

# Training News

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## Welcome to the dedicated Newsletter for JAG Training

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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### LEARNING RESOURCES FOR ENDOSCOPY

#### St Marks

St Marks Multimedia provide media teaching materials for students, doctors, nurses, research scientists and surgeons in a number of aspects of endoscopy.

For further information and how to purchase these resources please click below to visit the following websites:

#### St Mark's Online Shop

#### St Mark's Multimedia

#### JETS

For information on how to view the location and availability of JAG Certified

### 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 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. 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.

### 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 future 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 Units to achieve many of the items on the Training Domain of the GRS including providing lists of trainee's Certified, monitoring independently practicing trainees, providing a system for JAG Certified assessment of trainees and providing a system for trainee to feedback on training episodes.

courses please [click here](#) to visit the JETS website.

Once the required course has been located, please then contact the Unit directly to book your place.

## 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 £1000 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](#).

## 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

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The e-Portfolio has been created to streamline the trainee certification process. Further details will be available soon.

Any queries regarding the JETS e-Portfolio can be submitted by [clicking here](#) to email the JAG Office.

## 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 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 outlined 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. Therefore highlighting a serious issue 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 JAG 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 made payable to the JRCPTB).
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 [click here](#).

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## Midazolam Overdose Survey

Article courtesy of the BSG

In December 2009 the National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) issued the Rapid Response Report (RRR) - [NPSA/2008/RRR011: Reducing risk of overdose with midazolam injection in adults](#).

The Agency received 498 patient safety incident reports, between November 2004 and November 2008, where the dose prescribed or administered to the patient was inappropriate. Three of these incidents resulted in death.

The RRR provided NHS organisations with actions to reduce the potential for harm from this known risk. The deadline to complete these actions was 9 June 2009.

We want to know now what it means for you and your practice, as part of a wider evaluation the NPSA is undertaking.

**We need your help:**

- Were you aware of the risks of midazolam overdose?
- Did you know the NPSA had issued this RRR?
- Have you switched to safer 1mg/ml strength doses of midazolam?
- Whatever your answers to the above questions, we would like to hear from you.

Please follow this link to complete a five minute anonymous on-line survey about your experiences of midazolam risks:

**Complete the Survey**

For more information on the BSG please **click here**

## Newsletter Feedback

The JAG Training newsletter is aimed at all those involved in this area, both trainees and trainers. 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 what like to suggest a topic for the next training newsletter please contact the JAG Office by **clicking here**.