



The National Breast Trainees Group

Mammary Fold Newsletter April 2018

Introduction Note

Dear all,

I hope you are all well. As always, there are lots of upcoming conferences and courses to get involved with. I am sure you are aware that the **ABS conference** in Birmingham is growing closer. As usual there will be the Mammary Fold educational event on the day before the conference starts, the 17th of June.

The event is free and is specifically for breast trainees. The final schedule will be sent out shortly but the theme of the day will be different oncoplastic techniques, with presentations and tips from surgeons experienced in those techniques. This will be followed by a drinks reception in the same location. Spaces are limited, so please register for your place by emailing the mammaryfold@gmail.com.

Dates for the Diary



Date:
18th & 19th June 2018
ABS Conference - ICC
Birmingham
More [here](#)



Date:
23rd April 2018
**Wolverhampton Breast
Conference** on Innovations
and advances in Breast
Surgery (IABS)
More [here](#)



Date:
25th April 2018
**iBRA-NET Inaugural
Meeting**
More [here](#)



Date:
11th June 2018
**UHNM Keele breast
reconstruction course**
More [here](#)

Date:
25th – 26th September 2018
ABS Breast Trainees
Meeting
More [here](#)

Date:
27th September 2018
ABS Cadaveric Course
More [here](#)

Save the Date

ABS Trainees Meeting

25th & 26th September 2018, Glasgow Royal Infirmary
More [here](#)

&

Cadaveric Course

27th September 2018

Clinical Anatomy Skills Centre, Glasgow
More [here](#)

Further information will appear on the ABS website in due course.



**APPLICATIONS OPEN
Breast Surgery EBSQ Exam**



Every year, the European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO) in co-operation with the European Board of Surgery of the Union of European Medical Specialists (UEMS) organises Professional Examinations in Breast Surgery, The European Board of Surgery Qualification (EBSQ).

The examination aims at certifying the level of up-to-date knowledge, skills, and general competency necessary for the optimal treatment of a cancer patient. It consists of an online written MCQ and an oral exam composed of 2 case discussions and a review of a scientific paper.

The online written part of the EBSQ exam in Breast Cancer Surgery will be held at several locations globally (Greece, Belgium, Hungary, Egypt, India, Turkey, UK, Slovenia and Austria) on June 22nd 2018.

The oral exam will be on 30th September 2018 in Lille, France (immediately after the **ESSO Advanced Course on Breast Cancer Surgery**).

There is a strict limited number of candidates per location so do not delay your application.

[More Information here.](#)

Jobs and Fellowships



Consultant Breast Surgeon (Oncoplastic)

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, St Helens, St Helens

Locum Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon

Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University NHS Trust, RLUH, Liverpool

Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon

Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Milton Keynes

Please see jobs.nhs.uk for further details.

(WAITING ON MFAC)

Trials and Audits

ABS Academic and Research Committee: New trials “sandpit” session

The ABS Academic & Research Committee would like to hear research proposals from our members to address clinical questions that you feel are currently relevant. The A&R Committee includes experienced clinical trialists, researchers, and members of research groups such as the NCRI Breast Clinical Studies Group and therefore will be able to provide input to help refine and develop proposals, including identifying possible key collaborators and funding streams. We are happy to hear trial ideas at any stage of their development, from a concept

through to a more developed trial design, addressing any aspect of breast cancer diagnosis and treatment of relevance to breast surgeons.

“Sandpit” sessions are run on the days the Academic & Research Committee meets. Members with a trial idea are invited to bring their idea, at any stage of development, to the committee for advice on further design, development and seeking funding. They will be held on Wednesday 16th May from 2pm to 4pm at the Grange White Hall Hotel in London.

For information about when the next session is being held or to discuss further, please contact Stuart McIntosh at s.mcintosh@qub.ac.uk

NeST - Neoadjuvant Systemic Therapy in Breast Cancer

NeST is a multicentre audit to evaluate current practice in the use of neoadjuvant systemic therapies (NST) to treat breast cancer. The audit aims to:

To establish current stated practice regarding the use of NST across the U.K.
To determine the current practice of NST, including:

- Indications for use
- Treatment modalities in common use
- Monitoring of response to treatment
- Pathological reporting of response to NST
- To explore surgical decision-making in the context of NST with respect to both the breast and axilla
- To explore the use of further adjuvant therapies (radiotherapy and systemic therapies) following NST
- To determine pathological response rates to NST in routine clinical practice
- To establish best practice with regard to the use of NST, with a view to generating national guidelines.

The Breast and Cosmetic Implant Registry

The Breast and Cosmetic Implant Registry was opened on Monday October 10th 2016. NHS Digital has developed a Breast and Cosmetic Implant Registry (BCIR).

The registry is designed to record the details of any individual, who has breast implant surgery for any reason, so that they can be traced in the event of a product recall or other safety concern relating to a specific type of implant. The registry will also allow the identification of possible trends and complications relating to specific implants.

Find more information [here](#).

NABCOP Update

What is the National Audit of Breast Cancer in Older Patients (NABCOP)?
NABCOP is a clinical audit commissioned by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) as part of the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme (NCAPOP) since April 2016. The audit is run by the Association of Breast Surgery (ABS) and the Clinical Effectiveness Unit (CEU) of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCS).

The audit evaluates the quality of care provided to women aged 70 years or older by breast cancer services in England and Wales. These patterns of care observed will be compared with those among women diagnosed aged 50 – 69.

Peri-operative pain control techniques for breast cancer : UK Survey

Nearly 50% of women who have surgery for breast cancer develop chronic pain.

A group of surgeons and anaesthetists, with a specialist interest in chronic pain, are conducting a short survey of practice looking at analgesic techniques used in breast surgery to manage pain. It aims to gather a snapshot of the variety of techniques and processes currently taking place across the UK to help inform a further study looking at acute and chronic pain management in breast cancer surgery.

5mins to complete.

All participants will be listed as a collaborative author.

Click [here](#) to complete the survey or go to the ABS website, click the Clinical tab and surveys.

For any questions or queries please email breastpainresearch@gmail.com.

Get in touch

For more information and updates please follow the [ABS Twitter](#) account or like The [Mammary Fold Facebook page](#).

The Mammary Fold website will soon be moving to the new ABS website, where you will still be able to find updates on courses, conferences and job opportunities.

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