

Welcome to the dedicated Newsletter for JAG Assessors

This newsletter is designed with you in mind and will provide you with quarterly updates of JAG activities. If there is information not here that you feel should be or would like to know about, please [click here](#) to email me at the JAG.

Warren Lynch, JAG Manager

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RECENT ISSUES

Urgent Message to all Nurse Endoscopists from the BSG

On behalf of Mr Ricky Forbes-Young & Ms Pauline Hutson

The issue of administering controlled drugs during colonoscopy by nurse Endoscopists has recently been highlighted by the RCN.

For further information supplied by the BSG please [click here](#).

This issue is due to reviewed within the coming weeks so please view the latest news section of the JAG website for the most recent information.

To send an enquiry regarding this issue please [click here](#).

From the JAG Chair

By Prof. Roger Barton

As we enter a new year, the JAG continues to grind through the important activities of visiting Units and certificating individuals. At the last JAG Committee meeting, in response to pleas to make the JAG Summative DOPS for trainees more flexible, we have now agreed this, and are finalising details of what is and isn't acceptable. We had been very much against altering the "2 x 2 " DOPS until now, but as we finally have robust data supporting just how reliable the process is, and data to support a scientific proposal of credible options, we are happy to be able to do so!

We have been boosted by recent news that other countries and organisations wish to work with JAG and use JAG Visit processes - an indication of how valuable the work is. Meanwhile, the three Quality Assurance Working Groups of the JAG continue to work furiously, with thanks to their chairs, John O'Donohue, Jonathan Green, and Siwan Thomas-Gibson. Debbie Johnston and Warren Lynch, more and more ably assisted by Amber Westbury, are also working their socks off in efforts to turn JAG into a going concern.

Finally, great news for the whole endoscopy programme in the UK. Roland Valori was awarded "NHS Change Leader of the Year" at the inaugural ceremony in London in November – many, many congratulations Roland, for a very well deserved reward - another marker of just how far we have all come.

Light Touch Certification

Dr John O'Donohue

The results of the recent consultation exercise on future shape of the Units Certification process are now in. Two models were put to a vote of JAG members and JAG Assessors. By a margin of nearly four to one, the preferred option was a 'light-touch' re-certification system between the five-yearly visits, in which a few key (no more than three) unit performance indicators would need to be submitted yearly by each Unit. These would relate to safety, patient experience and workforce. This yearly submission will not involve more work for the unit over and above that required by the GRS.

In the preferred model, The JAG Office would also track information available from the GRS and waiting times, and perhaps look in the future at a Unit's participation in national endoscopy audits as evidence that the Unit is engaged with a culture of audit. If there are clear problems with the yearly data, then an action plan will need to be agreed with the Unit, with the ultimate sanction being an earlier visit. This option was preferred to the other proposal, a 10% random selection for re-visit in year three.

The options were also discussed at the JAG Committee meeting on Tuesday 19 January 2010, and are now being put out for further

UPCOMING DATES

JAG Assessor Review Days

w/c 19 April 2010 (TBC)

Friday, 9 July 2010

Friday, 8 October 2010

Venue: Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, London, NW1 4LB

JAG Assessor Training Day

Friday, 17 September 2010

Venue: Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, London NW1 4LB

JAG STAFF CHANGES

You may have recently received an email from or spoken to the most recent addition to the JAG Office, Darran Cahill. Darran, who has joined the team as the QA Visits and SAAS Coordinator, and will be looking after the JAG Revisits process, in addition to other responsibilities within the office, such as coordinating the SAAS and Trainee Portfolios. Please make Darran welcome.

Unfortunately with one new face, a familiar one disappears. Lewis Shaw, who has been with the JAG Office since April 2009, will be leaving the team on Friday, 5 February 2010. We would like to wish Lewis all the best with his future endeavours.

NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK

The JAG Assessor newsletter is aimed at all those involved in this area. We publish the newsletter quarterly and would welcome any feedback you could provide on the content of the newsletter. If you have any comments or would like to suggest a topic for the next newsletter please contact the JAG Office by **clicking here**.

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consultation among endoscopy stakeholders, including the BSG, who will conduct their own poll. To succeed, the new process needs to be broadly acceptable to the service, and strike a balance between rigor and the burden it places on units and assessors. We hope to have an operational plan in place and to have finalised details of the process by the end of this year.

We welcome any further comments on the proposal - please contact Amber Westbury at JAG Office.

Quality Control of Decontamination – The Future

Ms Libby Thomson

On 1 April 2009 it became a legal requirement for all Trusts that provide NHS healthcare directly to patients to be registered with the Care Quality Commission. To be registered, Trusts must ensure that they protect patients, workers and others from the known risks of acquiring a healthcare associated infection (HCAI). In 2010/2011, all service providers will be required to register including independent healthcare providers, social care settings, General Practitioners and Dentists, which means that the national minimum standard relating to decontamination will be replaced by the same code of practice

The Care Quality Commission will oversee this process in England (the equivalent agencies in the devolved nations being Healthcare Inspectorate Wales, Quality Improvement Scotland or Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority in Northern Ireland) and will have regulatory responsibility to ensure that the requirements for devices are met. This includes the provision of a safe, clean environment and appropriate decontamination facilities for flexible endoscopes.

The completion and use of the Infection Prevention Society's tool should be carried out in endoscopy units to produce a list of areas of non-compliance. This list should then be carefully considered by the Trust to draw up an action plan, with date lines, to form the basis of improvement of standards. This data is likely to form the basis of a Care Quality Commission external examination. Whilst the HTM-01-06 criteria themselves do not form part of the Code, the guidance is designed to assist users in meeting these requirements.

2010/2011 Assessor Contracts

As most of you will be aware, the JAG Assessor Contracts for 2009/2010 are coming up for renewal on 1 April 2010.

You will receive a request in the next month for you to complete a questionnaire regarding your current and future status as an Assessor. If you are receiving this newsletter, then you are considered a JAG Assessor and will be required to complete and return this questionnaire in order for your contract to be generated and emailed out to you. Please note that we will require all Assessors to sign, date and return their contracts by no later than Wednesday, 31 March 2010.

If you wish to resign as an Assessor, please send a letter (or email) of resignation Amber Westbury in the JAG Office at your earliest convenience.

Any other enquiries may be directed to Amber Westbury.

