



Christmas News

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An Annual Publication

Welcome to the JAG Christmas Newsletter

This newsletter is designed with you in mind and will provide you with a summary of the JAG activities over the past year. 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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THE JAG OFFICE END OF YEAR REVIEW

The JAG Office has been extremely busy 2009 with recent statistics showing a big increase in the workload during 2009. In July, we said farewell to Sarah Carruthers, our Committee and Trainee Portfolio Administrator who left to pursue a career in the Arts and Lee Petersen, our JAG Visits Coordinator who has returned to Australia. We welcomed Amber Westbury also from Australia to replace Lee and Lewis Shaw to replace Sarah. In December, we also welcomed Darran Cahill who will be administering the new Screening Accreditation Website, coordinating the

From the JAG Chair

By Prof. Roger Barton

As non-urgent business slows down for the Christmas break, JAG continues to grind through the important activities of visiting Units and certifying 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! More details soon.

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. More to follow. Meantime, 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.

e-Portfolio Update

By Dr Paul Dunckley

In September 2009, JAG released a new e-Portfolio for trainees in endoscopy. The new web-based portfolio is hosted on JAG's training site – JETS. The e-Portfolio has been specifically designed to support trainees by providing them with a user-friendly log book which enables them to demonstrate their experience and competence in endoscopy. The JETS e-Portfolio is currently being rolled out in England, with plans to roll it out in Wales and Northern Ireland. The details on how to set the JETS e-Portfolio up are being cascaded from the Development Team, through Regional Leads to individual Trusts. Trusts can also set up the system independently. Further details can be obtained through the JAG website, please [click here](#).

To date one quarter of Trusts in England have set up the e-Portfolio with over 500 users added, over 5,500 procedures logged and over 500 DOPS logged on the system.

The e-Portfolio also allows endoscopy units to achieve many of the items on the Training GRS including providing lists of trainee's Certified, monitoring independently practicing trainees, providing a

growing number of JAG review visits and assisting Amber with arranging the upcoming JAG Visits in 2010 to the acute, community and independent sectors.

On behalf of the JAG team, I would like to thank each and every one of our JAG Assessors for the sterling work they have undertaken for us in 2009. We very much appreciate your efforts and as we finish the last of our scheduled visits this year look forward to working closely with you all again in 2010.

To everyone associated with endoscopy, we wish you all seasons greetings and a happy and safe 2010. With very best wishes from all of the JAG team.

GRAHAM BALL PRIZE IN CLINICAL SCIENCE 2010

The Royal College of Physicians is pleased to announce that the Graham Bull Prize in Clinical Science 2010 is now open for applications.

This award was established in 1988 in honour of the late Sir Graham Bull was set up to provide funding for young research workers under the age of 45 who feel that they have made a major contribution to clinical science. The work can cover a wide range of expertise, such as molecular and cellular biology, imaging technology, psychiatry, or health sciences. The award is open to both clinical and basic scientists who must apply for their own work to be considered. The sum of £1,000 will be awarded to the prize winner.

The closing date for applications is 31 March 2010. For more information on the prize please **click here**.

TEALE ESSAY PRIZE FOR TRAINEES 2010

The Trainees Committee of the Royal College of Physicians of London invites submissions for the Teale Essay Prize for Trainees 2010. The prize-winner will receive a cheque for £200 and the winning entry may be published by the Royal College of Physicians of London.

For full details on the Teale prize please **click here**.

NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK

The JAG Christmas Newsletter is aimed at all those involved in Endoscopy community. We publish this newsletter

system for JAG approved assessment of trainees and providing a system for trainee to feedback on training episodes.

The e-Portfolio has been created to streamline the trainee certification process. This process is currently under review. Further details will be available in early 2010.

Any queries regarding the JETS e-Portfolio should be sent to lewis.shaw@thejag.org.uk

2009 JAG Visit Statistics

In 2009, the JAG has visited a total of 55 units. Of these 55 units visited one unit passed and 54 had deferred Certification as an immediate result of their Visit.

The top five issues currently preventing Units from achieving JAG Certification straight away are:

1. Decontamination
2. Quality of Procedure (audit)
3. Endoscopy Trainers
4. Unit design and layout
5. Environment and Training

Of the top three issues, the main problems identified are:

Decontamination

AERs that are not HTM-20-30 compliant, inadequate tracking

Quality of Procedure

Incomplete audits to Level B (often only raw data is presented)

Endoscopy Trainers

No/unsatisfactory evidence of nurse input into endoscopist's training and evidence of annual evaluation of both trainer's expertise and staff input into endoscopist's training.

The overall situation regarding JAG Visits can be seen in the table below:

Sector	Visited	Passed	Deferred	To visit
Acute	163	105	57	57
Independent	11	3	1	141
Community	3	2	1	40
Total	177	110	59	238

All Units that have not yet had a JAG Visit (including all of the Training Centres, who were part of the original JAG pilot visits) are currently being contacted to confirm their JAG Visit dates.

2009 Certification Statistics

The JAG has received a total of 194 applications from Endoscopists seeking JAG Certification during 2009. This number far exceeds the amount of applications received during 2008, illustrating how the influence of the JAG is continuing to spread throughout the endoscopy community.

Of the 194 applications received, 106 have been successful in applying for JAG Certification. Of these 106 Endoscopists, 96 are from a

annually to provide an overview of the past year and would welcome any feedback on the content of the newsletter.

If you have any comments or would like to suggest a topic for the next training newsletter please contact the JAG Office by **clicking here**.

UPCOMING DATES

JAG Committee Meetings 2010

Dates:

19 January 2010

27 April 2010

30 July 2010

19 October 2010

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

How to pass your JAG Visit Day

Dates:

10 March 2010

20 May 2010

Venue: Royal College of Physicians,
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medical background, 26 are from a surgical background and 11 are from a nursing background.

The breakdown of how these successful applications translate into the different modalities is provided below.

Modality	Number of successful applications
Diagnostic Upper GI	74
Therapeutic Upper GI	14
Colonoscopy	49
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	42
ERCP	5

On average it takes a successful application 58 days from being received and processed to the Certificate and paperwork being returned to applicant. The period of time it takes to Certify an application can be reduced if a complete application is submitted. The JAG has received 119 applications since the beginning of May 2009, with 75% of these applications incomplete, highlighting the issues still surrounding incomplete applications.

The items that are most commonly missing from applications are:

1. Form G's (This is the JAG's standard registration form required from all applicants seeking certification and contains a number of key items of information that will appear on the certificate).
2. Cheques (The JAG requires a certification fee of £30 in the form of a cheque).
3. An absent or incomplete portfolio document. (The portfolio document summarises the applicant's training, number of procedures performed and provides all the mandatory quality data required for certification).

For Details on what is required for JAG Certification please **click here**.

Nevertheless, the JAG office is striving to reduce these waiting times by as much as possible and improve the application process for all applicants. Any feedback you can provide on the application process would be most appreciated.

To feedback on the application process, please email Lewis Shaw: lewis.shaw@thejag.org.uk