CEM e-newsletter

Excellence in Emergency Care

News:

Emergency Medicine Operational Handbook (The Way Ahead) - The College has published the latest version of their strategic guidance for Emergency Departments, last published in December 2008 as *The Way Ahead*.
As the pace of change is brisk we will continually refresh this guidance as the service develops. If you identify any content of this document that you feel should be revisited please email the Chief Executive, Gordon Miles, at gordon.miles@collemergencymed.ac.uk so that your comments and suggestions can be considered when developing the next iteration of this Handbook.
http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/Development/Policy and Service Development/The Way Ahead 2011/

Breaking the mould without breaking the system: new ideas and resources for clinical commissioners on the journey towards integrated 24/7 urgent care - This report has been published by the Primary Care Foundation in partnership with the NHS Alliance. This resource is designed to offer ideas and inspiration to everyone responsible for commissioning urgent and emergency care in the UK, in particular, the new clinical commissioning groups in England.
http://secure.collemergencymed.ac.uk/code/document.asp?ID=6218

ED design toolkit - The Design Council has published a toolkit for NHS managers, clinicians and designer and healthcare planners who want to develop and deliver a better service in effective and inspiring environments. It will help you understand how to use design to develop integrated QIPP plans and improve performance against ED clinical quality indicators
http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/AEtoolkit/

The 2012 Annual CPD Event will be held on 13-15 March 2012 at the British Museum, London.
http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/Development/Conferences and courses/Forthcoming Conferences/CPD Event 2012/Programme

Goodbye Churchill, hello Breams – Plans are being finalised to move to our new HQ in the last week of January 2012.

Best wishes for a happy Christmas and a fantastic 2012!

Gerardine Beckett & Phil McMillan
CEM

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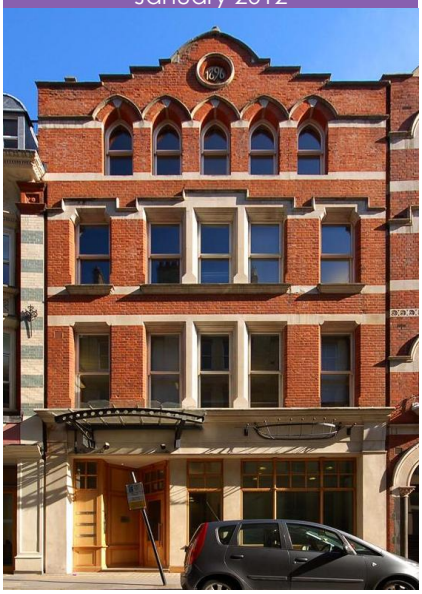
The College prepares to say goodbye to Churchill House (above). CEM will move to its new home at Breams (below) in late January 2012



For Professionals - latest from the shopfloor

Shopfloor News

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness - Over the winter Emergency Department (ED) staff should be aware of the increased possibility of patients attending with carbon monoxide poisoning as there is an increased risk from faulty or poorly ventilated heating systems.
Please be aware of these risks when assessing patients with non-specific presentations including: headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain or confusion.
You can download an HPA/CEM algorithm for assessing carbon monoxide poisoning here:
http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/asp/document.asp?ID=4622
Information for members of the public is available on the HPA website:
http://www.hpa.org.uk/web/HPAweb&Page&HPAwebAutoListName/Page/1226908886240

Find it on the website:

- **Alerts**
- **Clinical Guidelines**
- **Clinical Standards**
- **Clinical Audits**
- **Professional Standards**
- **Casemix & IT**
- **Safer Care**
- **Research**

Substance Misuse Detainees in Police Custody: Guidelines for Clinical Management (4th edn) - The Royal College of Psychiatrists has published updated guidance on the acceptable minimum standards for the assessment of drug- and alcohol-dependent individuals and treatment interventions for forensic physicians.
http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/publications/collegereports/cr/cr169.aspx

The Role of Emergency Medicine in Organ Donation: Report of a Workshop held on 4 October 2011 - This document reports on a workshop held between representatives of Emergency Medicine, critical care, Specialist Nurses in Organ Donation and transplantation surgery. The report makes several recommendations on the role of EDs. http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/code/document.asp?ID=6175

Establish SEPSIS as a medical emergency and a clinical priority for the NHS - Sepsis is a hidden killer. It claims 37,000 U.K lives annually- more than breast, bowel and prostate cancers combined. The majority of cases arise in the community. Simple, timely interventions including antibiotics and intravenous fluids can halve the risk of dying, yet are delivered in fewer than 1 in 7 cases in the U.K at present. Early sepsis treatment is cost effective, reducing hospital and Critical Care bed days for patients. Establishing sepsis as a medical emergency and a clinical priority for the NHS is likely to save at least 10,000 extra lives per year, and yield annual savings to the NHS of over £170M. Please support this initiative by signing an online e-petition at: http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/19602

Chemical Hazards and Poisons Report: Issue 20 - Articles of particular interest to emergency medicine practitioners include the COMEAP UK Air Quality Index, The Global Lead Challenge and Thunderstorm asthma.
http://www.hpa.org.uk/chemicals/reports

Latest update from the Summary Care Record and Healthspace Programme - this details how several organisations representing patients with various Long Term Conditions are advocating that their members request that their GPs put additional information onto their SCRs, which will be of value to clinicians treating them in an emergency.
http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/Shop-Floor/Informatics/Summary Care Record

Clinical Audit

Consultant sign-off audit reports 2011 – reports are currently being sent by e-mail to participating EDs. Thank you to everyone for your hard work in completing the audit.

Pain in children and severe sepsis & septic shock audits – A reminder that the deadline for data submission is 10 February 2012. Audit reports will be sent to participating EDs in April 2012
http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/Shop-Floor/Clinical Audit/Current Audits/

Research

CRASH 2 trial published in Lancet - Results of the CRASH-2 study shows that tranexamic acid should be given as early as possible to bleeding trauma patients. The College and Department of Health urge Emergency Departments to translate the results into clinical practice: http://www.lancet.com/crash-2

For Professionals - latest from the shopfloor - cont.

Clinical Guidelines

Providing pre-transfusion blood samples for police - CEM position statement
http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/code/document.asp?ID=6106

New local guidelines available - The ED teams at Newham University Hospital and University Hospital South Manchester have kindly shared a number of protocols which are available for others to download from the local guidelines section.
http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/Shop-Floor/Clinical Guidelines/Local Guidelines

Protocols for discharge into police custody and when to contact police if patients abscond from the ED
http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/Shop-Floor/Professional Standards/Police Liaison

New CEM External Guidelines section – this section has been redesigned to help you find clinical guidelines relevant to Emergency Medicine by topic: http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/Shop-Floor/Clinical Guidelines/External Guidelines/

Safer Care

CEM Patient Safety Award - CEM wishes to celebrate and publicise those initiatives within the Emergency medicine community that have made a significant contribution to patient safety.
The CEM Patient Safety Award will be awarded annually to an individual or hospital team that can demonstrate evidence of improved patient safety as a direct result of an innovation within their Emergency Department. Shortlisted teams will be invited to present their work at a patient safety session held at the autumn CEM conference, starting in 2013.
http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/Shop-Floor/Safer Care/Safety News

CEM Safer Care Newsletter - download latest issue (16 Dec 2011)
http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/code/document.asp?ID=6233

ED Safety Leads: Each ED is asked to notify the College of their lead Consultant for Patient Safety. If you have not already done so, please notify: philip.mcmillan@collemergencymed.ac.uk

Professional Development

CQC quick guide to whistleblowing - raising concerns about your work - this quick guide has been written for health and care professionals that need to raise a concern about their workplace. It gives you helpful advice on speaking out about poor care and what protection you will have from the law if you do.
http://www.cqc.org.uk/public/news/quick-guide-raising-concern-about-your-work

The GMC have published a Consultation on Revalidation Regulations - Comments on the document are invited. The deadline for feedback is Friday 27 January 2012. Please see the College website for further details and links.
http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/Development/Revalidation/Latest News/

Healthy Working UK website - This site provides access to information, guidance and training on the management of health and work and can be found at www.healthyworkinguk.co.uk

Find it on the website:

- **CPD**
- **Consultant Working**
- **Revalidation**
- **Conferences & Courses**
- **E-learning**
- **EMJ**
- **FASSGEM**
- **RSS Feeds**

Professional Development – cont.

Interested in Medical Leadership? - Membership of the newly established Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management is now open to all doctors, secondary-care dentists, and medical students.
www.fmlm.ac.uk/membership

New online self-management support resource centre - The Health Foundation has launched a new online self-management support resource centre. The resource centre provides information and practical tools that can be adopted and adapted locally to enable services and health professionals to develop their own self -management support programmes. Find out more by visiting www.health.org.uk/sms

Introducing NHS 111 - Download an introductory leaflet for details of the new service
http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/code/document.asp?ID=6098

Advisory Appointment Committees - Due to the growing number of AACs, we are seeking to recruit more Fellows to represent the College on AAC panels. For details of eligibility and to download an application form please visit:
http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/Development/Consultant working/Advisory Appointments Committees/AAC information for College Assessors

Surveys

HPA/WHO Survey - The World Health Organisation for Europe has developed a toolkit which can be used to assess a country's state of preparedness for dealing with emergencies and crisis. The aim of using the toolkit in England is to produce a review highlighting good practice that can be added to the body of literature. Your input will be invaluable in adding detail and in identifying any gaps.
http://www.hpa-surveys.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=842H884

Courses of Interest

First on the scene: A clinician's guide to forensic medicine
(RSM, London, 20 January 2012)
www.rsm.ac.uk/emergency

UK Training in Emergency Airway Management (TEAM) Course
(Various)
http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/index.asp?PageID=40

(For College courses and study days see Events below)

Find it on the website:

- **Training**
- **E-portfolio**
- **WPBA**
- **Curriculum**
- **Medical Training Initiative**
- **Equivalence**
- **Exams**
- **EMTA**

Training & Exams

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT ENROLMENT: Trainees who have been appointed to Higher Specialty Training posts should enrol with the College's Training Standards Committee (TSC). Enrolment will enable the College to, in due course, confirm eligibility for the FCEM examination and make a recommendation to the GMC for inclusion on the specialist register. Please note: enrolment is a separate process from registration of core trainees, payment of the annual training fee (and completion of the 'E-portfolio user details registration form') and membership of the College. Further, it should not be confused with registration with the deanery and completion of 'Form R'. If you are unsure whether you have enrolled, or if you have a query about enrolment, contact the College's Training Department. An enrolment form can be downloaded from:
http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/Training-Exams/Training/General Training Information/

Membership & About the College

Welcome to new CEM Staff:
Serra Pitts – Events Manager
Adenike Adeniyi – Finance Manager

New Committee Chairs & Council Members
Sue Mason – Research & Publications Committee (succeeding Fiona Lecky)
Caroline Shaw – FASSGEM President (succeeding Meng Aw Yong)

The College sends a huge thank you to Fiona and Meng for their tireless dedication and fantastic efforts during their tenure – there is not enough space here for the superlatives required to express our gratitude fully.

Find it on the website:

- **College History**
- **Charter & Ordinances**
- **College Structure**
- **Membership**

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ENLIGHTENme, Chris Walsh

Events: January 2012 – March 2012

- **International Dimensions of Emergency Medicine Work** - This event is for those interested in undertaking EM work internationally.
  Friday 24 February 2012 (0945-1700)
  http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/Development/CPD/CEM Study Days and Courses

- **CEM CPD Event 13-15 March 2012**
  Preliminary Programme:
  http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/Development/Conferences and courses/Forthcoming Conferences/CPD Event 2012/Programme
  Registration:
  http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/Development/Conferences and courses/Forthcoming Conferences/CPD Event 2012/Registration

More Events:

- **CEM Study Days & Courses**
- **Approved Courses**
- **Courses of Interest**
- **EMTA & FASSGEM Conferences**
- **International Meetings**

In 2012, the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund will celebrate 175 years of providing invaluable help to doctors and their families at times of crisis and serious need.

The RMBF relies almost entirely on voluntary donations, particularly from within the medical profession. Please help celebrate this special year by supporting the RMBF's 175th Anniversary Appeal at www.rmbf.org