



Inside this issue...the SIRNR session at the BSIR ASM; the opportunity for you to become involved with SIRNR with the impending elections; the ongoing SIRNR educational sessions; and there's a word from our chair Mary Donnelly.

SIRNR?? – Who we are and what we can do for you

In case you missed the first issue of the SIRNR newsletter (was it due to a over-running case?) let us explain who we are and what we would like to achieve. The idea of a new society for those working in interventional radiology (IR) was first proposed at the 2011 Glasgow ASM, the aim was to provide a forum for nurses and radiographers working in IR that will represent our

discipline and promote excellence and education in our field. The idea received overwhelming support not only from nurses and radiographers at the ASM but from BSIR members as well.

At the next BSIR ASM there was an entire session devoted to nursing and radiography issues within IR and this has now been a fixture of the ASM

since. Obviously these things take time and we hope that you can see that we have made massive progress!

Have a look at Mary's update below and you can see that, although progress has been slow, we are making in roads but we need your help still to get the society into every IR department in the land. Read on!

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The current committee

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Mary is an extremely experienced practitioner working in Preston performing a wide variety services. She also delivers training in venous access across the country.

Carol Ewen – Secretary

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Carol is the senior sister in charge of the IR service across two sites in Newcastle, performing a wide variety of innovative interventional procedures.

Mark Widdowfield – Education Lead

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Mark is a radiographer and lecturer at Teesside University and part of his role is teaching international students at a distance.

SIRNR Update – What’s been happening?

Mary Donnelly – SIRNR Chair

SIRNR has a busy and productive 2014-2015 so far !!

What’s happening?

After the formal launch at BSIR conference in November, The Mizaru educational platform is up and running with the help and donations from Covidien and BSIR council. A planned programme of presentations and symposiums have been publicised on the BSIR website for the whole year. Whilst they are impressive-thank you Jonathon Pearce and Mark Widdowfield- we have had very little uptake from members. The online format was introduced as members voiced their concerns that they were often unable to be released to attend study days and larger conferences, due to finance and study leave. The Mizaru platform allows you to learn, network, chat and discuss or raise IR issues in the comfort of your own home (even with a glass of wine after a busy day!). It may be frightening to do things online (and believe

us...we know) but why not give it a try. We have some excellent speakers in the coming months!

Back to Basics course- Preston 2014

This was devised as a template for IR departments to run in their own locality. The course can include lectures and practical sessions. For example:

- guidewire and catheter techniques, equipment etc.
- safety measures,
- advanced practice,
- procedural training,
- “hot topics” like on-call, staffing levels, compensatory rest, new procedures and techniques.

...and, generally, nurses and radiographers getting together to pass on the knowledge and hopefully gain some they didn’t have!

Several hospitals or groups have showed interest in running a course along these lines. Each area can adapt the template to suit their local needs;

manufacturers and companies have shown universal support for such events, with catering and stands, which helps to significantly reduce the cost to the delegates.

If you are thinking about taking charge of your own CPD contact us, as the SIRNR committee are happy to support you run a course.

Finally, it is vital that our members have a voice (via SIRNR) in BSIR. The current committee remains enthusiastic in promoting our role as IR professionals; however, we need to have new members to the committee in order for that voice to be truly representative of our society.

Join in!!!!!!

If you are interested please contact

sirnr@bsir.org to

register and get your online delegate pack.

The Educational Programme 2015

Testimonials - Taken from survey monkey post course reviews

“Very applicable to my day to day work”

“Very informative”

“An easy to use platform, great educational resource “

Educational Sessions

When: 30th September 2015 19:00-19:45

Who: Owen Dickinson, Radiological Interventional Nurse, Northern General Hospital.

Topic: “Sedation and sedation techniques within interventional Radiology”

Owen will discuss the various sedation techniques utilized within IR. A very informative talk, which will be of interest to those at any stage in their career, whatever your profession.

When: 25th November 2015 19:00-19:45

Who: Paul Walker, Consultant Radiologist, Leeds Teaching Hospitals

Topic: “Where is the bleeder? Identify the source of mesenteric bleeding.”

Mesenteric bleeds can be tricky for all of those involved, both from an imaging and a nursing perspective. Paul will talk you through this particular pathology using case studies in what is sure to be an interesting session.

Symposium Sessions

On alternative months we hold a SIRNR Symposium. The symposium will give you a chance to discuss issues in IR; these can be general issues, issues that affect your local area or sharing resources and ideas. The suggested topics are simply that – if you have a burning issue, bring it along to any of the symposium sessions.

August 26th at 19:00 – Suggested topic: 24 hour staffing

Very current given the current governments push towards “24/7” working. This will provide you an opportunity to discuss how you can staff your service.

October 28th at 19:00 - Suggested topic: Educational funding

As the strings get pulled tighter across healthcare come and have a chat prior to BSIR and see how other departments cope with this shortfall in funding.

December 30th at 19:00 – Free forum

Election Time!!

We are holding elections in the autumn and would invite all members, or non-members, to nominate. The committee would still stand as ex officio members and support anyone to contribute to this very important society. If you would like to nominate yourself or a colleague then email sirnr@bsir.org. Think about how this might look for CPD/revalidation or on your CV!

Most importantly of all!...

Please remember to re-new your existing membership before annual BSIR conference and in good time to allow you to vote for your colleagues. If you are unsure, contact any of the committee to register or confirm you are a member. Alternatively, go to the BSIR website and under the SIRNR tab there is an electronic membership renewal facility.



SIRNR @ BSIR

Glasgow SCC 4th- 6th Nov 2015



SIRNR has been present at BSIR since 2012 and we continue to contribute to the ASM with our own dedicated session for nurses and radiographers. 2015 is proving to be a good year and our lineup will include:

- Paediatric IR – Claire McLaren (Great Ormond Street)
- Nurse sedationist – Owen Dickenson (Northern General)
- Duty of Candor – Georgia Clark (Aintree)
- Enhancing your CPD – Mark Widdowfield (Teesside University)

AND DON'T FORGET - The SIRNR AGM will also take place on the 5th Nov.