

ASSOCIATION OF MERSEY INTENSIVE CARE UNITS

A.M.I.C.U.

Minutes of the eleventh meeting of AMICU held on  
24th June 1994.  
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Present: Dr S Mostafa (Chairman

Dr S Atherton	Dr J Chambers
Dr J Harper	Dr W Horton
Dr A Kent	Dr D Jayson (Secretary)
Dr R Mannar	Dr P Mcleland
Dr R Nelson	Dr B Waters
Dr R Wenstone	

Apologies: Dr D Bardgett                      Dr C Charway  
Dr P Drury                                      Dr N Fergusson  
Dr R Griffiths                                 Dr C Harris  
Dr J Hunter                                     Dr R Macmillan (Treasurer  
Dr A Martin                                     Dr K Strahan  
Dr G Taylor                                     Dr S Tighe  
Dr I Tweedie                                   Dr J Tytler  
Dr Valijan                                       Dr E Williams

**10/94 Minutes.** The minutes of the tenth meeting of AMICU held on 11th March 1994 were circulated and approved.

**11/94 Matters arising. Transfer guidelines.** These were circulated and approved to be sent to all local Intensive Care Units And Accident & Emergency Departments in laminated form for display.

**12/94 Transfer insurance.** Dr Wenstone reviewed the problems associated with insuring staff for accompanying patient transfers. It was agreed that this was a problem and he is continuing to pursue a solution.

**13/94 Regional bed audit.** Dr Mostafa presented the results of his region wide audit which he undertook at the request of the regional subcommittee. It appears that a significant number of critically ill patients are being transferred around the region (at least two per week). The meeting felt that this had increased with the recent closing of four ICU beds across the region. It was felt that this audit should be repeated in the future.

14/94 Asthma audit. Dr Atherton presented an audit of acute severe asthma (at extremely short notice for which the meeting was very grateful). He presented a comparison of ventilated cases from two consecutive decades and concluded that cases of severe asthma appear to be becoming more severe more quickly despite the use of steroids.

15/94. Next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Friday the 16th September 1994 at the usual time and the usual place. 14.30pm at the Woodhey Hotel.

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