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Dear Members,

Please find details of the new MF Committee below. Change over time is here again and we wish everyone well in your new posts. We know this can be a busy and stressful time and hope the information in this newsletter will help you to get the most out of the next year. There are some very worthwhile national projects to get involved in and some excellent training opportunities available. Good luck!

New Mammary Fold Committee Members

The pre-ABS Mammary Fold meeting in May saw the inauguration of the new committee:

Chair: Baek Kim
Vice Chair: Liz Baker
Secretary: Fiona Langlands
Treasurer: Jenny Banks
Senior Rep: Gina Weston Petrides
ASIT Rep: Natasha Jiwa
Website: Jessamy Bagenal
Junior Rep: Lucy Ashen
Education and training: Rajiv Dave
Academic Rep: Shelley Potter

As ever we are here for the benefit of the membership so please get in touch with any ideas, queries or concerns via themammaryfold@gmail.com

Results from MF Training Survey

This year, the Mammary Fold carried out a survey of senior trainees (n=70) in the UK, which is the largest survey of this kind to date. We canvassed opinion on current breast surgery training and the impact of general surgery training on specialist oncological breast training.

The results support the need to re-shape breast surgical training. 73% felt that current CCT requirements for emergency general surgery (EGS) and breast surgery are not realistic and do not reflect the current need of the senior breast trainees. Only 43% aspired to be EGS competent by CCT, of which the majority wanted to do so in order to keep options for future practice open. Of the 57% who did not aspire to be general surgery competent 93% felt breast trainees should come off the general surgery on call rota in the later years of training to allow them to focus on breast surgical training, which was felt to be best at the end of ST6.

Many senior breast trainees did not feel confident in achieving CCT competencies in axillary node clearance (39%), pedicle flaps (33%) and mammoplasty/augmentation/reduction (37%). In order to support the need to gain these competencies, 89% of trainees have applied/ are planning to apply for fellowships, with the TIG fellowship being the most popular (54%).

This study has revealed the concerns and views of current senior breast trainees in the UK, and we hope to publish the full results soon. We sincerely hope that the results support any discussions regarding the re-shaping of oncological breast surgical training.

Second Mammary Fold Academic and Research Study Day

Following the success of last years event a second academic and research study day is to be held on **10th February 2017**, venue TBA shortly. The deadline for abstract submission is the **6th January 2017**.

The TeaM Study **The TeaM (Therapeutic Mammoplasty) Study** The TeaM Study A national prospective audit of the practice and outcomes of therapeutic mammoplasty

Register now for the TeaM study – our first ‘big’ project **funded by the Association of Breast Surgery (ABS)**.

We aim to recruit all patients having therapeutic mammoplasty between 1st September 2016 and 28th February 2017 to explore the current practice and outcomes of TM in the UK.

Any collaborator who contributes 5 complete data sets will be PUBMED citable on all study outputs.

E-mail mfacteamstudy@gmail.com for more information and to register your unit



iBRA-2 – A national audit of the impact of immediate breast reconstruction on time to delivery of adjuvant therapy

We aim to collect data on all women having mastectomy with or without immediate reconstruction between **1st July and 31st December 2016** to answer the controversial question of whether reconstruction delays the delivery of adjuvant therapy. We are aiming to recruit 3000 patients making this the largest study in the world!

It's not too late to get involved!

- 40 units have audit approvals including international collaborators
- 50 units are in set up
- Over 100 patients entered already

Any collaborator who contributes 10 complete data sets will be PUBMED Citable on all outputs from the study. E-mail ibrastudy@gmail.com to register your unit.



Regional Training Days

Brighton & South East Breast Day

Friday 23rd September 2016, American Express Community Stadium, Falmer, Brighton

Guest speakers include:

DAME LESLEY FELLOWFIELD : The good, the bad, the ugly, in breast cancer research

DR WILLIAM THE: Limitations of MRI in breast imaging

PROFESSOR MALCOLM REED: Assessment of the geriatric patient with breast cancer

PROFESSOR SARAH PINDER: New guidelines on B3 pathology

Regional data of reconstruction/risk reducing mastectomy, Regional QA data of screening and symptomatic patients

Parallel sessions for administrative/secretarial staff, breast care nurses, surgeons, oncologists, pathologists, mammographers and radiologists.

Abstracts to be sent to Karina Cox (karina.cox@nhs.net) and Charles Zammit (charles.zammit@bsuh.nhs.uk) by the 19th September (250 words)

National Margins audit update

The margins data collection phase is now complete. I would like to thank the investigators, including many mammary fold members, from 74 hospitals who have contributed over 2900 data sets. This is an excellent example of how successful collaborative work on a national level can be!

Our first priority is to extract data from the unit questionnaires and a review of national variation in margin practice will be submitted for publication hopefully in September. Of the 74 hospitals, we are still missing questionnaires from 15 hospitals. Investigators who have submitted margin data but not questionnaires should do so immediately. For those who are interested in the study but have not taken part yet, it is still possible to contribute to the review in variation in practice by completing a unit questionnaire. Please contact me directly on sarah.tang@lsrg.org.uk. More information on the study can be found on our website www.lsrg.org.uk

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Jobs & Research opportunities (see jobs.nhs.uk for further details and more posts)

Substantive Consultant posts

East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust, East Lancashire, closing date 29/08/2016

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Chorley Hospital, Chorley Lancashire, closing date 31/08/2016

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, London, closing date 27/08/2016

Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust, Windsor, closing date 02/09/2016

Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, Exeter, closing date 29/08/2016

Locum Consultant posts

Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, Redhill, closing date 24/08/2016

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, Birmingham, closing date 23/08/2016

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, Telford and Shrewsbury, closing date 26/08/2016

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Denmark Hill/Orpington, closing date 24/08/2016

Fellowship posts

Oncoplastic Breast Surgery TiG Fellowship, commencing August 2017: Application opens 03/11/2016, Application closes 01/12/2016, further details to follow on severn deanery.nhs.uk

Research and Middle Grade posts

Trust Grade Registrar, Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Kettering, closing date 22/08/2016

MS Oncoplastic Breast Surgery, University of East Anglia

Join UEA's award-winning online Specialist Clinical Mastership in Oncoplastic Breast Surgery - Europe's highest qualification lead by the UK's leading Oncoplastic Consultants.

Application deadline 30/11/2016, intake 30/01/2017. Full course fee for UK/EU students: £7,150

You can [apply online](#), or by downloading the [application form](#)

Discount on RCPSG e-learning modules

Please find below details of the latest e-learning modules from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. These usually cost £25 each but trainees can use the voucher code: **trainee_code** to get 70% off any purchase on RCPSG e-learning. With thanks to Jennifer McIlhenny for arranging this.

Access the e-learning store here <https://bookings-learning.rcpsg.ac.uk/>.

[Breast Surgery Module 1 - Metastatic Disease](#)

[Breast Surgery Module 2 - Neurosurgical Management & Thoracic Surgery](#)

[Breast Surgery Module 3 - Radiotherapy Treatment & ER/PR Positive Breast Carcinoma](#)

[Breast Surgery Module 4 - Bony Disease & Good Palliative Care](#)

Events

[ABS Trainees Meeting](#), Glasgow, 22nd & 23rd September 2016

See programme and register now online at www.associationofbreastsurgery.org.uk Registration fees are: £180 for delegates requiring 1 or 2 nights' accommodation, £100 for delegates attending the course only. All registration fees include attendance at the course dinner at Assam's on Thursday 22nd September.

[ORBS 'Live' 2016](#), Nottingham or online via OrbsWeb, 29th to 30th September 2016

Live oncological and reconstructive surgery will be broadcast to delegates attending the venue as well as an on-line audience.

[9th Royal Marsden Breast Cancer Meeting: Hot topics in Breast Cancer](#) The Royal College of Physicians, London, 7th October 2016

An update on what is new, challenging and controversial in the management of patients with breast cancer.

[BASO Annual Scientific Conference, AGM and NCRI Cancer Conference](#), BT Convention Centre, Liverpool, 6th - 9th November 2016

[Breast Surgery as Day Surgery](#), ICO Conference Centre, London, 24th Nov 2016

The basic elements of a day surgery pathway will be presented including the evaluation of the quality of care provided. Specific details of multi-disciplinary care specific to breast surgery management will be presented reflecting the importance of the multi-disciplinary team in successful delivery of day surgery care for these patients. For further information and to book your place visit [the website](#) or email kate@hc-uk.org.uk

[3RD iBRA Study Day](#), Birmingham, 21st November, 2016

[2016 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium](#), Texas, USA, 6th to 10th December 2016

[4th ABS MDT Meeting: Radiotherapy and Immediate Breast Reconstruction - are they compatible?](#), QEII Centre, London, Monday 16th January 2017

[ASSOCIATION OF BREAST SURGERY CONFERENCE & AGM](#), Belfast, 15th & 16th May 2017

Preceded by the Mammary Fold pre-ABS educational event on Sunday 14th May

[Milan Breast Cancer Conference](#) Milan, 22nd to 23rd June 2017

Biennial conference with the goal of discussing innovation in breast cancer.

Education Bursaries

HCA Foundation Travelling Scholarships

HCA International Foundation are offering Travelling Scholarships to study new medicine, surgical and interventional advances up to £20,000. They will be awarded to candidates who wish to advance their education, training and practice by visiting institutions abroad or in the UK in order to learn new techniques and to advance the science of surgery and medicine for the ultimate benefit of patients. Applicants should be Registrars on a Specialist Training Programme or Consultants within 10 years of their appointment. The closing date for applications is September 11th 2016. For further details see [the website](#)

Basic Ultrasound Skills Course for Breast Surgeons

Friday 30th September

8.30am – 4.00 pm

Venue: Education Centre 3

Chorley and South Ribble District General Hospital (PR7 1PP)

RCS Edinburgh CPD points applied for

- To Develop basic skills in performing breast USS for Breast Surgeons/Surgical Trainees .
- to learn and develop skills that could be translated in to day to day practice of Breast Surgeons

The course is aimed to facilitate surgeons in clinics and theatre for the evaluation and surgical planning of diagnostic and therapeutic excision of breast lesions.

This course would be suitable for career Oncoplastic Breast Surgeons at CT2/ST3 level and above. As this is a course involving practical workstations and patient volunteers places are limited to 8 participants.

Cost £175.00

For Registration details please contact
Events.RPH@lthtr.nhs.uk
Telephone 01257 247681

Excellence in education

Communication Skills and Medico-legal Study Day

The Mammary Fold Committee are working hard to establish a brand new event for MF members. This will be a one-day workshop with small group sessions and lectures on advanced communication skills and medico-legal issues.

It will be held in December 2016 with exact date and venue to be confirmed shortly.

Courses

[7th Winchester Masterclass in Oncoplastic Breast Surgery](#), 8th & 9th September 2016, Winchester **Observerships may still be available**

This unique course offers two full days of continuous live surgery with direct feed to our lecture theatre and open interactive discussion throughout the programme. For further information [see the website](#) or [download the provisional programme here](#) or contact admin@pelicancancer.org

[SPECIALTY SKILLS IN BREAST E-LEARNING PROGRAMME](#), online with skills days 15th September & 4th November 2016, RCS-Eng.

This e-learning programme is aimed at CT1-2, ST3-4 and SAS grades to strengthen the foundations for those interested in taking up the specialty of breast surgery, as well as those working within a multidisciplinary team.

[THE BRISTOL BREAST ULTRASOUND COURSE FOR NON RADIOLOGISTS](#) 12th & 13th October 2016, Bristol

Whether you have never picked up an ultrasound probe before, or you are an experienced user who wants to know a bit more (or get an official accreditation), this two-day course comes highly recommended.

[KEELE CLINICAL MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP COURSE FOR SURGICAL TRAINEES](#)

7th-9th November 2016, 20th-22nd February, 8th-10th May 2017, Keele

[SPECIALTY SKILLS IN BREAST SURGERY: PRINCIPLES IN BREAST RECONSTRUCTION \(LEVEL 1\)](#), 20th-21st March 2017, London

This highly popular 2-day course aimed at ST3-5 trainees is designed to provide an introduction to the principles and practice of post-mastectomy breast reconstruction techniques.

[ADVANCED SKILLS IN BREAST DISEASE MANAGEMENT](#) 4th – 7th April 2017, London

Supporting the current ISCP syllabus, this course provides an excellent platform for preparation for the CCST. It is highly interactive, with case conferences, tutorials and debates as well as state-of-the-art lectures, and it offers the opportunity to discuss current issues with leading experts.