



NEWSLETTER

August 2024

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SAMBrighton



The Society for Acute Medicine's 18th Annual International Conference is on 10-11 October 2024 at the Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel. Registration is open to both in-person and virtual attendees.

[View the programme for more detail](#)

Register at www.sambrighton.org

SAM Educational Evening May 2024

The next SAM Educational Evening will be 11th September at 19.00

Topic: Obstetric Medicine for Acute Physicians – What you need to know!

Speakers: Breathlessness in pregnancy – Dr Paarul Prinja

 Chest pain and palpitations – Dr Lojana Chandrarajan

 Neurological problems – Dr Carol Postlewaite

2 CPD (Applied)

[Register here](#)

Celebrating Acute Medicine Week (23rd - 29th September)

Introducing Celebrating Acute Medicine Week (the week formerly known as Acute Medicine Awareness Week). After another challenging year, we want to highlight the amazing work being done by Acute Medical Units across the UK. We have so much to be proud of as a specialty. September is an opportunity for us all to celebrate the colleagues, ideas and innovations that make Acute Medicine special.

Following the launch of the EcoSAM competition, we're excited to announce that this year's theme will be Sustainability in Acute Medicine. We're particularly keen to hear about changes you've introduced to make your unit greener and better for the planet.

In keeping with the theme, Celebrating Acute Medicine Week will be entirely online. We won't be sending out non-sustainable merchandise as part of our commitment to promote

Acute Medicine in a more environmentally friendly way.

How to get involved

Pick something – or better yet, someone – you want to celebrate and tweet it out with the hashtag #CAMW2024. We'll be online all week, celebrating Acute Medicine and all the good work being done all year round.

Advanced Care Practitioner Update

Hope you are all looking forward to SAMBrighton and have registered. Please do not forget to take up the offer of 3 places for the price of 2 for ACP members.

Networking

We have been asked a lot recently about networking up and down the 4 nations from ACP colleagues who are both SAM members and non-members. The idea is that people want to share good practice, ask questions, share ideas and collaborate. Some people may just feel they need a support network with peer support and encouragement and to help generally lift each other up. It has been suggested that WhatsApp may be a good forum for this. Whilst this group will not be a SAM official group I will be happy to moderate this for the first 6 months or so

and of course keep everyone updated with SAM news. Once you join the group the idea is that members can add colleagues as you go along hopefully creating a UK network. To join please contact me via the SAM contact us page and I will get the ball rolling.

Celebrating Success

Moving forward I would like the ACP section of newsletter to include a celebrating success section. This could be anything from professional achievements such as academic awards, work success, QI success, the list is endless. Again, let's lift each other up and celebrate all the amazing work ACPs do for Acute Medicine every day. Contact me via the SAM contact us page and we can publish in our newsletter.

Happy summer to you all.

Elaine Clark
ACP SAM Council Representative

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

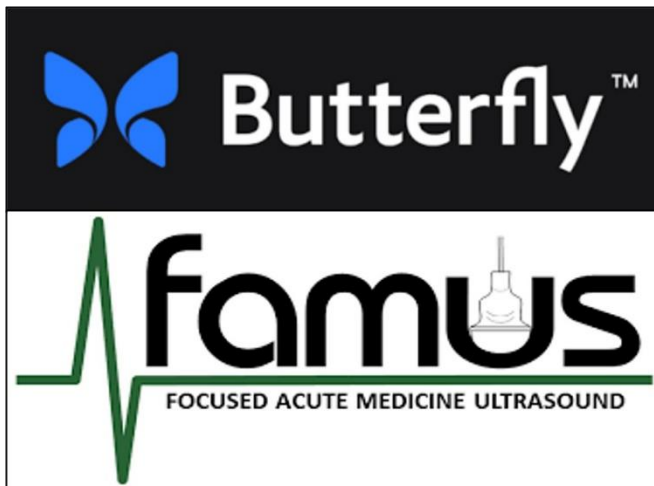
The Society and FAMUS are delighted to announce the launch of the SAM-Butterfly national cloud.

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](#).



In the first 6 weeks since launch we have over 90 candidates and 40 Supervisors signed up and using the system to support their POCUS training, with numbers increasing every week.

Nutrition management of acutely ill patients in acute medical units **– April 2024**

The purpose of this investigation was to support improvements in the identification of malnutrition and management of nutritional needs for patients within acute medical units (AMUs). Findings included that increased length of stays have resulted in a change to the role of AMUs with additional tasks required to meet the ongoing needs of patients.

Patient safety update – 25 June 2024 - Send any queries on this update to patientsafety.enquiries@nhs.net includes increased needs for nutritional screening but may also be relevant to other areas of clinical care.

HSSIB suggests several safety prompts for local organisations (local-level learning) to help improve the identification of malnutrition and management of nutritional needs in AMUs.

GIRFT leads cross-specialty clinical group to develop best practice pathway for the rare syndrome HLH

New resources to support more clinicians to recognise the rare and devastating condition HLH have been developed by the Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) team.

GIRFT has led a collaborative, cross-specialty group of clinicians towards the first consensus pathway for the little-known condition of haemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH), with the aim of raising awareness among acute care providers so that HLH is considered more often as a diagnosis. If diagnosed, the pathway and its accompanying guidance can be used to steer clinical teams through the patient's treatment and onward support.

The resources showcase consensus recommendations for care across the patient pathway, as well as best practice case studies from teams who have significantly reduced their mortality rates.

Click these links to access the resources: [GIRFT HLH pathway](#) [GIRFT HLH guidance](#)

Webinar: GIRFT is holding a webinar to discuss and consider any questions on the guidance. 'Working together to improve care and outcomes for people with suspected haemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)' takes place on 26th September from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. [Click to register](#)

Council Representative Posts coming up...

Nurse Representative

We will be advertising for Nurse Representative this week

Trainee Representative

We will be advertising for a Trainee Representative this week

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

Vacancy: Member of the Acute Medicine Specialty Certificate Standard Setting Group

The Society for Acute Medicine and the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK are seeking to appoint a member to the Acute Medicine SCE Standard Setting Group.

The successful applicant will attend meetings of the Standard Setting Group and will advise on the pass mark to be applied to the Examination paper. Members will be responsible for evaluating the level of difficulty of each question in an examination paper in order to set a pass mark; ensuring that the quality of individual questions is high and that the Examination questions are of an appropriate standard; and keeping abreast of developments in the world of medical education and medical practice ensuring that the examination papers are relevant to the curriculum.

A full list of the post's responsibilities is set out in: The Responsibilities and Duties of Members of the Part 1, Part 2 and Speciality Certificate Examining Boards. In addition, a copy of the remit and responsibilities of the examining board can be found on the MRCP(UK) website.

Applicants should meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply:

- hold the MRCP(UK) or an equivalent postgraduate diploma
- be practising as a specialist in Acute medicine, and a member or fellow of one of the three Colleges
- be registered with a licence to practise and in good standing on the GMC specialist register
- be actively engaged in the training of junior doctors in the UK (or within the last two years)
- be up-to-date as appropriate with relevant national guidelines, CPD requirements, employer's equality and diversity training and appraisal process

In addition, it is a requirement for members of the Acute Medicine SCE Standard Setting Group that they fulfil one or more of the following criteria:

- Be a member of the Question Writing Group or the appropriate Examining Board
- Have considerable knowledge of the examination
- Have experience of standard setting and question writing in an academic environment
- Understand the principles behind criterion referencing and the Hofstee method, statistical methods used and interpretation of analyses performed on individual items

This is a non-salaried position though all reasonable expenses and travel costs will be met by MRCP(UK) Central Office in line with the Federation expenses policy.

Expressions of interest (including a brief CV and a maximum of a single side single of A4 outlining your suitability for the post) should be submitted to the Policy Officer (policy.officer@mrcpuk.org) by 30th August 2024.

All applications will be considered by the Chair of the Acute Medicine Standard Setting Group.

The next Acute Medicine Standard Setting Group will take place on 3rd & 4th April 2025 and the successful applicant will be required to attend. The Acute Medicine Standard Setting Group will take place at Royal College of Physicians of London.