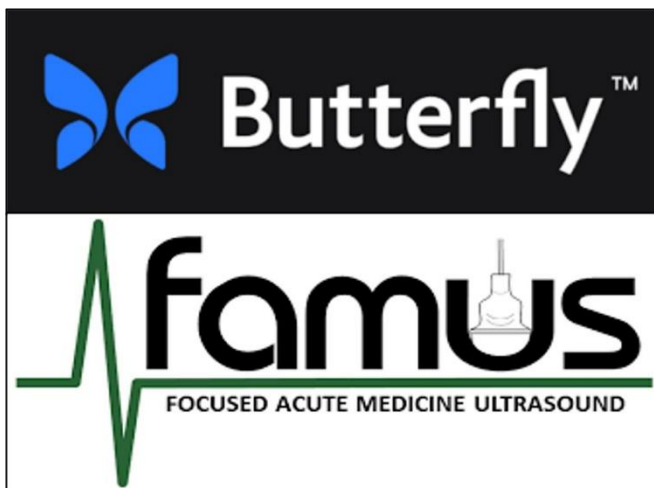
The Society and FAMUS are delighted to announce the launch of the SAM-Butterfly national cloud.

We have worked with Butterfly Network to develop a national training platform to help people undertaking FAMUS training achieve their competencies. This is the first collaboration of its kind in the world and it is hoped will remove some barriers to achieving FAMUS competence for all interested clinicians.

This cloud is free to access for FAMUS registrants and SAM members and will allow those in possession of a Butterfly device to register, upload training scans with reports, and link with local Supervisors to have those scans reviewed. The user can generate training logs, QA reports and receive feedback on training scans if a local mentor or Supervisor is not available. Further details are available [here](#).

Additionally, all registered FAMUS Supervisors have the option of free registration to allow you to remotely support trainees in your region.

SAM members, registered FAMUS candidates or Supervisors who wish to gain access to the Cloud need to fill in this [short form](#).



CASE NOTE REVIEWERS REQUIRED NCEPOD

Blood Sodium Study NCEPOD is undertaking a study to evaluate the recognition and treatment of abnormal blood sodium in hospital. Patients admitted as an emergency and those that develop abnormal blood sodium in hospital are included.

We are recruiting a multi-disciplinary group of healthcare professionals with a working interest in blood sodium. We are looking to identify remediable factors in the quality of care received by patients and produce a national report with recommendations to improve the quality of care provided.

Case reviewers will be asked to attend meetings during which they will assess case note extracts and questionnaires and provide expert opinions on the quality of healthcare received by patients with abnormal blood sodium. The training day will be held in September (date to be confirmed, and if you are unable to make this date, training on an ad hoc basis is possible). You would typically be required to attend a minimum of 4 subsequent case reviewer meetings at the NCEPOD offices in London. It is anticipated case review meetings will begin in October and will run for approximately 6 months. The data collected during these meetings will form a major part of the study's final report. Travel expenses will be reimbursed in line with our expense forms.

We are looking for senior clinicians from a wide variety of specialties, including (and not limited to) endocrinology, nephrology, general medicine, acute medicine, intensive care medicine, neurology and general surgery.

We aim to recruit senior clinicians (grade ST6 and above or equivalent) to ensure that applicants have enough experience for the case note review. All applicants should be in current clinical practice.

Further information about this study including a copy of the study protocol can be found on the webpage: <https://www.ncepod.org.uk/Bloodsodium.html>

If you would be interested in acting as a case note reviewer for this study, please send a copy of your CV (short version) via email to the contact details below.

The deadline for applications is the 7th June 2024.

VTE risk assessment reinstated (April 2024)

NHS England have reinstated data collection regarding as of 1 April 2024 with the first collection due in July 2024. As per previous feedback to NHSE, which favoured the reinstatement, the collection will not include any new metrics and has been reinstated as per the previous collection which was paused during the pandemic. Updated guidance will be published shortly [here](#).

Council Representative Posts coming up...

Nurse Representative

We will be advertising for Nurse Representative in the next few weeks.

Trainee Representative

We will be advertising for a Trainee Representative over the summer.

Successfully Elected Representatives will start their role at SAMBrighton in October 2024.

...And Finally

As the WhatsApp based Community of Practice for AIM Trainees & New Consultants approaches its 10th Year with a growing membership of >200 offering peer support on AIM related issues and relevant questions.

We are in the process of expanding this offering to other members of Acute Medicine MDT.

From Ekta Punj (SAM Pharmacy Representative):

An acute medicine pharmacy group has been set up with a hope to share good practices between Trusts and support our pharmacy teams, please can you share the below QR code with your local pharmacy teams. (SAM Membership is not required)

For any queries, please email pharmacy@acutemedicine.org.uk

