



SOMERSET GP EDUCATION TRUST

SGPET PROGRESS AND PLANS

SGPET is now into its second year and already 275 Somerset GPs and 80 GP Specialist trainees have signed up as members for 2009/10. Since starting up in April 2008 SGPET has organised 75 educational events covering the whole range of General Practice topics at locations right across the County and including everything from short evening meetings to the week long Fresh Looks refresher course. Admittedly we have still struggled to realise our plans to hold regular meetings at the far reaches of the County and the GP refresher course planned for Yeovil will now not take place till May 2010 but we have achieved a great deal in our first year and as annual membership has been frozen at £75 joining SGPET must represent money very well spent.

Over the next 12 months we will continue with our existing programme of regular monthly meetings in Taunton, Yeovil, Bridgwater, Wells, Street, Ilminster and West Bagborough, and from September we will be starting up regular meetings in the Minehead area, begin a series of quarterly clinical study days and will organise more regular events for practice managers and practice nurses.

All four of the SGPET GP Tutors are also Somerset GP Appraisers and although we realise that the new re-validation scheme will now not formally begin until April 2010 we know that SGPET members will be keen to be as well prepared for this as possible and we will be introducing a number of initiatives over the year ahead to support you in this.

Being able to attend Fresh Looks GP refresher course at Taunton Post Graduate centre free of charge remains one of the key advantages of SGPET membership. This year it will run from 23rd to 27th of November, so why not put it in your diary now.

FINAL CALL FOR IMAP - ESSENTIAL READING FOR ANYBODY WHO IS NOT MRCGP

iMAP is a scheme by which GPs can be awarded MRCGP by completing a portfolio of work against 19 criteria which cover all aspects of a GPs day to day work. The scheme is only running until the end of this year and applicants must submit their portfolios by 31/12/09 after that it is most likely that non members seeking MRCGP will need to sit some elements of the nMRCGP currently being done by all GP Registrars eg a knowledge test and observed consultations. Therefore iMAP represents a golden opportunity for any GP who is not a member. Yes, there is work involved and yet the criteria cover every day topics like cost effective prescribing, emergency admissions and managing a patient with a chronic disease. Yes, you do have to produce a portfolio of evidence and yet this will hold you in very good stead for revalidation when it comes.

Although there are only 7 months left of the iMAP scheme this is enough time to complete the portfolio if a GP starts now. There is a group of Somerset GPs working towards iMAP and new members will be welcome. The next meeting is Thursday 4th June, 7pm - 9pm at Victoria Gate Surgery, Taunton. If you wish to attend please let Rachel know. Interested but not sure? Why not contact Dr Martyn Hughes 07966 247 310 ...e-mail.

GROUPS FOR NEW Gps

Since August 08 we have been running an evening small group for new GPs at The Bear Inn, Street and it has proved enjoyable and worth while for everybody who has come along. The days rotate through Monday to Thursday to increase accessibility, we meet at 7pm for 7.30pm start; we spend an hour and a half discussing problems brought by group members and then we have a meal.

If you are a new GP and interested in attending the next dates are:

Monday 8th June

Tuesday 14th July

If you would like to attend such a group but Street is too far then please let SGPET know as we are planning to start another new GP group further west in the County in the Autumn.

(Do you qualify as a New GP - most of the Street group members have become GPs within the last 5 years or so, but there are 1 or 2 people who come who have been GPs for longer but only recently moved to Somerset.)

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE AND JULY 2009

DATE	VENUE	TIME	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	
01.06.09	The Bishops Palace Wells	9.30-15.30	Dr Martyn Hughes	Telephone Triage	
02.06.09	Lord Poulett Arms	19.00-22.00	Dr Martyn Hughes	GP Problem Discussions	
04.06.09	Victoria Gate Surgery	19.00-21.00	Working Group	iMAP	
08.06.09	Monks Yard Ilminster	18.45-21.15	Dr T May	Case discussions in occupational Health	
08.06.09	Bear Inn Street	19.15-22.00	Dr M Hughes	New GP Group	Somerset GP Education Trust
11.06.09	Yeovil Academy	18.45-21.15		Colorectal surgical problems in general practice	C/o Somerset LMC Crown Medical Centre Venture Way Taunton TA2 8QY
18.06.09	The Fountain Inn Wells	18.45-21.15	TBC	TBC	
25.06.09	Rising Sun West Bagborough	18.45-21.15	Miss Louise Hunt	General Surgery	Phone: 01823 331428 Fax: 01823 338561 E-mail SGPET@somerset.nhs.uk
26.06.09	Pitmans Training Centre Taunton	09.30-16.30	Elaine Batchelor	Effective Management Appraisal Training	
02.07.09	Victoria Gate Surgery	19.00-22.00	Working Group	iMAP	
07.07.09	Lord Poulett Arms	19.00-22.00	Dr M Hughes	GP Problem discussions	
09.07.09	Yeovil Academy	19.00-22.00	TBC	TBC	
13.07.09	The Monks Yard Ilminster	19.00-22.00	TBC	TBC	
14.07.09	The Bear Inn Street	19.15-22.00	Dr M Hughes	New GP Group	
23.07.09	Queens Arms Pitminster	18.45-21.30	Dr Tim Jobson	GI Medicine	