



AARMY NEWS MARCH 2014

AARMY – 1 SUSPECTED ANAESTHETIC ALLERGY PROJECT

The results are finally in for AARMY -1: Suspected Anaesthetic Allergy (detailed letter attached):

Data was collected over two weeks in late 2013. 60 anaesthetists in 12 hospitals participated and were responsible for data collection. There were 4,595 episodes of general anaesthesia with 13 cases meeting the criteria for suspected anaphylaxis. Not all cases identified had been referred to a specialist anaesthetic allergy clinic by the anaesthetist; only those cases with cardiovascular or respiratory compromise were referred. The study is currently being written for formal publication. All AARMY trainees who participated to this study will be able to list the publication on their CV as a contributor. We will keep you posted with any further progress.

This has been a major success for the first project that AARMY has undertaken, and has surpassed all expectations with the amount of data collected in such a short period of time. It has also shown that the collaborative working can effectively operate to provide a meaningful result.

The project was possible thanks to the fantastic efforts of Yorkshire based trainees, great support from consultants, non-training colleagues, college tutors and the School of Anaesthesia. A big THANK-YOU to you all.

NATIONAL PICTURE FOR TRAINEE NETWORKS

Vikas Kaura represented AARMY at the NIAA Research and Audit for Quality Improvement day in late February. The day was focused on discussing recent major audits including the National Hip Fracture audit and National Audit Projects (NAP).

The paucity of information on patient centred outcomes following anaesthesia was discussed. Accordingly, the Sprint National Anaesthesia Project (SNAP-1) aims to address this as well as the incidence of accidental awareness under general anaesthesia (complementing the data set from NAP-5).

Anne-Mair Hammond-Jones & Vikas also represented AARMY at the RAFT (Research & Audit for Trainees) meeting that was held in a parallel session. The aims of RAFT are to coordinate regional trainee networks at a national level and facilitate collaboration on national projects including SNAP-1. More information on RAFT in the upcoming RCoA bulletin.

RAFT is in the process of identifying its own project to run through the trainee collaboratives; we would be very interested to hear your ideas/proposals....the deadline for preliminary proposals is the 31st of March.

PLANS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPRING 2014

SNAP – 1

We are calling for AARMY members to register their interest with SNAP-1 at <http://www.niaa-hsrc.org.uk/SNAPs>. The deadline for registration is March the 24th for consultant lead Investigators, and 25th April for Trainees. Data collection will be on two to three days: more information will be forthcoming from the overall and West AARMY lead for SNAP-1 Michael Luniewski (or for East Vikas Kaura) regarding exactly how you can get involved, both at aarmysnap1@gmail.com.

ISOS

International Surgical Outcomes Study (ISOS), <http://www.isos.org.uk> is an international observational 7-day cohort study of complications following elective surgery. In the UK this will take place 19-26th May 2014. Registration should be completed by 26th March.

AARMY will facilitate GCP (good clinical practice) training for trainees who wish to get involved in either of these projects.

WELCOME TO THE NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

The original steering committee are moving on. We have all secured consultant posts (not least in thanks to our involvement in AARMY), and are very pleased to see the enthusiasm and ability of a new team of trainees to help steer AARMY to new successes in the new year.

Vikas Kaura and Anne-Mair Hammond-Jones from the East of Yorkshire and Michael Luniewski from the West are the first recruits to the new steering committee. You can find out more about them when we update the website soon.

FINAL NOTE

AARMY needs to keep up the good work.

There has never been a better time for trainees to get involved in audit and research and Yorkshire trainees need to continue to step up and get involved if they are to benefit from the real momentum that is gathering at a national level. We are proud to be one of the 10 original networks that were formed, more are on their way based on the success of our networks.

Sign up to AARMY at <http://www.aarmy.co.uk>

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Register with ISOS and SNAP..... we will be in touch soon.....