

AMICU file

ASSOCIATION OF MERSEY INTENSIVE CARE UNITS

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Minutes of the seventh meeting of AMICU held on  
11th June 1993.  
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Present: Dr. S. Mostafa (Chairman)

Dr. J. Chambers	Dr. L. Colville
Dr. J. Dalton	Mr. L. Dunne
Dr. N. Fergusson	Dr. R. Griffiths
Dr. C. Harris	Dr. D. Jayson (Secretary)
Dr. A. Jones	Dr. A. Kent
Dr. E. Shearer	Dr. N. Sutcliffe
Dr. G. Taylor	Dr. E. Williams

Apologies:

Dr. S. Atherton	Dr. M. Abdel-Salam
Dr. P. Charters	Dr. J. Gannon
Dr. A. Gilbertson	Dr. J. Harrison
Dr. W. Horton	Dr. R. Macmillan (Treasurer)
Dr. J. Smith	Dr. R. Stevens
Dr. K. Strahan	Dr. R. Wenstone
Dr. D. West	Dr. R. Wilkes
Dr. J. Ratcliffe	

**09/93 Minutes.** The minutes of the sixth meeting of AMICU held on the 12th March were circulated and approved.

**10/93 ICS Linkman.** Dr. D. Jayson reported back from the linkman meeting held during the spring ICS meeting. Forms should be completed by every ICU in order to produce a register of intensive care posts in the UK. These have been sent to each clinical director and should be returned to Dr. Jayson. A report will be produced at the autumn ICS meeting on the returns received.

The Intercollegiate Committee for Intensive Care Training has now commenced work under the chairmanship of Dr. Stoddart and would welcome feedback.

A report has been produced by the Institute of Manpower Studies "Nurses and Technicians in High Technology Areas". There is also a recent report from BACCN on the "Guidelines for Manpower Resources in High Technology Areas". These should be available via Miss Belinda Atkinson, Clinical Services Manager at Southampton General Hospital. The UK average is 5.5 nurses per bed, the second report recommends 7.1 nurses per bed for a busy unit.

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The Department of Health has agreed to fully fund an Intensive Care Medical Audit and Research Centre (following the ICS's National APACHE trial). The ICS would like feedback from the membership as to whether such a development should also include the setting up of an independent office and secretariat for the ICS.

All members should be encouraged to join the European Intensive Care Society (fee £30 p.a. includes "Intensive Care Medicine" Journal). If the ICS has 100 members then it will be able to have a second representative on the council. The European Society organises a diploma in intensive care and is setting standards for training and definitions of diseases such as 'sepsis'. Current members who can nominate include Dr. Macmillan, Dr. Griffiths and Dr. Harris (all at Whiston!)

#### **11/93 Head injury transfers.**

Mr. L Dunne and Dr. L. Colville presented an audit of transfers of patients with head injuries to the Regional Neurosciences Centre. They reported on 50 patients transferred over a 12 month period. It was agreed that there was evidence of deficiency in several areas and guidelines need to be produced. The absence of CT scanning with IMTRAN at some sites can lead to unnecessary transfers.

#### **12/93 ICU transfers 1.**

Dr. C. Harris presented a retrospective study covering a 2 year period of transfers to Whiston Hospital ICU and also a questionnaire study covering transfers to 8 ICUs in this region over the past year.

These studies both picked out several deficiencies in the transfer of patients to an ICU at a separate hospital. There were several discussion points which have been circulated separately.

#### **13/93 ICU transfers 2.**

Dr. E. Williams presented a transfer audit of patients transferred from Glan Clwyd Hospital to other sites over a 1 year period. She presented a transfer protocol, transfer chart and transfer check list that had since been produced and used successfully (circulated separately).

#### **14/93 ICU transfers 3.**

Dr. D. Jayson presented the results of a survey of ICUs in the region aimed at producing some guidelines for minimal standards in transferring critically ill patients to an ICU on a separate site. A copy of these proposed guidelines has been circulated separately along with the above.

**15/93 next meeting .** This was arranged for Friday 10th September 1993, 14.30pm. Agenda to be circulated in due course.