

Trainee Report Winter 2015

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takeAIM update

You will hopefully be aware that the first national takeAIM conference was run in Manchester on Saturday November 14th. It was attended by around 150 Foundation and Core trainees who had a morning of lectures followed by an afternoon of small group workshops, all for only £50. Feedback was very positive and will be used to shape future takeAIM events. These are likely to include regional and/or national conferences, alongside teaching workshops and possibly simulation events. For further information or to contact the fellows, please tweet (@take__AIM – remember there's two underscores), or e-mail takeaim@acutemedicine.org.uk.

In addition, the fellows are setting up a national network of AIM registrars to act as local mentors for trainees interested or just starting out in a career in acute medicine. This project is being led by Zoe Jones (zjones27@gmail.com) and Lynsey Threlfall (ladytruffle10@gmail.com) who are keen for you to get in touch if this sounds appealing. As always, please keep an eye on the website which will remain the main source of information (takeaim.org.uk).

Trainee collaboratives

Some of you may have heard the presentation from Paarul Prinja in Bristol that introduced the West Midlands Acute Medicine Collaborative (WAMC), which is run exclusively by trainees. It is an exciting arrangement of interested AIM registrars who are joining together to set-up regional quality improvement and research projects, with the first AKI project in progress. It is being led by Adam Seccombe (dr.seccombe@doctors.org.uk). There's real potential to develop some solid research data and improve the care for AMU patients on a regional level.

There is a desire to spread the regional collaborative idea across the country and create an AIM research network. Neil Patel (n.b.patel@doctors.org.uk) is working with HEE and one of his roles is to achieve this goal. If anyone has any interest in doing something in their region, or has any questions or queries about regional collaboratives,

then both Adam and Neil and keen to hear from you at the addresses above.

In addition, Neil is co-ordinating a whatsapp group of AIM trainee reps and those trainees interested in medical education, leadership and/or research as a forum to share ideas and solve issues. Anyone wishing to join should contact him at the address above.

2016 AIM trainee survey

We published the results of the 2015 trainee survey last edition and hopefully the data was interesting, useful and showed that we are keen to use it to improve AIM training. We will be running a similar survey early in 2016 and are keen for as many of you as possible to respond, and will again strive to publish that data ASAP. By comparing 2015 to 2016 we will be able to see where we have improved and where we need to improve, and take that to the National Training committee. Please look out for an e-mail from the SAM office with details of the survey link

Specialty Advisory Committee update

The committee sat in October and as always are looking to keep the curriculum as up to date as possible, including for procedural and specialist skills. Look out for any updates via the JRCPTB or this journal where we will keep you informed when they are approved. The annual GMC survey questions have been reworded by the committee so they will hopefully be more AIM relevant this year

SAMBelfast

The time has come to start thinking about SAMBelfast, 5th-6th May 2016. Flights are readily available from most regional airports and this far ahead of time are good value so thinking about booking your place early. As always there will be an interesting programme of lectures and workshops and it is a great opportunity to showcase your work through poster presentations. Details can be found via www.acutemedicine.org.uk.

And finally, good luck to all of you who sat the SCE this year. By the time this goes to print you may well have your results so we hope it went well!

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