

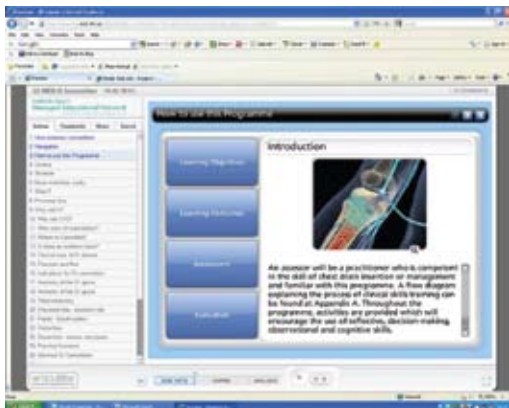


# Newsletter

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## Skills Pack development and resources - June 2010

All of CS MEN's educational packs can be found by searching the NHS Shared Learning site at [www.sharedlearning.scot.nhs.uk/home](http://www.sharedlearning.scot.nhs.uk/home)

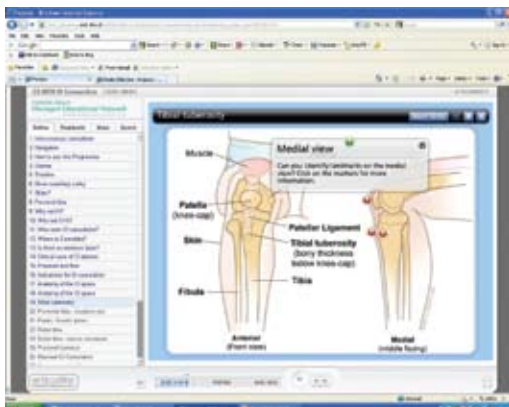


The Chest Drains skills pack written by Janet Skinner was the first of the CS MEN's packs to be developed for online use. There is an introductory section on how to use the programme, including learning outcomes and mapping to KSFs. This is followed by a section on essential pre-requisite knowledge (including indications, anatomy and physiology, risk assessments and procedural guidelines). This is followed by five optional sections on the insertion, management and removal of chest drains – only some of these sections will be relevant to certain professional groups. The theoretical assessment can be either downloaded and completed with paper and pen or completed online. All the course house-keeping (assessment forms, record of completion forms, evaluation forms) can be accessed from within the learning pack.

We have worked closely with the Scottish Clinical Decision Making group on their new community website (<http://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/clinicaldecisionmaking>). The purpose of this community is to maintain an inter-professional forum to promote the sharing of ideas to stimulate broad discussions around clinical decision making. We hope this will encourage group members to evaluate their own current teaching/education and research and development in order to facilitate positive change in current practice. Within the site you will find sections with links to relevant education and resources as well as useful links to other sites and details of forthcoming meetings.



At the time of going to press, our latest resource on Intra- Osseous Cannulation (by Jon McCormack) has just been uploaded to the shared site. This is an interactive package that covers the history of IO cannulation, the uses of IO cannulation and how and where to cannulate plus associated problems and risks. As with the chest drain packs there are sections on how to use the programme and how to access the assessment, record of completion and evaluation forms.



The pack on Safe Communications (by Jean Ker) is now out for review – if you would like to review it please contact our Educational Resource Developer, Andrea Baker at: [a.baker@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:a.baker@dundee.ac.uk). This should be available online (at NHS Shared Learning) during the summer. Another pack which should be ready for uploading in the summer is the Suturing pack. Our two new leads on this, Andrew Renwick and Mark Vella have just completed a final draft for the resource. It is in the final stages for quality assurance and as with Safe Communications is currently being converted to an online tool.

We have recently set up a working group to make a new national resource for Intravenous Medicine Administration. We have three leads for this – Chris Ronayne (NHS GGC), Irene Lavery (NHS Lothian) and Sandra Sharp (NHS Tayside). A first draft of this resource will be available in the autumn, but if you would like to be involved in the development of this resource or would like to review it, please contact us.

# Mobile Unit Update



Sarah McLeod, far left, and Tricia Kelly, next left, with participants in the day at Kinlochberrie Harbour

This spring, the unit visited Galloway Community Hospital for two weeks, and has been used by the SOR (Special Operations Response) Team head offices in Edinburgh for a two-day clinical skills update. It has also been on its first foray into Sutherland, where it was used by Sarah McLeod from Fort William and Tricia Kelly from Inverness, who used the unit for the first time on 6th May, when they delivered an Emergency Obstetrics course in Kinlochberrie (see photos). It was great to have the unit used in this community and we look forward to visiting again in the future. Sarah and Tricia had explored the unit at the Scottish Multiprofessional Maternity Development Programme's conference in Clydebank earlier this year, and hope to use it in other areas of NHS Highland in 2011.

## The journey continues through 2010 with the following visits confirmed:

Montfield Hospital, Shetland Isles: 3rd June - 3rd July  
Orientation day for Scottish Multiprofessional Maternity Development Programme: 12th July  
SORT: 23rd July - 13th August  
Balfour Hospital, Orkney Isles: 14th - 27th August  
Dunoon: 28th August - 4th September  
AMEE Conference, Glasgow: 5th - 8th September  
Mobile Unit Faculty Development, Stirling: 13th & 14th September  
UKCEA Conference: 15th & 16th September  
Bowmore Hospital, Isle of Islay: 17th September - 5th October  
Hawick: 7th - 22nd October

Isle of Tiree: 23rd October - 1st November  
Mobile Unit Faculty Development, Stirling: 4th and 5th November  
Mid-Argyll Hospital and Intermediate Care Centre, Lochgilhead: 6th - 22nd November  
Isle of Mull: 27th November- 4th December  
Monklands Hospital, North Lanarkshire: 5th - 11th December

**It has also been confirmed that funding for the Mobile Unit will continue until 31st March 2011 and dates are currently available in December 2010 and January, February and March 2011. Please contact Sarah Race if you would be interested in hosting a visit at these times (email s.l.race@dundee.ac.uk).**



The road to Kinlochberrie

## Research and Development funding decisions

*Many thanks to all of you who submitted applications for the research and development fund. A wide range of proposals were put forward, of a very high quality. A couple of discussions are still underway, but we are delighted to have confirmed funding of the following:*

"Peer teaching of clinical skills by undergraduate students from medicine and nursing", led by Sundari Joseph of RGU Aberdeen

"The role of laparoscopic simulation in surgical skills acquisition: a feasibility study", led by Ghulam Nabi of Ninewells Hospital/ Dundee University

"The development, implementation & evaluation of online video in clinical skills education for undergraduate student nurses", led by Agi Holland at Napier University

"Evaluating the effectiveness of podcasts in undergraduate practical procedure training", led by Brian Stewart and Alna Robb at the University of Glasgow

"Can podiatrists impact on self-management for people with type II diabetes? Proposal for randomised trial", led by Michelle Dunphy at Queen Margaret University, and

"Critical incident training: does interdisciplinary training enhance critical decision-making & team performance?", led by Mairi McLeod at the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh.

We are also delighted to be funding a research Masters in the North and South & East Regions:

"Identification of insulin & anti-diabetic medication error in Acute hospital setting to develop specific education & training to optimize patient safety" at the University of Aberdeen, and

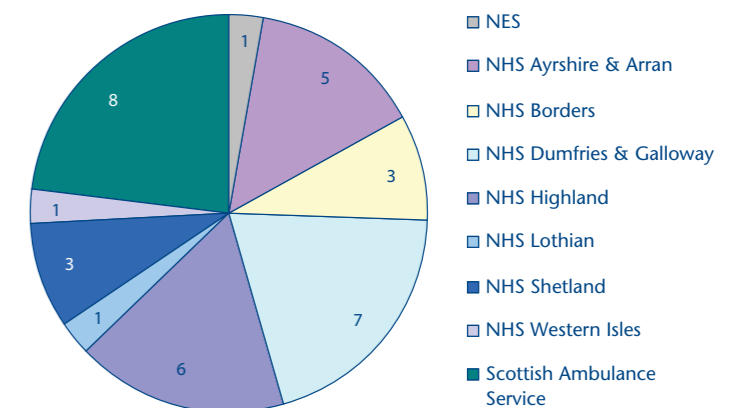
"As easy as ABC? How can newly-qualified doctors be better prepared in acute care?" by Vicky Tallentire at the University of Edinburgh.

No applications for a research Masters were received from the West Consortia, so there is still £4,000 available in the region for this, which will be awarded to the first suitable application we receive (details are available on our website at [www.csmen.ac.uk](http://www.csmen.ac.uk)).

## Faculty Development

The Mobile Unit faculty development course run by the National Clinical Simulation Centre at Stirling has just run for the fifth time with staff attending from NHS Shetland, NHS Borders, NHS Highland and the Scottish Ambulance Service. The first of the five courses took place in October 2008 and since then a total of 35 staff have been trained from many different health boards and organisations; the chart below shows the number from each.

*Participants attending Faculty Development Course at the National Clinical Simulation Centre at Stirling, October 2008 to June 2010*



The professions represented on the courses have ranged widely, including Consultant Anaesthetists (5), Staff Nurses (2), Resuscitation Officers (2) and a GP. The Scottish Ambulance Service, including their Special Operations Response Team are continuing to send Paramedics (3) and Practice Placement Educators (2) to complete the course, to ensure their staff maximise use of the unit.

The course will run again on 13th & 14th September 2010 and 4th & 5th November 2010. More details are available on our website: [www.csmen.ac.uk](http://www.csmen.ac.uk). Some funded places are available in return for a minimum commitment to deliver education through the unit. Please contact Sarah Race (email [s.l.race@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:s.l.race@dundee.ac.uk)) for details.

## Quality Assurance questionnaires

If you took a QA self-assessment questionnaire at the regional meetings and have used it for your skills sessions since then, please could you let us know so that we can add you and your courses to our database. Letters have now been sent out to the Heads of Medical Schools in Scotland asking them if they would be willing to pilot the longer QA questionnaire for course programmes and the same questionnaire will be issued to Universities delivering Nursing shortly. The next Newsletter will contain a fuller update on CS MEN's Quality Assurance systems.

## Your contact details

If your contact details (postal/email address) have changed since the last CS MEN Newsletter, please notify us at [MENoffice@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:MENoffice@dundee.ac.uk). If you don't wish to continue receiving it, or would prefer to receive it by email, please also let us know!

# Spotlight on the regions

## From Jerry Morse

North Consortia



The last three months have been very busy but productive for the Network in the North of Scotland. With the help of the CS MEN team from Dundee, I hosted two regional consortia meetings, one in Aberdeen in March and the other in Inverness in April. They were both well attended and I think people appreciated the opportunity to network with their colleagues as well as find out first hand about CS MEN. In Aberdeen at the Suttie Centre on the Foresterhill campus, we had 23 colleagues from NHS Grampian, Tayside and Highland; NES, RGU & the Universities of Aberdeen, Dundee and Abertay. Examples of good practice were shared and there was an interesting discussion on the skills packs CS MEN has developed. After lunch we split up into two workshops to discuss benefits and challenges of using the mobile unit in practice and at the end, I showed the participants round the new Suttie Centre. At the Centre for Health Science at Raigmore, there were 24 healthcare practitioners from Highlands & Islands, Shetland and the Western Isles health boards and educators from Stirling, Dundee and Aberdeen Universities. The meeting followed a similar format to the previous one with a lively debate on which skills packs participants found most useful for their practice. The discussion about the mobile skills unit which toured many venues in the Highlands & Islands last year brought

up some innovative ideas for its continued deployment which I'm following up actively, for example the possibility of using it to train ferry and distillery staff when it is on its way to/from island venues. I'm very pleased to say that after some initial hiccups in getting venues to host it at the end of last year and the beginning of this one (winter weather notwithstanding!), it is now fully booked out at least until January 2011 and I would like to thank everyone involved in the unit for their hard work and enthusiasm.

The mobile clinical skills unit features highly in our CS MEN work, given the nature of the North region, but this time it took me much further away than normal – to Miami, Florida where we had been accepted for a presentation into the 'possibilities of assessment by the mobile clinical skills unit for Scotland' at this year's Ottawa Conference on competence in medicine and healthcare from 17th - 19th May. It was received very well, with enthusiasm and interest across the world from Canada to Ireland.

I'm also trying to identify people from my region who would like to take part in the faculty development courses run by the Stirling Simulator which trains educators to use the simulation equipment on the mobile skills unit and also the AV equipment for debriefing and feedback.

There are funded places available on these courses for a minimum commitment to deliver education through the unit, so that the faculty who have been trained can cascade their skills out to further members of staff.

## From Janet Skinner

South and East Consortia (includes D&G)



Much of the time since the last Newsletter has been spent organising a meeting of South & East CS MEN members which took place on 22nd April at the Little France site in Edinburgh. It went very well, with 35 clinical skills educators and practitioners from the NHS and HEIs in Lothian, Fife and Lanarkshire who heard a series of short presentations on clinical skills in the region. Presentations included Napier and Queen Margaret Universities on using simulation for teaching nurses and AHPs, and Edinburgh University on using a virtual world to teach infection control to medical students. Maggie Currer of the Scottish Paediatric Retrieval Service gave a presentation about the mobile skills unit which was used for outreach teaching in 2009 and Dawn Moss spoke about the Children & Young People's Services Managed Knowledge Network. It was the first time members in the South & East consortia had had this opportunity to network with each other and we were also able to demonstrate what the CS MEN has to

offer. We discussed clinical skills training needs in the region while Bryan Allan of Edinburgh University ran a workshop on Communication Skills. I am very grateful to all the presenters for their time and effort in making this a successful event.

I attended the April meeting of the SE Interprofessional Practice Education network where clinical skills facilities and developments in the Southeast were discussed, along with how these resources could be utilised to support work-based learning. We also met education leads from Scottish Ambulance Service, who have established a national clinical simulation group.

We're also keen to identify people from my region who would like to take part in the faculty development courses run by the Stirling Simulator which trains educators to use the simulation and AV equipment on the mobile skills unit and how to debrief and feedback effectively. There are funded places available on these courses, but only if your health board can give a commitment that it will host the mobile unit so that staff who have been trained on it can pass on their skills.

## From Anna O'Neill

West Consortia



For the second year running, I was delighted to host a meeting of the West consortia at the Nursing & Healthcare Division, Glasgow University. About 25 people attended from Glasgow University, the West of Scotland and Caledonian Universities as well as the Royal Alexandra, Gartnavel and the Golden Jubilee Hospitals, and there were also representatives from NES and GGC, Forth Valley and Tayside health boards present. We started with a presentation from me telling the story of the CS MEN so far, whilst Andrea Baker demonstrated the on-line skills packs CS MEN has developed. Issues we discussed included the use of technology in learning; transferability and quality assurance of skills; and how to get CS MEN better known. My thanks go to presenters Andrew Renwick from RAH and Chris Ronayne from Gartnavel who talked about

some of the educational methods they use; and also to the team from Edinburgh University who ran a workshop on communications skills. These two colleagues have also been taking forward the development of skills packs which CS MEN is in the process of making into online learning tools for healthcare staff across Scotland. Chris Ronayne is a member of the cross-regional group taking forward the IV Medicines pack, and Andrew Renwick leads on the Suturing pack and again, I would like to thank them both for their input.

Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS is currently rolling out our Quality Assurance self-assessment questionnaire for single training courses using simulation in clinical skills training and when we have the results of these trials, we will know whether this Quality Assurance tool is useful in helping healthcare staff across the professions to transfer their skills across different health board areas of Scotland.