

ASSOCIATION OF MERSEY INTENSIVE CARE UNITS

A.M.I.C.U.

Minutes of the fifteenth meeting of AMICU held on  
16th June 1995.

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and ABBOTT LABORATORIES.

Present: A good turnout of over twenty from the whole of the North West  
Region. Dr S Mostafa was chairman.

Apologies: Many and various (see written notes)

10/95 Minutes. The minutes of the fourteenth meeting of AMICU held on  
3rd March 1995 were circulated and approved.

11/95 Matters arising. The 43 ICU beds in the "Mersey Region" noted  
in the Bed Audit (Dr Horton Fazakerley) include the Neuro.ICU beds at  
Walton Hospital.

There has been no further information from the Regional ICU Audit Group.  
Dr S Remington (Stockport NHS Trust) is continuing as chairman. *- Every to attend  
"outen added" noted - added.*

12/95 Oesophageal Doppler. Dr M Singer, Senior Lecturer at The  
Bloomsbury Institute of Intensive Care Medicine, gave a review of the  
use of oesophageal doppler in ICU including several interesting case  
histories.

13/95 Head Injury guidelines. Produced from Walton Hospital Regional  
Neurosciences Unit to be distributed to A+E depts. This was considered  
to be a good idea and the document was fully supported. The need for a  
transport ventilator was noted.

14/95 Regional Review. Dr N Fergusson (Chester) reported from the  
Configuration Task Group. This group has accepted ICS guidelines and  
Royal College training and accreditation guidelines. It was noted that  
the maximum bed size recommendation had been removed. The linkage of  
Intensive Care to other services had been noted as had the effects of  
other service reviews (eg A+E and trauma). The guidelines of this  
group are now available.

The Protocols and Definitions task group (Dr J Chambers, Arrowe-Park and  
Dr D Jayson, Southport) had produced its definitions of Intensive Care.  
It was noted that HDUs were for non-ventilated patients only. It was  
felt that there may be a need for admitting patients to ICU with a  
hopeless prognosis and this had not been allowed for. *- Dr. Charles - don't  
in doubt - Senior Clinician decision*

15/95 North West Meetings. It was agreed that AMICU should continue as  
at present because any larger grouping would be less effective.

16/95 Next meeting. Arranged for September 1995.

*∴ Expand Review  
- Smaller units preferred well =  
- Pullman.  
- ICNARC.  
- HDU.*

*S.M. Mostafa  
22.9.95*