

Welcome to the November 2018 edition of the RGUC Newsletter

This newsletter updates members of the Dudley Group Undergraduate Teaching Academy about projects and resources being developed for medical students to supplement their learning and medical education. We aim to publish an edition every quarter.

WHAT'S NEW

Topics covered in this edition:

- Key diary dates
- Latest Projects; Airway to Exposure, Radiation Protection eLearning Course, RGUC TV - 'Tips for...', IPE Plenary Day Video
- Staff Spotlight - Teaching Fellows
- Teaching Academy Leads
- Online Learning Platform Upgrades
- Social Media



Interprofessional Education gets the video treatment

As part of our continued involvement in the delivery of Interprofessional Education (IPE), we introduced a new video-based component to the recent IPE Plenary Day. Trust staff across numerous professions worked with the media team to produce a fictitious video scenario that deals with various aspects of teamwork, multidisciplinary collaboration and communication.

Clinical teaching fellow Hannah Mottershead, and IPE facilitator Sarah Fullwood, who co-ordinated production of the project said; "The video follows the journey of Stan Davies, a gentleman with a complication following surgery, who meets many members of the multidisciplinary team during the first few days of his stay in hospital. This fantastic resource helps us to include all the professionals in attendance on the day and will help facilitate conversations regarding communication skills, patient safety and team working."

The IPE Plenary Day took place on Tuesday 16th October in the Clinical Education Centre. Students from multiple professional backgrounds were in attendance.



KEY DIARY DATES

- 4th year SPC & SPM students' start date - Monday 26 November
- 5th year students' start date - Tuesday 8 January 2019
- 3rd year students' start date - Monday 14 January 2019

UPCOMING ACADEMY MEETINGS 18/19

- Tuesday 4th December
 - Tuesday 8th January 2019
 - Tuesday 6th February 2019
- All academy meetings take place in the Undergraduate Centre at 1pm on the dates above.

Staff Spotlight - Teaching Fellows

For 2018/19 we have a new cohort of teaching fellows. All of our teaching fellows have clinical commitments in addition to their teaching roles. They are involved in a range of projects for the Academy working alongside the Undergraduate Media Team.

Dr Hannah Mottershead is now in her third year and continues as teaching fellow alongside the new members of the team. Hannah works 50% for the Teaching Academy and 50% for Elderly Care.



Joining us we have (left to right):

- **Dr Reeja Adel** - Reeja splits her time between Acute Critical Care and Dermatology and provides teaching and project work for the Academy for 60% of her time.
- **Dr Sarah Birch** - Sarah works across the Teaching Academy and Acute Medicine giving 50% of her time in both areas.
- **Dr Rachael Hayhurst** - Rachael works clinically in Emergency Medicine and provides teaching and undertakes project work for 60% of her time.
- **Dr Rebecca Hasan** - Rebecca works in Elderly care for 40% of her time, and provides teaching and project work for 60% for the Academy.
- **Dr Awais Sheikh** - Awais also works across the Teaching Academy and Acute Medicine giving 50% of his time in both areas.
- **Dr Helen Suttwood** - Helen works in Vascular Surgery and also provides teaching and project work on a 50/50 percent basis.

Teaching is an integral part of being a doctor, and working as a clinical teaching fellow provides the ideal opportunity to develop this essential skill. The teaching that is delivered varies. It ranges from structured seminars and lectures, bedside teaching, workshops and simulation. The extent of formal teaching involvement can differ between posts to create commitment to undergraduate training whilst allowing the remaining time to be spent working in one of several clinical specialties. Fellows are therefore able to deliver ward-based teaching while gaining experience in a particular specialty.

Radiation Protection eLearning Course

In order to introduce medical professionals and students to radiation protection legislation and the implications of increased radiation exposure, we've collaborated with the clinical educator for radiology to develop two new radiation eLearning courses. The initial module has been completed ready for training, the advanced module is near completion and will be available soon.

The course is accessible via the [Online Learning Platform](#) under the [Clinical Skills Education](#) section.



Teaching Academy Leads

In order to coordinate teaching and ensure that curriculum requirements are met for all our medical students, Mr Rehman has put in place leads for each of the year groups.



Third year medical students are looked after by Dr Rav Sandhu, Dr Phil Brammer and Dr Selva Selvaraj. Both Dr Sandhu and Dr Brammer are also Mr Rehman's academy deputies.



Fourth year medical students are looked after by Dr Richard Pierson, who has recently taken over this role.

Fifth year acutely ill patient placements are looked after by Dr Nicola Calthorpe, who has been the lead for this group of students for a number of years.

Fifth year obstetric and gynaecology students are over seen by Mr Noel Fitz-Gibbon and fifth year paediatric students are led by Dr Subramanian Mahadevan.



Social Media

Over the next few months, the media team will be focusing on making better use of our social media channels. We want to use them more effectively to help keep our students informed about interesting learning opportunities and events at RGUC.

We will be appointing 1-2 students per year group to have a say on what our social media message to other students should be. We want to involve them in making our e-learning content more relevant and establish what they think would make the resources on the Online Learning Platform more compelling to them and their peers.

If you have any ideas you would like to pitch to us please use the contact details provided to get in touch.



Tops Tips from our Academy Teachers

The media team have recently completed a new video mini-series intended to help our medical students get the most out of their learning experiences on placement. The series features a number of familiar faces from a variety of medical and surgical disciplines, giving their top tips for a range of subject areas.

'Tips for...' is regularly screened on RGUC TV and now includes 7 episodes, each providing students with an insight into how to learn effectively whilst interacting with staff and patients in different clinical environments.

The whole series can be watched on the 'Tips for...' [YouTube playlist](#).



In our summer edition of this newsletter, we provided an introduction to our Airway to Exposure learning resource. In addition to the two modules already available, we have now completed two further modules, which have been uploaded to the Online Learning Platform. The new modules provide students with the opportunity to run through scenarios dealing with patients experiencing seizures and acute abdominal pain. The media team are currently working alongside the teaching fellows to develop a further seven modules for this project.

Medical students and academy staff can access the [Airway to Exposure course](#) via the Online Learning Platform using their login credentials.



Online Learning Platform Upgrades

The RGUC [Online Learning Platform](#) and [Moodle Medics](#) sites have recently undergone an essential upgrade behind the scenes. Regular visitors to either site may find that they look a little different, but the functionality and navigation remains the same. These upgrades have been performed to future-proof the sites and ensure they continue to remain GDPR compliant. If you experience any issues when using the sites, please contact the media team on the details below.



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