

AMICU (Association of Merseyside Intensive Care Units)

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Minutes of eighteenth meeting of AMICU held  
on 29th March 1996.

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Present: Dr Jayson (Chairman) Dr Shearer (Secretary)  
Dr Griffiths (Treasurer) Dr Horton  
Dr Molnar Dr Kent  
Dr Harper Dr Wilkes  
Dr Wenstone Dr Taylor  
Dr Gannon Dr Stevens  
Dr Chambers Dr Dalton  
Dr Tweedie Dr Colville  
Dr McMillan Dr Mee  
Dr Williams Dr Vedpathak  
Dr Bardgett Dr Barclay  
Dr Tytler Dr Fergusson  
Dr Nightingale Dr West  
Dr Jingaree Dr Yardy  
Dr Duigan Dr Koch  
Dr Miller Dr Martin  
Dr Haines Dr Bennet

Apologies:

Drs. Harrison, Charters, Mannar, Hunter, Baines, Sarginson, Billingham.

1/96 **Minutes** The minutes of the 17th meeting were circulated,

2/96 **Matters arising**

26/95 Dr Jayson said there were no plans for the Regional Steering groups to meet again, this was confirmed by Dr Nightingale.

27/95 Dr Griffith's work on glutamine supplementation in the ICU is to be presented at the next ICS meeting and has been submitted for publication

30/95 Chrissie Conlan is to continue as Provider Performance Manager after the re-organisation of the Region. Any problems relating to lack of ICU beds should be referred to her.

32/95 CME points. It was decided to ask Dr Ahearn (REA) to reconsider whether attendance at an AMICU meeting is worth 1 or 2 CME points.

3/96 **Dr Bennett's Talk.** Dr David Bennett (Reader in Intensive Care Medicine) then gave an informative and highly enjoyable talk on his groups work on the peri-operative

manipulation of oxygen delivery in high risk surgical patients. This was followed by a 20 minute question time and a vote of thanks by Dr Jayson.

#### 4/96 Costing & contracting.

Dr Jayson explained that shadow contracting should be starting on 1/4/96. RLUH is at present the only unit running its own contracts. They are simplifying their process to Regions specifications. At present they use 4 cost bands.

No other units have purchasing systems in place.

Dr Bennett highlighted similar problems in SE Thames.

#### 5/96 ICNARC

Training days have been arranged for May. Funding for the audit assistant post (£6000 one off payment) has been made and should be in all Trusts accounts from 1/4/96.

#### 6/96 AOB

i/ Lynda De Cossart is hoping to set up SHO posts at Chester to do both surgery/ ICU and HDU. She will contact PG dean to look for funding.

Dr McMillan outlined plans to set up multi-disciplinary posts including ICU at Whiston.

ii/ Dr Ahean has written to AMICU asking for a representative of AMICU to attend the STEC(A) meetings. It was agreed that one of the officers of AMICU will attend.

iii/ The transfer audit is still ongoing and is now been co-ordinated via the audit dept. of Stepping Hill Hospital

Dr Ian McCartney is setting up a course for training transfer skills to ICU juniors. He wanted an AMICU representative. Dr Eileen Griffiths was nominated and accented.

iv/ Dr Jayson attended the NW regional sub-committee on ICU. £1.5m has apparently been invested in extra beds in Region in past 12 months but feeling was that little had actually changed since Drummond & McKeown's review.

Staffing committee will reconvene. Configuration committee will not

Dr McMillan asked whether NW sub-committee should combine with AMICU or stay separate. It was agreed to stay separate but to maintain good communications.

v/ Dr Griffiths explained that AMICU accounts were £1350 in the black but many Consultants had still not paid their subs.

It was agreed that up to 1/2 of AMICU funds could be used to pay expenses of visiting speakers to AMICU meetings.

#### 7/96 Date of next meeting

Friday June 21st 1996

- ICBS meetings in progress. agree

Mick Darnell - Family ICNARC. at 70 nos.!!

Medical Committees under discussion - Dr. McMillan has had no contact  
? Derek Machin letter B.M.A.

\* - Need contact the Purchases + Trust Chairman  
- Joint meeting & Name of ANWICU