

## ASSOCIATION OF MERSEY INTENSIVE CARE UNITS

### A.M.I.C.U.

Minutes of the second meeting of AMICU held on 6th March 1992 at the Woodhey Hotel.

Present: Dr. S. Mostafa Chairman  
Dr. S. Bricker Dr. P. Buckley  
Dr. J. Chambers Dr. C. Charway  
Dr. J. Dalton Dr. N. Fergusson  
Dr. R. Griffiths Dr. W. Horton  
Dr. R. Macmillan Dr. K. Strahan  
D. Jayson Secretary

Apologies: Dr. S. Atherton Dr. D. Bardgett  
Dr. P. Drury Dr. A. Gilbertson  
Dr. J. Harper Dr. C. Harris  
Dr. J. Hunter Dr. A. Kent  
Dr. J. Watt Dr. R. Wilkes

**5/92 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting of Mersey Intensivists held on 6th December 1991 were circulated and approved.

**6/92 Treasurer.** Dr. Macmillan informed the meeting that the association now had a current account and standing order forms would be circulated.

**7/92 S.R.s.** It was agreed that interested senior registrars should be invited to attend future meetings.

**8/92 Day symposium.** Dr. Mostafa proposed a day symposium on Intensive Care and it was agreed to consider this in the future.

**9/92** Dr. Fergusson and Dr. Bricker presented six cases of the use of Centoxin from the Countess of Chester Hospital, which was followed by an interesting discussion. It was agreed that it is important to collect an outcome dataset in these patients but, as Dr. R. Griffiths pointed out, it would require a huge study with definitive criteria to assess any benefit. Dr. J. Chambers presented nine cases of Centoxin use from Wirral Hospitals. The meeting felt that, ideally, we should measure endotoxin levels before using this expensive drug

and Dr. Mostafa agreed to invite Dr. G. Smith to talk about the development of a 'bedside' test for endotoxin.

**10/92 Asthma.** Dr. Macmillan presented a proposed minimum data set for the audit of asthma in intensive care. This was discussed and it was agreed to collect data over a six month period - to be coordinated by Whiston I.T.U.

**11/92 Next meeting.** This was to be arranged for Friday 12th June 1992