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Leeds Children's Hospital

15th / 16th
May 2014

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dr Robert Bingham President, APA

Newsletter April 2014



I am writing this just after the Easter holiday has finished. I hope that those of you who weren't on-call had a good break and were able to take advantage of the time off.

APA Council business has continued in its usual fashion with several requests for our views on reports from other organisations. Recent examples and the person co-ordinating our responses are as follows:

RCPCH brain stem death working group

Jon Smith

RCPCH decreased consciousness guideline

Tony Moriarty

Enhanced BNF consultation

Bob Bingham

Children's surgery in South Wales

Chris Gildersleve

RCN use of restraint

Liam Brennon

Transition between child and adult service

Chris Gildersleve

Craniofacial special surgery

Bob Bingham

BAPS, RCN, APA Commissioning document

Kathy Wilkinson

As you can see, not all of these are directly related to general paediatric anaesthesia but they all do all have aspects that could affect our work. A good example of this is the RCN document on restraint, which is primarily aimed at the treatment of adults with reduced mental capacity but which does have a small section on children. The co-ordinators role is to check through the document and look for relevant sections and then ask the other Council members for comments. If a response

is required to a consultation that directly affects your day-to-day practice, we would circulate to all members for comments but we don't feel that you would wish to have sight of all of these consultations, but please do let us know if you would.

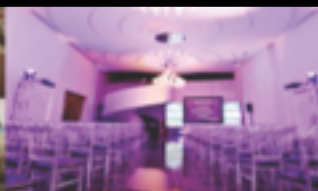
In the last newsletter, I mentioned the Commissioning document that had a statement recommending that, following general anaesthesia, all children should be recovered by registered children's nurses. We seem to have resolved this issue and the statement is now modified to say that this is an aspiration for 'best practice' rather than 'standard of care'. As I have mentioned before, the results of the survey we sent round demonstrated that few units would be able to achieve the RCN's standard and this was very helpful in the negotiations. This issue was one of the topics discussed at our regular meeting with Hilary Cass, the President of RCPCH. Another interesting topic at that meeting was the RCPCH's intention to develop of a 'one stop' website for all children's healthcare information, including evidence based guidance and drug dosages etc. The idea for this originated from the excellent Pediatric Care Online website of the American Academy of Pediatrics (www.pediatriccareonline.org).

Other Council news involves new appointments. We are very happy to welcome a new Trainee Representative on Council – Dr Elin Jones and we now have (for the 1st time) a Quality Improvement Advisor – Dr Sally Wilmshurst. Many congratulations to both of them. The other appointment is a replacement for Tony Moriarty, who steps down as Hon Secretary next year and we have unanimously selected Chris Gildersleve to replace him – commiserations to him, as this is, without doubt, the most difficult role on Council!

The Annual General Meeting in Leeds is now very close. There are some important issues to discuss; in particular, the role of the Trainee Representative on Council and the introduction of electronic voting, which we hope will be simpler, cheaper and encourage more members to vote. Both of these issues will require a change in the Articles of Association and this, in turn, requires a 75% majority vote of the members at the AGM. None of this can happen if we don't have quorum at the meeting, so please do come along and take part. This is your best opportunity to influence the role and direction of your organisation.

See you there!

Bob Bingham



CPAS/APA Joint Meeting SEPT 26-28th, 2014

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Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland

Le Loft Hotel, Montreal, Canada

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An Update from ACCEA

Kathy Wilkinson, Immediate Past President,
Chair APAGBI awards committee

This advice applies to members in England and Wales.

Last year the APA awards committee chaired by Neil Morton carried out a ranking process early in the spring for those members who requested support from APAGBI in the 2013 ACCEA round. The “window” for applications ultimately opened in late July and we were ready as an organisation to respond to this. This year it is still unclear (as of 14/4) whether any applications supported by APAGBI and submitted in the 2013 round have been successful (these are now due to be announced in April). We do not as yet have a firm date for the 2014 round, but we are informed that it may be as soon as next month.

In view of this we would like to advise those members who are considering applying for a new national award, as well as those with an existing award which is due to be reviewed in 2014 (i.e. those who received one or last had a review in 2010) to read the information on the ACCEA website carefully, and have the content of their application ready. The 2013 document on how scoring is carried out is particularly important background - see “Guide for National Awards applicants (new and renewal) - Existing award holders” The guidance for 2013 is still available and we will put this and the 2013 forms on the APA website for information, accepting that new paperwork will be issued when the round opens.

There are 2 important extra points to make.

The process for re-applications has become extremely competitive and these are being judged to the same standards as that of a new application at that level. Last year re-applicants were allowed to submit citations alongside their application (which was new) and it may also be worth individuals considering this now.

New information for retired members which appeared on the ACCEA website in late August 2013 (see www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-rules-for-distinction-award-holders). Effectively this means that those consultants with an award cannot apply for re-instatement of their award after retirement. However those retiring and then returning to work after January 2014 will be able to apply to re-enter the CEA scheme or its successor.

We will update the material on the APA website to assist members, and will shortly announce by email when we intend to convene a scoring panel and how to submit applications for consideration for APAGBI support.



National Cardiac Arrest Audit

What is NCAA?

The National Cardiac Arrest Audit (NCAA) is the only national, clinical, comparative audit for in-hospital cardiac arrest in the UK and Ireland, and is a joint initiative between the Resuscitation Council (UK) and ICNARC (Intensive Care National Audit & Research Centre).

It monitors and reports on the incidence of and outcome from in-hospital cardiac arrests and aims to identify and foster improvements, where necessary, in the prevention, care delivery and outcome from cardiac arrest.

The purpose of NCAA is to promote local performance management through the provision of timely, validated comparative data to participating hospitals.

Why participate?

NCAA is listed in the [Department of Health's Quality Accounts \(2014/15\)](#) and the [NCEPOD Report 'Time to Intervene' \(June 2012\)](#) encourages hospitals to participate.

The NCAA Report provides risk-adjusted comparative analyses allowing participating hospitals to fairly compare their patient outcomes against other participating hospitals (anonymised) and NCAA, for the first time! NCAA comparator and trended data are also provided throughout.

Reports are quarterly and cumulative (based around the financial year) and are downloadable from the NCAA secure online system for verified NCAA users at participating hospitals.

A total of 178 acute hospitals currently participate and coverage in England is nearing 80% (for adult, acute hospitals). Hospitals in Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland are also participating. A list of participating and non-participating hospitals is available to download from the ICNARC website. **Is YOUR hospital participating?** If not, can 'NCAA' be added as an agenda item for your next resuscitation meeting?

What data are collected?

The current NCAA data collection scope is: *'All individuals (excluding neonates) receiving chest compressions and/or defibrillation and attended by the hospital-based resuscitation team (or equivalent) in response to the 2222 call'*.

Participating hospitals currently collect a standardised minimum dataset. Data are entered onto the NCAA secure online system and are validated at the point of entry and centrally to ensure accuracy of the data.

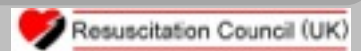
Date for your diary - Forth NCAA Annual Meeting

The forth NCAA Annual Meeting being held on **Thursday 23 October 2014** is an opportunity for participating hospitals to hear about the latest NCAA results and exciting NCAA advancements, contribute to the development of this important national clinical audit, network with fellow Resuscitation colleagues as well as meet the NCAA team and NCAA Steering Group. We look forward to seeing you there!

Want to know more about NCAA?

Contact the NCAA team: ncaa@icnarc.org / 020 7269 9288

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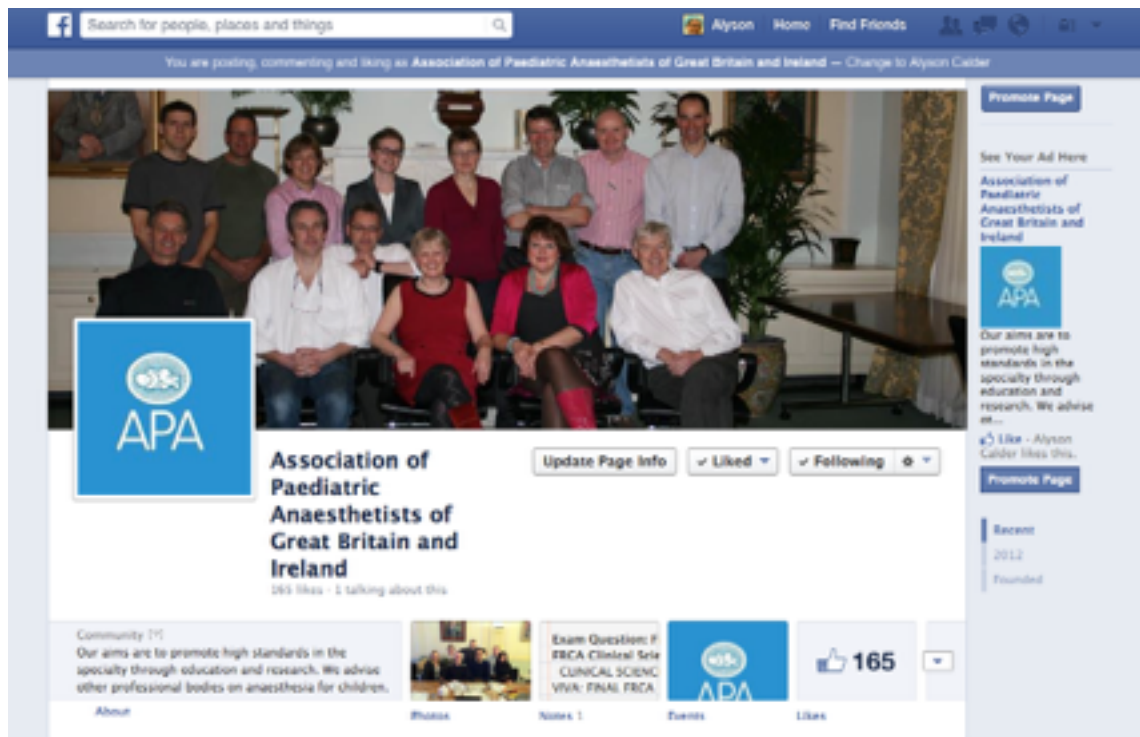
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Trainee Report

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I am happy to welcome Dr Elin Jones onboard as the next APAGBI Trainee Representative. Elin is an St6 based at Stoke and has a lot of enthusiasm for the role. She will take forward our work in improving educational resources amongst many other things I am sure! Elin will formally take on the role in November this year and we will work together on trainee matters between now and then.

Talking of improving educational resources, I am always keen to receive feedback and requests for what you would like the APA to do for you. The Education & Training committee is working hard to expand resources for our members, particularly in light of revalidation requirements. Please do email me at alysoncalder@doctors.org.uk with your requests, for example- topics you would like to see covered on our website or at future APA meetings. Alternatively, you can contact us via our Facebook or Twitter pages. (www.facebook.com/apagbi).



Similarly, please email your suggestions for clinical 'Hot Topics' you would like to see debated. The idea is that you submit a clinical conundrum and it is distributed to the membership. The membership will then reply with their thoughts/experiences/advice/questions on the topic. The topic will stay open for a month after which time a summary of the key points of discussion will be posted on the Hot Topic page of the APAGBI website. We will pilot the idea to gauge response from the membership so please join in if you think it is a worthwhile idea!

See you at the APA meeting in Leeds (where copies of the *APA Trainee Handbook: Guidance for those Planning a Career in Paediatric Anaesthesia* will be available at the front desk for a bargain price of only £10!).

Dr Alyson Walker

APAGBI Hot Topics

Is there a clinical conundrum you would like the membership to discuss?

The E & T Committee invites suggestions for discussion in their new 'Hot Topic' feature.

Please email alysoncalder@doctors.org.uk with your

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Wednesday 19th November 2014

Portland Place



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23 - 24 MAY 2014

**Villa Quartara - Genoa
Italy**

This International Conference on Anesthesia and Neurodevelopment in Children is aimed at bringing together researchers and opinion leaders in this field. Interested people are welcome to join this meeting and have the opportunity to actively be involved with experts, share their experiences and help find new methodologies for future collaborative trials.

TOPICS

- **Update on Basic Science** • **Epidemiological Studies**
- **Clinical Trials** • **Future collaborations**

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