

Minutes of the Renal Association Training and Education Committee Meeting
22nd April 2009, Jury's Inn, Liverpool

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1. Present	Dr S Carr, Dr A Brown, Dr J Levy, Dr P Pai, Dr S Bhandari, Dr J Reynolds, Dr J Fox, Dr D Game, Dr P Mason, Dr P Harden, Dr P Kalra, Dr C Hutchinson (observer)	
2. Apologies	Dr C Kingswood, Dr J Firth, Dr S Riley, Dr P Topham	
3.	Minutes of the previous meeting accepted.	
4.	<p>Membership of the Committee.</p> <p>Under the Committee Terms of Reference it is noted that members of the Committee would normally serve for no more than 3 years and a number of members are due to retire from the Committee in 2009. However, during the transition of the Chair of the Committee it was agreed that members with key roles would extend for a further term of office. Phil Mason, Alison Brown and Jeremy Levy and John Firth have agreed to continue in their current roles. Sue Carr (SC) will write again to Sally Holton to ask if the name of the new paediatric nephrology representative could be forwarded to her. SC will contact 2009 members who are due for renewal.</p>	SC
5.	<p>CPD session 2010.</p> <p>Three successful sessions were organised in Liverpool; Bone and Mineral Disorders (arranged by Phil Kalra and supported by the DGH Nephrology Society), Science for Clinicians (organised by John Reynolds and David Game) and ??</p> <p>Many thanks to Committee members who arranged these successful sessions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find out number of CPD sessions available for 2010. 2. Meeting proposed CPD sessions 2010. 3. Medicine for Scientists – David Game, John Reynolds and Phil Kalra. 4. Haemodialysis (based on an abridged version of the HD Masterclass programme). 5. ERA EDTA K Digo session. <p>SC to contact Ray Vanholder for further clarification and Robert MacTier re: his views. (reserve topic, stone disease, metabolic and genetic causes).</p> <p>A brief discussion was held regarding identification of an “education” section in the poster session next year.</p>	AB, SC ? SC or other and ?? Rob MacTier

	If there were sufficient abstracts with an educational focus, these could be perhaps labelled in some way.	SC
6.	<p>Advanced Nephrology Course</p> <p>Mark Haber tabled a paper describing the recent successes of the Advanced Nephrology Course. There has been increased consultant attendance and more international delegates. SB and PH have tabled a proposal to try a 3 day course in Oxford. Following discussions it was agreed to support a trial of a 3 day course in Oxford in January 2010 and to follow the established model in London in September 2010.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JL will contact Adrian Kovic regarding publicising ANC via the ERA website and E news letter. 2. SB to contact pharmaceutical companies regarding sponsorship for European delegates. 3. The Committee thanked Mark Haber for his hard work on the course over recent years. 	JL SB
7.	<p>Nephrology Specialty Certificate Examination.</p> <p>The first diet of the NSCE examination was held recently. 33 candidates set the exam (12 overseas). The pass mark was 66.88% and 57.58% candidates passed the exam (UK trainee pass rate was 81.25%). The examination also grants a post nominal Cert. RCP (UK) (Speciality) to all candidates who pass the NSCE. Only UK Trainees who go on to attain a CCT will be able to upgrade to the MRCP UK (Specialty).</p> <p>JF to contact Lorraine Harper and Mark MacGregor regarding posting information regarding NSCE on the Renal Association website.</p>	JF
8.	<p>E-learning.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) A successful May bid was made by John Firth and Sue Carr on behalf of the Renal Association to E Learning for Health to produce E learning context related to kidney diseases. Jeremy Levy and John Fox expressed an interest to support this project. When further details are available SC will circulate these to the Committee. ii) A report from JF. He is working with DN UK to improve the site and work towards a Nephrology specialist area. A new module is available on the website on mineral and bone disease. Eventually it is hoped that the Nephrology specialist area could link to the Renal Association website. The E & T Committee were supportive of this concept. iii) The Committee is generally supportive of a Moodle type platform to link to existing websites and as a vehicle to transmit videos/blackboard type presentations from Renal Association meetings. SC 	SC

	will explore whether this can be developed and whether any pharmaceutical industry funding would be available (£10,000 needed & £3,000 to video CPD sessions etcetera) SC to explore setting up an expert group to move forward and Education and Training website. Previously contacted Neil Turner. SC to contact Neil Turner again.	SC SC
9.	<p>Current Training Issues</p> <p>a) Workforce issue. PM updated the Committee regarding the anticipated excess number of CCT holders in the future. Various solutions were discussed. JL described a plan in the London Deanery to use some existing training slots for post CCT fellowships and OOPE. PM to explore this further with JL.</p> <p>b) Curriculum Update. A meeting of the Curriculum Working Group is planned tomorrow. SC will update the Committee regarding progress.</p>	PM SC
10.	<p>Flexible Training Update Report AB.</p> <p>It was identified that the resources available for less than full time training are very variable across the UK. AB and SC to draft a letter to highlight this to Donal O'Donaghue. The Committee was supportive of AB aim to develop an enhanced area on the Renal Association website for less than full time trainees. AB to contact Mark MacGregor and Lorraine Harper. The Committee was also supportive of the Trainee proposal to develop a research proposal in this area. The Committee did not feel an additional survey would be beneficial as the response rates tend to be very low.</p> <p>CPD Update – AB report.</p> <p>The Committee felt the existing named 5 international renal meetings on the RCP CPD website were satisfactory. It is possible to identify 1 further CPD activity as approved external CPD. There was no particular strong feeling and the European Society of Transplantation was proposed.</p>	AB, SC AB
11.	<p>Any other business.</p> <p>HD Simulation.</p> <p>Interested parties will contract TMTI. JL described a previous HD simulation from Membrana which had been very successful. JL will contact to see if this could be utilised for E learning for health project.</p> <p>National Collaboration for Renal Education.</p> <p>Members will contact directly if interested.</p>	
12.	Date of next meeting tbc between 17-20 May 2010.	

**Minutes of the Renal Association Education and Training E-Learning Group
Teleconference 30th June 2009 at 10am**

Present	M Mcgraw (BAPN), Roisin Jenkins and Stella (MCI), Chris Kingswood, Neil Turner, Pete Topham, Colin Hutchinson, John Firth, Sue Carr	Action
Apologies	Diana Chu	
1.	<p>Development of the Renal Association Education and Training website platform.</p> <p>Following discussion it was decided that we would try to develop a web based platform to display useful links and resources for members of the Renal Association specifically mapped under the specialty training curriculum headings 2010. It was identified that a platform would need to be created and that this would have a development cost associated with this. In addition there would be potentially administration and maintenance costs thereafter. SC had previously got a quote for this type of development work from OCB Media in Leicester of £9,000. The platform would need to display the specific sections required, have a facility for authors/editors to log on and edit content and for users to log on to view content. In addition work would need to be done with the Renal Association website Managers to link this resource. In the future it would be desirable to have the facility to upload podcasts and to upload blackboard type presentations of Renal Association CPD sessions. This would require contractors to video the presentations etcetera and maybe to host the materials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Neil Turner agreed to develop a brief specification of the IT requirements and costs for us to move such a development forward. 2. Colin Hutchinson, Chris Kingswood and Sue Carr will determine pilot sections of the curriculum to move forward with Neil and try to identify existing resources which could begin to populate the website platform. 	<p style="text-align: center;">NT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CH, CK, SC</p>
2.	<p>John Firth and Sue Carr explained the recent funding we have acquired from the Department of Health for an E-learning for Health project. This is likely to enable us to develop some resources for teaching in renal medicine for a wide range of users from patients' GPs to specialists/consultants and specialty trainees. John and Sue will update the group as to further progress with this at the next meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SC JF</p>
3.	Further conference call in September. SC will work with MCI to develop some dates for this.	<p style="text-align: center;">SC</p>