

Third UK Perioperative Clinical Research Forum



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The third UK Perioperative Clinical Research Forum (UKPCRF), held at the Royal College of Anaesthetists on Monday, 12 March 2012, was oversubscribed with over 120 delegates and contributors crammed into the College lecture theatre. There was a real feeling of enthusiasm and growing momentum amongst those who attended and this was reflected in the range of studies discussed, many of which were seeking participating centres. Delegates came both from major teaching centres and from research active district general hospitals, and for the first time the perioperative research nurse community were significantly represented.

The forum was chaired by Dr Rupert Pearse (Barts and the London) and comprised a morning of presentations on a range of topics including the future of perioperative medicine research, perioperative medicine and implementation science, prioritising out ideas with funders, securing research network funding and the challenges of equipoise and collaboration. After the lunch-break, a series of short presentations on individual studies (see Table) prompted enthusiastic discussion about the relative merits

NEW INAUGURAL UK Pain Clinical Research Forum 19 September 2012 ***NEW***

The first UK Pain Clinical Research Forum will be held at the Royal College of Anaesthetists on Wednesday, 19 September 2012 and will be chaired by Professor David Rowbotham.

of observational and experimental approaches for addressing important questions in perioperative medicine.

The UK contribution to the European Surgical Outcomes Study (EuSOS) was a cause for particular celebration: UK centres contributed more than 20% of total study recruitment across 28 nations with more than 10,000 patients recruited from 79 sites during the week-long study period in April 2011. This success is a reflection of the widespread enthusiasm for the study amongst UK researchers (despite the lack of accrual related financial support from the Comprehensive Local Research Networks) as well as the effective co-ordination of the study by the HSRC administration team.

The afternoon concluded with a presentation on 'Working with related

themes: surgery and anaesthesia' by Mr Omar Faiz, a senior academic surgeon from Imperial College London, an update on the NIAA and HSRC and a final discussion session to explore ongoing development of the UKPCRF. Suggestions for future UKPCRF events included 'Dragon's Den' style opportunities to present new ideas to a broader audience.

The venue for the UKPCRF has alternated between in-London and out-of-London venues: the first meeting was held at the Royal College of Anaesthetists, the second at the Nowgen Centre in Manchester and the third back at the RCoA.

The fourth meeting of the UKPCRF will be held in Birmingham on Wednesday, 13 March 2013, and will be chaired by Professor Fang Gao.

Study Name	Website	Contact	Accepting new centres?
EuSOS	http://eusos.esicm.org/	info@eusos.esicm.org	No
VISION UK	NA	amanda.smith@bartsandthelondon.nhs.uk	No
Optimise	www.icnarc.org	optimise@icnarc.org	No
OBTAIN	http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01358422?term=NCT01358422&rank=1	s.howell@leeds.ac.uk KarenB.Griffiths@leedsth.nhs.uk	Yes
PAIN-OUT	www.pain-out.eu/	claudia.weinmann@med.uni-jena.de	Yes
MANAGE	NA	martin.shields1@me.com	Yes
BUMPES	NA	wilsonmja@gmail.com	Yes
GeRAFFe	www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/mds/trials/BCTU	joyceyeung@doctors.org.uk	Yes
PROVHILO	http://sites.google.com/site/provhilo/	g.h.mills@sheffield.ac.uk	Yes