

Trainee Update

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We hope that you have enjoyed the summer and the rare moments of sunshine! Now that you are settling into your new jobs since the recent changeover, we hoped you were able to make use of the extended trainee early bird discount for the October SAM conference in Manchester. If you have not yet booked spaces are still available and it's a great way to meet new people and keep updated!

SAM Outstanding Contribution Award

We are currently accepting applications for the SAM outstanding contribution award until 24th August. It has been created to recognise an outstanding contribution made by an individual to the principles or practice of Acute Medicine, on a local, national or international scale. For more info see the SAM website:

http://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=199:society-for-acute-medicine-outstanding-contribution-award&catid=2:news&Itemid=10

Specialty Certificate Examination

The next sitting of the Specialty Certificate Exam is on the 28th November 2012. Registration is available between 1 August and 19 October 2012 through the MRCP website at:

<http://www.mrcpuk.org/SCE/Specialties/Pages/AcuteMedicine.aspx>

Phil Dyer is speaking about the SCE in the trainee session at SAM Manchester – another reason to come along! We are currently updating the SCE section of the website and would be grateful for any comments or useful revision tips we can share.

WPBA Pilot

Acute Medicine trainees in the Wales, Northern and East Midlands (North) deaneries will be taking part in a new pilot for assessments that if successful is likely to be introduced nationally from August 2013. However trainees on the pre 2007 curricula will not take part in this pilot.

The key changes are that assessments have been divided into formative (Supervised Learning Events – SLE) and summative (Assessments of Performance – AOPs). SLE's are focused on identifying learning and training needs and will not be considered by the

ARCP panel to assess progression. AOPs are to be spread throughout the year (rather than the current end of job cluster). More information can be found on the JRCPTB website:

<http://www.jrcptb.org.uk/assessment/Pages/WPBA-Research-and-Pilots.aspx>

GIM Curriculum Update

For those dual accrediting please note that the GIM 2009 curriculum has been updated and eportfolio amended to incorporate the changes and all current trainees are expected to adopt the changes on a prospective basis.

JRCPTB Enrolment & Fees

Following an audit it has become apparent that not all trainees have been paying their enrolment fees (either upfront or annually when combined with collegiate membership). It is not possible to complete your training and gain a recommendation for your CCT without these being paid in full. Therefore to prevent any surprises at the end of your training please check you are up-to-date with your JRCPTB enrolment fees.

For those trainees newly appointed to ST3 in acute medicine please remember you also need to enrol with the JRCPTB even if previously enrolled during core training.

Specialist skills

If there is a specialist skill you would like to pursue which you feel is directly relevant to acute medicine but is not listed within the curriculum, please find an appropriate level or qualification that you would need to achieve that is comparable to others and discuss it with your programme director. They can then bring it to the Specialty Advisory Committee to discuss whether it's appropriate and can be counted. However, this **MUST** be done prospectively so decide and proceed with this as soon as possible in your training.

Stroke Medicine

Recent decisions have been made regarding specialist skill of stroke medicine. If you are on the dual accrediting on the 2009 curriculum in GIM and AIM (5 years indicative time) then you can count

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up to a year of stroke medicine (6 months towards AIM and 6 months towards GIM). If you are singly accrediting in AIM (4 years indicative time) then you can count up to 6 months only. In order to formally get a subspecialty recognition you require 2 years of stroke medicine training so this would need to be undertaken out of programme with the prospective credit applied for.

Recruitment

Round 2 of recruitment is just starting, at ST3 level there are provisionally 26 available NTN posts and 5 LAT posts available but this is subject to change. The West Midlands deanery is the leading deanery in round 2 so all applications, interviews and offers

will be organised by the West Midlands deanery. Please see <http://www.st3recruitment.org.uk> for further details.

Please note that from August 2013 the only recognised qualification to apply for ST3 training will be MRCP (UK) rather than any other international qualifications. The JRCPTB feel this is the only qualification they can satisfactorily quality assure.

We are looking forward to hearing what you have been up to and catching up at the SAM conference in Manchester!

If you have any suggestions or comments please get in touch we now have the new email address of trainerep@acutemedicine.org.uk