



SOMERSET GP EDUCATION TRUST

THE MONTH AHEAD

The first few weeks of the New Year have been busy for most GPs and there may have been little time to give to your learning. But February is almost here so we hope things will be a bit quieter and SGPET has organised a wide range of activities for you to choose from. Full details are on the website www.somersetlmc.co.uk/sget.htm and include GUM in Ilminster, Respiratory Disease in Wells, Child Protection in Bagborough and Medicolegal issues in Cannington. We are steadily setting up more GP small groups which meet regularly to provide a forum for discussing and learning with fellow GPs. The latest is the Somerset New GP Group which has now met on three occasions in the Bear Inn, Street and is giving the new GPs who attend chance to talk about the day to day problems they are meeting in these first few years in practice.

Like the LMC, the SGPET does write to welcome all GPs new to Somerset but if you know of a new GP who is yet to hear about the group then please give them the SGPET contact details.

Dates for the next few meetings of the New GP Group are:

Monday February 9th, Tuesday March 10th and Wednesday April 15th

All meetings run from 7.30 -10pm and include a meal.

iMAP

iMAP is a scheme whereby established GPs who are not RCGP members can become so by producing a portfolio of work against 19 criteria and completing an oral . We held our first Somerset iMAP meeting on January 7th and the ten GPs who attended were optimistic that regular meetings would be a useful motivator and support as they try and work through the criteria over the year ahead.

Future meetings will be at Victoria Gate Surgery in Taunton, run from 7-9pm and food will be provided. Dates set so far are:

Thursday February 5th, Thursday March 5th

If you are interested but could not make the first meeting, don't worry, just come along to a future meeting – iMAP can look like hard work but the best way to tackle it is with the help of others tackling the same challenge.

SUPPORTING YOUR APPRAISAL AND FUTURE REVALIDATION

The consultation period for the draft revalidation regulations and guidance runs until late April but it seems certain that satisfactory annual appraisal will be at the heart of the new process and one part of that will require all GPs to complete a quantity of approved relevant education. The "quantity" is not yet set but is likely to be near the 50hrs per year required of hospital doctors. The scope of the education will be as broad as the job itself but should include core skills as well as clinical updates.

SGPET is watching this area very keenly so as to support you in a variety of ways:

- At the end of March each year you will be sent a summary of all the SGPET meetings you have attended in the preceding 12 months giving meeting dates, topic and hours spent. (Therefore it is always important to sign in for each meeting you attend as this information is taken from the registers).
 - The Reflection sheet you are given at each meeting you attend is evidence of you identifying key learning points from a meeting and considering how you might apply them and share them with colleagues. This reflection on, and application of, learning will become an important part of the "maintaining medical practice" section of revalidation, and should be part of your portfolio.
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- As well as providing large numbers of its own meetings SGPET will also approve education meetings organised by others and when the revalidation requirements re such approval are concrete we will be working with practices to approve existing in house education programmes and encourage the development of others.

SGPET will be providing regular sessions on the core professional skills of general practice as well as clinical updates. See below.

FIRST AND FOREMOST

Consultation Skills Workshops

The consultation remains at the heart of general practice and as such updates on consultation skills will probably be encouraged within the educational requirements of the new revalidation process.

SGPET ran a successful Consultation Skills workshop in Yeovil last week and further are planned on:

Wednesday April 1st, Bishop's Palace, Wells, 1.30 – 4.00pm (with lunch from 1pm)

Friday May 1st, Taunton, 9.30 – 1pm (with lunch after)

Telephone Triage

To continue the first day of the month courses we are again running our popular telephone triage workshop – whether you triage in surgery or in Out of Hours this remains challenging work and this practical course should help you a lot

Monday June 1st, Bishops Palace Wells, 9.30 – 3.30pm (with lunch provided)

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2009

DATE	VENUE	TIME	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	
2 Feb	The Monks Yard Nr Ilminster	19.00-22.00	Dr R Abdulla	Genito-Urinary Medicine	
3 Feb	Lord Poullett Arms	19.00-22.00	Dr Martyn Hughes	Case Discussions	Somerset GP Education Trust C/o Somerset LMC Crown Medical Centre Venture Way Taunton TA2 8QY
5 Feb	Victoria Gate Surgery, Taunton	19.00-21.00	Dr Martyn Hughes	iMap	
9 Feb	The Bear Inn Street	19.15-22.00	Dr Martyn Hughes	Case Discussions	
12 Feb	Corner House Hotel Taunton	19.30-22.00	Dr Penny Trotter	Gynaecology	Phone: 01823 331428 Fax: 01823 338561 E-mail SGPET@somerset.nhs.uk
19 Feb	The Fountain Inn Wells	19.45-22.00	Dr Steve Holmes	Respiratory Medicine	
25 Feb	Blackmore Farm Cannington	19.30-22.00	Dr Jeremy Budd	Medical Legal Issues	
26 Feb	The Rising Sun West Bagborough	18.45-21.30	Dr Deborah Stalker	Child Protection	
3 Mar	Lord Poullett Arms	19.00-22.00	Dr Martyn Hughes	Problem Discussions	
5 Mar	Victoria Gate Surgery, Taunton	19.00-21.00	Dr Martyn Hughes		
9 Mar	The Monks Yard Ilminster	19.00-22.00	Mr Adrian Bates	Ophthalmology	
10 Mar	The Bear Inn Street	19.15-22.00	Dr Martyn Hughes	New GP Discussion Group	
26 Mar	The Queens Arms Pitminster	18.45-21.30	Dr Richard Kilby	Cardiology	