

SAM – Society for Acute Medicine are having their annual spring conference in Belfast this year (last time held in N Ire was 8 years ago so doesn't come here often)

We're calling for volunteers to act as a model for ultrasound scanning, preferably male as part of the body to be scanned is the chest.

This is for the 1 day FAMUS (focused acute medicine ultrasound) course on Wed 1st May in the Europa. Focused ultrasound is now a mandatory part of the acute medicine curriculum and trainees need to show competency in scanning ;
chest – looking for pleural effusions/collapse/consolidation/pulmonary oedema,
abdomen looking for signs of hydronephrosis or fluid/enlarged bladder,
upper leg to rule in DVT
and vascular access – IV access will only be obtained in simulators.

The purpose of the FAMUS course is to show the candidates taking part how to scan these areas to look firstly for normal findings and become comfortable scanning.

Website link; [SAM Ultrasound Course \(eventsforce.net\)](https://eventsforce.net)

Any volunteers can also take the opportunity to observe/learn and practice with the ultrasounds when the candidates have completed the station.

The SAM organisers are offering a day attendance at the SAM conference for free to volunteers.

The SAM conference itself is held over two days Thur 2nd – Fri 3rd May and I include the programme for the two days below;

There is a mixture of clinical and non-clinical talks which are of interest to anyone who has responsibility in the management of acute medical patients

Please contact Andrew.McCleane@setrust.hscni.net if you would like to volunteer.

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09:00 (Thursday 2 May 2024)

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1.0: Opening Plenary: The Thinking Acute Clinician

Presented by: [Dr Eleanor Campbell](#) ; [Robin Swann - Minister of Health for Northern Ireland](#) ; [Dr Michael Trimble](#)

Chair: Nick Murch

Digital Lead: Eleanor Campbell

0930-0940: Welcome to Belfast: The Society for Acute Medicine 2024 Spring Conference

Eleanor Campbell & Michael Trimble

0940-0955: Delivering Healthcare in Northern Ireland – The Priorities

Robin Swann MLA, Minister of Health

0955-1020: Martha's Rule & Improving Patient Safety in Acute Care
Henrietta Hughes OBE, Patient Safety Commissioner

1020-1040: Speaker TBC

1040-11:00: Panel Discussion

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2.0: The Acute Consult

Presented by: [Dr Paul Hamilton](#) ; [Dr Jonathan Malloy](#) ; [Dr Michael Trimble](#)

Chair: Vicky Price

Digital Lead: Bethan Griffith

1130-1155: Interpreting Lab Reports in the Acute Setting
Paul Hamilton, Belfast

1155-1220: Interpreting Radiology in the Acute Setting
Jonny Malloy, Belfast

1220-1245: Clinical Reasoning on the AMU
Michael Trimble, Belfast

1245-1300: Panel Discussion

11:30 - 13:00

2.1: Palliative Care

Presented by: [Dr Matthew Dore](#)

Chair: Eleanor Campbell

Digital Lead: Ekta Punj

1130-1155: Delivering Compassion in the AMU
Mark Lander, London

1155-1220: Managing Medications at the End of Life
Katherine Watson, Belfast

1220-1245: End of Life Care in the Acute Setting
Matt Dore, Belfast

1245-1300: Panel Discussion

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3.0: Cases That Changed My Practice: POCUS

Chair: Nick Smallwood

Digital Lead: Latif Rahman

1415-1425: POCUS Helps in Diagnosis When History Could Not be Elicited
Sardar Muhammad, University of Leicester NHS Trust

1425-1435: Highly Curious Hypoxaemia with Cause Determined by POCUS
Ben Probert, RSCH

1435-1445: A Lesson From My Logbook
Zack Ferguson, West Middlesex Hospital

1445-1455: POCUS: A Junior Doctor Revolution
Eleanor Harlow, Swansea Bay University Health Board

1455-1505: POCUS for Polypharmacy
Sophie McGlen, Oxford University Hospitals NHS FT

1505-1515: Presented with shortness of breath, but POCUS has detected that the main reason is in the abdomen!
Lin Sanda Hlaing, University Hospitals Dorset

1515-1525: POCUS in Heart Failure gets us on Track on the Diagnostic Pathway
Suneeta Teckchandani, Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS FT

1525-1535: Title TBC
Orchid Barua, Tunbridge Wells Hospital

1535-1545: Discussion

14:15 - 15:45

3.1: Geriatric Giants

Presented by: [Dr Dearbhail Lewis](#)

Chair: Nick Scriven

Digital Lead: TBC

1415-1435: Delirium & Its Mimics
Dearbhail Lewis, Belfast

1435-1455: Preventing Deconditioning
Declan Byrne, Ireland

1455-1515: SDEC for Frail Patients
Barbara Onen, London

1515-1535: Understanding Syncope
Fiona O'Kane

1535-1545: Panel Discussion

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4.0: Classic Cardiology

Presented by: [Dr Ryan Boyle](#)

Chair: TBC

Digital Lead: Rajit Varia

1620-1645: Treating AF on the AMU - A Patient Perspective
Ryan Boyle, Belfast

1645-1710: Valvular Heart Disease
Ganesh Manoharan, Belfast

1710-1735: Heart Failure Management
Monica Monaghan, Enniskillen

1735-1745: Panel Discussion

16:20 - 17:45

4.1: Nursing / AHP/ ACP Session

Presented by: [Rhonda Marks](#)

Chair: Tash Kelly

Digital Lead: Nicola Henry

1620-1645: The Integration of Physicians Associates into Acute Medicine and the
Positive Impact on Patient Flow
Aidan Murphy, Belfast

1645-1710: Pharmacist Led Discharges in Acute Medicine
Nicola Henry, Belfast

1710-1735: The Benefit of Senior Nurses on PTWR 7 Days a Week
Rhonda Marks and Lynsey Strain, Belfast

1735-1745: Discussion

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Conference Dinner

08:45 (Friday 3 May 2024)

08:45 - 09:00

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5.0: Neurology

Presented by: [Dr Jessica Eccles](#)

Chair: Michael Trimble

Digital Lead: Claire Gordon

0900-0930: POTS and Dysautonomia for the Acute Physician
Jessica Eccles, Brighton

0930-1000: Seizures
Michael Kinney, Belfast

1000-1030: Encephalitis on the AMU
Damian Dooley, Warrington

09:00 - 10:30

5.1: Data Data Data

Presented by: [Dr Cat Atkin](#) ; [Dr Shiva Sreenivasan](#)

Chair: Neil Patel

Digital Lead: Rajit Varia

0900-0925: Data Science to the Rescue!
Shiva Sreenivasan, Enniskillin

0925-0950: Winter SAMBA
Cat Atkin, Birmingham

0950-1015: Optimising Antimicrobial Usage on the AMU
Martin Llewelyn

1015-1030: Panel Discussion

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6.0: Therapeutics

Presented by: [Minna Eii](#)

Chair: John Hounsell

Digital Lead: Ekta Punj

1100-1125: Malignant Hypertension

Phil Toner, Belfast

1125-1150: Sustainable Prescribing in Acute Medicine

Minna Eii, London

1150-1215: Insulin Pumps

Athinyaa Thiraviaraj

1215-1230: Panel Discussion

11:00 - 12:30

6.1: Training Session

Presented by: [Dr Darshan Kumar](#) ; [Dr Nick Murch](#) ; [Dr Michael Trimble](#)

Chair: Gordon McKinnon

Digital Lead: Latif Rahman

1100-1120: Promoting Acute Medicine to Undergraduates

Nick Murch, London

1120-1125: Acute Medicine Undergraduate Curriculum

Michael Trimble, Belfast

1125-1140: A Different Journey to becoming a Consultant

Darshan Kumar, Belfast

1140-1200: What I Wish I Knew About Being a Consultant

Georgina Barrows, Nottingham

1200-1220: Acute Internal Medicine Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC) and its Roles and Responsibilities towards Trainees

Vinay Reddy-Kolanu, SAC chair for Acute Medicine

1220-1230: Panel Discussion

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7.0: Closing Plenary

Presented by: [Dr John Dean](#) ; [Dr Nick Murch](#) ; [Dr Vicky Price](#) ; [Professor Elizabeth Sapey](#)

Chair/Digital Lead: Nick Murch & Tim Cooksley

1345-1410: Research and Acute Medicine: The Results of the SAM Research Survey
Professor Liz Sapey

1410-1435: Winter 23 - How Did We Do?
Vicky Price, VP SAM

1435-1500: Future Proofing the AMU from the RCP Perspective
John Dean, Clinical Vice President, RCP

1500-1515: Panel Discussion

1515-1530: Summary & Closing Remarks
Nick Murch, President SAM

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KEY DATES

Registration open!

Abstract Submission Results:

20 March 2024

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