

ASSOCIATION OF MERSEY INTENSIVE CARE UNITS

A.M.I.C.U.

Minutes of the tenth meeting of AMICU held on
11th March 1994.

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Present: Dr S Mostafa (Chairman)

Dr D Bardgett	Dr J Chambers
Dr N Fergusson	Dr W Horton
Dr R Mannar	Dr R Macmillan (Treasurer)
Dr A Martin	Dr D Jayson (Secretary)
Dr F Potter	Dr E Shearer
Dr G Taylor	Dr R Wenstone

Apologies: Dr S Atherton Dr C Charway
Dr L Colville Dr P Drury
Dr R Griffiths Dr J Harper
Dr C Harris Dr J Hunter
Dr S Jagadeesh Dr A Kent
Dr A Salam Dr M Skues
Dr S Tighe Dr J Tytler
Dr D West Dr R Wilkes
Dr E Williams

01/94 Minutes. The minutes of the eighth meeting of AMICU held on 10th September 1993 were circulated and approved. The minutes of the A.G.M. held in December 1993 at the joint meeting with the North West Group were approved.

02/94 Matters arising. Transfer protocol/minimum standards. It was agreed to produce these as "guidelines" to be distributed to each unit and also probably every A&E Dept. Proofs produced by Roussel will be available for next meeting.

The matter of insurance cover for medical staff transporting was raised and Dr Wenstone (RLUH) agreed to look into this and report back at next meeting.

03/94 Standing order forms. Any members of AMICU that have not completed a standing order form should do so. Available from Dr Macmillan (Whiston) and Dr Jayson (Southport), who will send them out to those in need.

04/94 Registrars prize. AMICU will fund a registrars prize to the value of £150 for presentations at the December Meeting, notice to be circulated.

05/94 Linkman. I.C.N.A.R.C. has now been established at Tavistock house, London (Intensive Care National Audit and Research Centre), along with the new headquarters of the Intensive Care Society. It has 6 working groups and anyone interested should contact the chairman of each group:

1. Minimum dataset (for UK APACHE II, SAPS) with unambiguous rules for data collection nationally!
2. TISS scoring.
3. Diagnostic coding (including Read & DRGs)
4. Costing.
5. Reports.
6. Organ failure scoring.

There will be a report on the level of Intensive Care provision in the UK later this year.

The ICS would like to know if there is an interest in setting up scientific workshops around the country possibly in the form of "mobile roadshows".

The Inter collegiate working party on training in intensive care has produced guidelines for a scheme of training at both undergraduate and postgraduate level.

This involves 3 months 'exposure' at SHO level, then 6 months at career registrar level, for those intending to have ICU sessions, and a further year for 'directors' of ICUs (obviously this is as a minimum requirement).

The next point of discussion will presumably be accreditation of units and a Diploma.

This working party has now taken over from JACIT.

Cochrane Field Co-ordination in Intensive/Critical Care Medicine are still wanting volunteers to help them scan journals to produce reviews of randomised controlled trials. So far Dr Bardgett (Macclesfield) is the only AMICU volunteer.

06/94 Regional ICU bed audit. Dr Mostafa (RLUH) is collecting data for the Regional Specialist Sub-committee on admission numbers, refused admissions and transfers. Cooperation in this will be greatly appreciated.

07/94 Transfer audit. Dr Harris (Whiston) will coordinate a regionwide audit in transfers to each ICU from separate hospital sites. Now in progress.

08/94 phi. Dr Mostafa gave an interesting presentation on the use of phi to establish the viability of oesophageal free flaps. He also showed the effect of epidural anaesthesia on phi in major surgery.

09/94 Next meeting. The next meeting will be held on 24th June at the usual time and at the usual place: Friday 14.30pm at the Woodhey Hotel.