

ASSOCIATION OF MERSEY INTENSIVE CARE UNITS

A.M.I.C.U.

Minutes of the seventeenth meeting of AMICU held on
15th December 1995.

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Present: Dr S Mostafa (Chairman)
Dr G Taylor Dr J Harper
Dr R Wenstone Dr B Murthy
Dr N Coleman Dr R Macmillan (Treasurer)
Dr C Harris Dr P Nee
Dr R Griffiths Dr W Horton
Dr E Shearer Dr R Mannar
Dr I Tweedie Dr N Fergusson
Dr R Nelson Dr A Martin
Dr J Chambers Dr Valijan
Dr S Mahon Dr Jingeree
Dr D Jayson (Secretary)

Apologies: Many and various (see written notes)

25/95 Minutes. The minutes of the sixteenth meeting of AMICU held on 22nd September were circulated.

26/95 Matters arising. It was questioned if the working groups of the regional review would be meeting again and Richard Popplewell to be contacted concerning continuing these groups.

A joint meeting with Lancashire and Manchester hasn't materialised for this year. The new officers to organise this next year if appropriate.

27/95 Glutamine Supplements in ICU.

Dr R Griffiths (Whiston) gave an excellent presentation of his work on this subject showing for the first time an improved long term survival in very sick ICU patients whose nutrition was supplemented with glutamine. The difference being mainly in those patients that had been previously fit.

28/95 Registrars prize.

Dr Murthy presented a case of "Ecstasy" overdose with measurements of the isoforms of creatinine kinase and discussed the mechanisms of muscle necrosis.

Dr Mahon presented a review of haemofiltration from the cardiothoracic centre.

The prize of £150 was won by Dr Murthy.

29/95 Elections. The following were elected as new officers:

Dr D Jayson (Southport)	- Chairman
Dr R Griffiths (Whiston)	- Treasurer
Dr E Shearer (Aintree)	- Secretary
Dr R Nelson (Chester)	- ICS Linkman

30/95 Transfers in to last ICU bed: This problem was discussed and the problems of cancelled operations and no beds for acute admissions noted. It was felt that any problems should be brought to the attention of the Provider Performance Manager of the Region.

31/95 Regional Intensive Care Sub-committee. It was noted that the old North West Region (Manchester & Lancashire) had set up this committee and had asked for a member of AMICU to attend. This was agreed. It was felt that AMICU could provide a similar role for the old Mersey Region. There was some discussion as to whom this group would be advising now that regional health authorities had gone.

32/95 CME Points. There had been discussion between Dr Mostafa (AMICU chairman) and Dr Ahearn (R.E.A.) concerning CME points for AMICU meetings and it was agreed that the scientific content would merit one point. The R.E.A. would require a list of meetings and attendance record.

33/95 Next meeting. Arranged for 29th March 1996. Same time & same place.