

NEWS FROM AROUND THE BAY

Every year the *Journal* invites its readers to report on developments and improvements regarding clinical and supporting services over the previous calendar year. Here is a summary of those developments that have been notified to the editorial team, together with news on future plans and ambitions, staff appointments, etc. It is not a comprehensive list!

The *Journal* also notes with interest the annual list of publications and presentations for 2008 from members of the local healthcare community.

This list has been compiled for the *Journal*, and we will be circulating the healthcare community early next year to gather information regarding developments in 2009. Alternatively, readers are welcome to communicate any developments or departmental news to the *Journal* editorial team.

SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS IN 2008

Accident and Emergency (RLI)

A new Emergency Department Unit Manager, Patricia Whalley, has been appointed from November 2008.

There has been development of the Emergency Nurse Practitioner role.

Colorectal surgery (FGH)

The Enhanced Recovery Programme following Major Colorectal Resection: this programme facilitates patients recovering after surgery, speeds it (up) and results in early discharge from the hospital. It helps to reduce morbidity and results in saving several bed days.

Dermatology (RLI)

In January 2008, we commenced an anti-TNF (Biologic) Clinic for patients with severe plaque-type psoriasis. The clinic is predominantly nurse led – they assess patients' eligibility for the anti-TNF therapies by following strict guidance from NICE and the British Association of Dermatology guidelines. Patients who are prescribed these therapies are subsequently monitored very closely in the clinic. Biologic therapies are an important new advance treatment for patients with psoriasis which can considerably affect their quality of life and have psychosocial disabilities.

At the beginning of 2008, the introduction of a one-stop cancer service enabled patients to be seen and assessed in the Dermatology Clinic by a consultant, and if required have treatment on the same day, performed by a doctor working alongside the consultant in our treatment centre. The audit of this service reviewed that patients found this service beneficial, rather than returning on a different day to have their procedure.

Obstetrics and Gynaecology (FGH)

Colpoclesis was offered in the Gynaecology department by Mr PK Misra. This is a less radical approach for cases of procidentia in elderly ladies not suitable for other radical procedures.

Research & Development

Last year saw the establishment of the nationally funded Patient Safety Research Unit within the Trust (Prof Andrew Smith). The three main areas of work are a qualitative study of risk and professional identity, statistical analyses of data on hospital-acquired infection, and analysis of national incident reporting data.

Janet Myerscough took up the post of research governance facilitator, which has now become fulltime.

Plans were made to move the department from the portacabin shared with the clinical audit department to larger premises.

We received funding from the Cumbria and Lancashire Comprehensive Local Research Network to support a huge expansion in our research nurse establishment and now have newly appointed nurses in diabetes, oncology, gastroenterology and stroke, with further posts to come.

Rheumatology

Anne Craig won the prize of 'carer of the year' from the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society and she also won a prize at the British Society for Rheumatology 2008 AGM for her telephone follow-up clinic for biologics.

The department were runners up for 'team of the year' in the trust awards 2008, and Lindsey Wilcox won the award for 'best practice' at the trust awards 2008.

POSTERS IN 2008

Chatterjee S, Nallapeta S, Misra PK, Bamigboye VI. Hysteroscopic removal of retained fetal bone acting as an intra-uterine device. Poster presentation at Northwest Deanery SpR meeting held at Wythenshaw Hospital, Manchester. November 2008

Singh M, Ghani R, Burch D. Primary vaginal cancer: three case reports of unusual presentations. Poster presented at the

11th World Conference on Controversies in Obstetrics, Gynecology and Infertility, Paris. November 2008

Tripathi L. A case of massive peripartum haemorrhage of placenta praevia requiring 73 units of blood transfusion and 4 laparotomies. (Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport). Poster presented at the International Scientific meeting, Montreal, Canada. 2008

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Massiah N, Misra PK. Pelvic floor repair with pelvicol. Presented at SpROG's meeting. Harrogate. 25-27 June 2008

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