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# **AMICU** *Association of Merseyside Intensive Care Units*

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**Minutes of 52<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of AMICU,**  
**December 10<sup>th</sup> 2004 at the Quality Hotel, Little Sutton, Wirral**  
**(Sponsored by an educational grant from Novo Nordisk, Wyeth and Sanofi-Aventis**  
**Pharmaceuticals)**

**Apologies:** Dr J Harper, Dr L McCrossan, Dr F Mostafa, Prof M Leuwer, Dr A Breen, Dr M Vangikar

**Attendance:** Dr Mikanagarathnam, Dr R Wenstone, Dr G Masterson, Dr D Jayson, Mrs L Burgess, Mr P Kenny, Dr P Mullen, Dr N Fergusson, Dr C Whitehead, Dr A Axon, Dr A Martin, Dr P Charters, Dr R Pugh, Dr L Olusunmade, Dr O Freddy, Dr R Shobha, Dr I Tweedie, Dr J Gannon, Dr R Mehra, Dr J Walker, Dr T Mahambre, Dr R Denton, Dr C Littler, Prof R Griffiths, Dr N Robin, Dr A Higgs

### **18/04 Introduction**

Dr Ian Tweedie, the Chairman of AMICU, welcomed the audience, thanked the meeting's sponsors (Novo Nordisk, Sanofi-Aventis & Wyeth pharmaceuticals), checked the minutes of the last meeting for errors and matters arising and introduced the day's speaker.

### **19/04 Dr Richard Wenstone's presentation**

Dr Richard Wenstone, consultant in ITU from the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, gave a 45-minute talk entitled "the use of rFVIIa in Critical Illness". His talk was extremely well received and attracted 15 minutes worth of questions.

### **20/04 Business Meeting**

Following a short tea break Dr Tweedie introduced the business meeting.

#### ***20/04/01 Clinical subgroup report***

Dr Tweedie gave a brief update on the morning's network clinical subgroup meeting.

MRSA bundle has been distributed for information.

The promised first network report is due to be ready soon.

ACP poor at all levels. Now looking towards critical care minimum data set to inform process. Need pilot sites.

A bid has been submitted for a practice educator to be funded for each unit in the network.

Transfers were raised again as 44% rise in non clinical transfers seen this year, is it due to closed beds or an increase in long stay patients.

Also issue of transfers of patients who only require a very short period of ventilation – is it necessary. It was agreed that each unit should record this information to assess the size of the problem.

Nationally – agenda for change remains a problem for critical care as outreach posts are considered to be under banded.

Comprehensive critical care is to be updated.

### **20/04/02 ICS**

Dr Griffiths updated AMICU :

Regional workshops stopping

They are requesting that people register their expertise with NICE and other bodies so that we can ensure that we have an input into future guidance

The ICS is moving into the new RCA building

Asking people to consider a hypothermia protocol post VF arrest

Appeal being launched for a research foundation

Meetings      Spring big one for CPD with SKINT, but ICS keen to receive more suggestions to improve meeting

Winter more focused

### **20/04/03 Training**

As Dr Shearer not present nil new to report

### **21/04 Date of next meeting**

The 53<sup>rd</sup> AMICU meeting will be the annual Spring meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 at our usual venue, the Quality Hotel in Little Sutton. Dr Sacha Niven, a consultant interventional radiologist from the Walton Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery, will give the society an update on the management of subarachnoid haemorrhage..

GRM December 2004