

July 2018 Letter No.1 AGR.NEUSNEWS

A word from our regional representative.....

Dear NEUS members,
 I hope you are all enjoying the fabulous summer weather. The BAUS meeting in Liverpool was a great success and over 1000 delegates attended. The meeting has a real focus on every day issues for British Urologists and remains a great networking event.

There are many ongoing challenges for UK Urologists not least the manpower shortfall which is likely to become more acute as funding for increased trainees has been declined by HEE. The ever increasing emergency load also challenges both training and elective service delivery. I would commend to you the GIRFT report from Simon Harrison now available on the BAUS website which starts to focus on these issues. I feel NEUS can provide a forum through which we can develop Urology Area Networks to improve services for our patients. It is also a means of supporting each other through sharing experience and resources. I look forward to catching up at the NEUS Autumn meeting but please email me if I can be of help.

David Thomas

NEUS ANNUAL MEETING 2018

The next NEUS meeting is the **9th November** and will be held at the Riverside cricket ground, Chester le Street. A varied benign and malignant programme is nearly finalised with some outstanding national speakers attending. **BOOK YOUR STUDY LEAVE NOW!**

Abstract submission will open on 27th July and close 28th September

The meeting is on the BAUS calendar:
https://www.baus.org.uk/professionals/events/2826/north_of_england_and_urological_society_annual_meeting

NEUS 2018

This year the **BAUS President**

Duncan Summerton will be attending our meeting. There will be a Q&A session in the business meeting so please make every effort to get to the NEUS meeting by 09.00!

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NEUS SPORT

The Inaugural **NEUS 'Golf Day'** took place on Sunday June 17th. Three Trainees and eight Consultants played a Stableford Competition on the beautiful Hunting Course at Slaley Hall on a typically fair Northumberland day. The Longest drive competition down the 13th was won with a whopper from John Fitzpatrick of some 330+ yards, just pipping Ameet Patel and Campbell Tait. 'Nearest the Pin' challenges were won by David Thomas on the 15th and Campbell Tait on the 8th, the later by virtue of being nearest the green, such was the calibre of shots on display on the 8th hole! The Consultants team were victorious in beating the out numbered trainees by 4 points. Next years golf day will be at the Northumberland Golf club in Newcastle; as the trainees will try to seek the honour of winning the Illustrious 'NEUS Golf day' back from the Champion consultants. (written by David Bryant)



The annual **Urology vs ENT cricket match** is on 22nd July, Heaton Park Cricket ground at 2pm. Please let Devan (Kanagasabai.Sahadevan@chsft.nhs.uk) know if you would like to play. It's a good afternoon for families or those that just want to watch. Tea provided.



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Caption competition?
"How many urologists does it take..."

Urology Nurse Specialists

We hope that many of our urology nurse specialists and ward sisters attend the NEUS meeting in November. They are a valued part of our urology units and it was great to see some of them there last year. If you are consultant please encourage them to come and pass this newsletter around to them. We hope to have an opportunity at NEUS to discuss with them their role in NEUS and what NEUS can do to support them better.

DRAGONS DEN WINNER!



It was great to see at BAUS a collaborative multicentre study from the North East run by the Trainees and well presented by Simon Morton. It reviewed emergency scrotal exploration. In fact it won the 'dragons den' competition run by BURST and will therefore be the subject of the next big national Urology trainees collaborative study. Well Done to all involved!

A Multicentre Prospective Study Evaluating The Outcomes From Emergency Scrotal Exploration



The new NEUS website continues to develop and will soon host all of the FRCS Urol presentations. The NEUS programme will soon be uploaded and a number of training courses are now advertised on the site so do check it out.
www.neus.ork.uk
Feedback and content always welcome!

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Updates from around the region.

It is good to hear what is going on in the NEUS urology units. There is not space to cover all that's going on. The CD's have given a few points:
James Cook, Middlesbrough

- The urology department in Darlington is now run by South Tees.
- MRI pre-Prostate biopsy for all was introduced 6 months ago.
- Recently 3 robotic prostatectomies performed in one day.

Carlisle Infirmary

- Relative stability in clinical provision.
- Consultant recruitment an issue with unfilled substantive posts.

Sunderland Royal Hospital

- The new Durham treatment Centre is due to open next week and will contain new urological diagnostic services.
- Like JCUH there is now MRI pre-prostate biopsy for SRH only.
- Currently 2 consultant posts out to advert (replace retirements)

North Tees

- There has been some difficulty in appointing to substantive consultant posts and will require ongoing assessment.

Freeman Hospital, Newcastle

- Robotic training is now available in the cadaeveric Newcastle Surgical Training Centre with numerous urology courses run yearly.
- Jon Aning has left to a consultant post in Bristol and will be missed.

NEUS goodies.....

At the NEUS meeting this year we will be giving out some free NEUS ties and scarves for those attending the meeting. We are looking into the possibility of purchasing a latest edition Campbells Urology for each of the main training centres. Watch this space.....