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AAGBI

A YEAR IN REVIEW
2012-2013

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Neuraxial connectors
In February 2013, AAGBI, RCoA, OAA, RA-Uk, APA, and RCoA Faculty of Pain Medicine and Patient Liaison Group released an updated statement to advise hospitals and support clinicians in the NHS in the process of introducing non-Luer connectors for neuraxial and regional anaesthesia. The AAGBI is represented on the External Reference Group established to support the safe implementation of new devices. We would like to hear of your experiences with the new non-Luer needles. Please e-mail us at neuraxial@aagbi.org.

AAGBI and the Safe Anaesthesia Liaison Group (SALG)
The AAGBI works with SALG to promote learning from incident reporting. It has two networks (with a total of 800 individuals) that disseminate information and provide valuable feedback. It publishes quarterly Patient Safety Updates to highlight reported safety incidents, the latest one relates to fire safety on intensive care and in theatre.

National Audit Project 5 (NAPS)
NAPS was launched by the AAGBI and RCoA in June 2012 to investigate accidental awareness during general anaesthesia in the UK and Ireland. All four Chief Medical Officers endorsed the work. Cases continue to be sent in and the results will be published in Anaesthesia and the BJA. Several follow-up projects are planned.

Assistance for the Anaesthetist statement
The AAGBI released a supporting statement on assistance for the anaesthetists in September 2012 to supplement the existing Anaesthesia Team 3 guideline.

National Essential Anaesthetic Drug List (NEADL)
The WHO defines national essential medicines as ‘those that satisfy the priority healthcare needs of the population’. The AAGBI canvassed the views of delegates attending the WSM 2013 meeting on essential anaesthetic drugs and produced the first version of NEADL. At this year’s Annual Congress we will conduct another consultation with members.

Checking Anaesthetic Equipment (checklist)
The machine checklist published in June 2012 to complement the Checking Anaesthetic Equipment safety guideline will be tailored to suit the machines of a variety of manufacturers.

SUPPORTING COLLEAGUES OVERSEAS
The AAGBI Foundation maintains an active programme of support for anaesthesia worldwide, including grants towards educational projects in lower resource countries, book donations and funding of educational resources. This year 37 grants were awarded towards work in 17 countries.

Overseas Anaesthesia Fund
The Overseas Anaesthesia Fund (OAF) enables individuals and organisations to donate directly to AAGBI programmes that support training and promote safer anaesthesia in developing countries.
- Nearly 100 regular donors generated a total of £50,000 last year.

Uganda Fellowship Scheme
- Now in its seventh year, 23 doctors are currently being supported in training.
- Joint funding support is provided by RCoA, OAA, DAS and WAS.

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Feedback from a tour group visitor:
“It was all very positive, one of the best visits and we have visited many...
our seminar programme throughout the year and our regional core topics programmes attracted almost 1200 delegates.

Attracting 1,800 delegates, significantly more than previous years. WSM London in January 2013 was the largest ever profession in the form of three national conferences: GAT, AC, and WSM London 2013.

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Development of e education and online learning for CPD is a key priority. Our online video platform now offers over 200 lectures and CPD content from our conference and seminars, attracting, on average, over 900 views a month. The AAGBI is working to incorporate the video platform into a CPD zone which will allow users to record CPD for appraisal and revalidation purposes.

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The bi-weekly enewsletter, @AAGBI, provides members with quick, effective and convenient communication with the latest information about the AAGBI and current issues within the profession.

The average opening rate continues to be 30 - 40%. In addition, we sent out 40 individual e-flyers which had an opening rate of 42%.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

Education: face to face and online

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AAGBI Publications

Anesthesia

Anesthesia is the official journal of the AAGBI, published by Wiley Blackwell, and is international in scope and comprehensive in coverage. The journal has a very high impact factor of 2.958 demonstrating the relevance of articles to the anaesthesia community.

Anesthesia News

Anaesthesia News reaches over 10,500 anaesthetists every month and submitting content is a great way of sharing your experiences and information with fellow members.

98% of our members read Anaesthesia News regularly with the favourite content being feature articles and letters to the editor.

Guidelines

Our guidelines cover a wide range of clinical and non-clinical issues. In the last year we have produced three new titles:

- Checking Anaesthetic Equipment 2012 published June 2012.

KEEPING THE PROFESSION UP-TO-DATE

A4 sheet published June 2012.

New working parties were established on:

- Best practice in pre-operative hypertoniso for elective surgery, avoiding cancellation on the day of operation – joint with the British Hypertension society
- Care of the Older Surgical Patient
- Out of Hours Operating
- Peri-operative Management of the Morbidly Obese Patient – joint with SOBA
- Preventing iatrogenic hypoglycaemic brain injury caused by sample contamination of blood drawn from arterial lines

Research opportunities

The AAGBI Foundation is one of the UK’s largest single grant providers for anaesthetic research.

In the past year we allocated nearly £130,000 in for research funding through the National Institute for Academic Anaesthesia (NIAA) and in addition provided funding towards the fifth National Audit Project (NAP5) on awareness during surgery.

Through the NIAA, the AAGBI now has a portfolio of 34 funded research projects

Promoting innovation

The AAGBI launched its annual award for innovation in anaesthesia, critical care and pain in 2011. The award is open to all British and Irish based anaesthetists, intensivists and pain specialists, with the emphasis being on new ideas contributing to patient safety, high quality clinical care and improvements in the working environment. The judges are a distinguished panel of experts in their field. The prize is awarded at the Winter Scientific Meeting in January.
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Total AAGBI expenditure for 2012-2013 = £2,712,000

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