Trainee Report Autumn 2016

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New Trainee Representative

After providing years of sterling representation, Nick Smallwood will be moving on to a consultant job. Neil Patel takes his place formally at SAMEdinburgh. Neil is an ST5 trainee in Thames Valley with special interest in medical education and medical leadership. He has been working on projects to improve GIM recruitment and training, establishing trainee networks, and developing strategies to improve trainee morale over last few years with various local to national organisations. He is looking forward to bringing this project experience to his new role with SAM to improve and develop the trainee experience in Acute Medicine.

FAMUS is here!

We're pleased to announce that Focused Acute Medicine Ultrasound, the ultrasound standard developed specifically for AIM, has now been launched. The standard has been approved as a specialist skill in ultrasound, and can be completed alongside your clinical commitments. It is hoped that FAMUS will allow AIM trainees to gain ultrasound skills that they can use at the front door to directly influence patient care, in a training programme that is relevant and achievable. The big barrier initially will be locating a suitable supervisor, but the FAMUS committee are working hard to increase the pool of Supervisors ASAP. Anyone interested in accrediting in FAMUS or applying to become a Supervisor can find further details on the FAMUS section of the SAM website (www.acutemedicine.org.uk/FAMUS).

takeAIM

After a successful summer Conference in Birmingham – the takeAIM team are busy planning the winter Conference. This will be held in Bristol on the 26th November at the M Shed Museum. Feedback from the last two conferences has been excellent, with delegates enjoying a mix of lectures and master-classes. Practical echocardiography and ultrasound has been popular and a clinical reasoning session proved thought provoking. The format for Bristol remains unchanged and includes some great clinical talks, as well as ECG and prioritisation master-classes.

For a full programme and booking page – please see takeAIM.org.uk.

The team are also going to be hosting regional events, takeAIM Sessions, starting after the new year. If you are interested in holding one in your region, please get in touch.

Please keep telling all your juniors about takeAIM and pointing them towards our website and Twitter accounts.

In the near future we are looking to increase our takeAIM personnel. More information will be released at SAM Edinburgh. We'd love to have you on board if you have the enthusiasm and passion to improve recruitment into Acute Internal Medicine.

We would also love to hear about any local careers fairs or events in your area and are happy to offer materials and support. Please get in touch with us.

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Keep in Touch!

As always, if there are any projects you would like to take up at a national level, or generally any feedback or help we can provide, never hesitate to drop us a line!

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