



**W**elcome to the December 2018 edition of @sgbi The President's Ezine. We hope you enjoy reading the Winter Edition of JASGBI that is now available. We are delighted with the contributions we receive from our members. We wish you all Best Wishes for the Festive Season and a very happy 2019. The office will be closed from Friday 2nd December until Wednesday 3rd January.

#### ASSOCIATION NEWS

##### JASGBI 2018 Winter Edition now available

As our guest Editor for the Winter 2018 issue is Professor Peter Sagar, Emergency Surgery features prominently in this issue. This is also the start of our focus on Coping with Complications, the theme of the 2019 Congress.

#### 2019 INTERNATIONAL SURGICAL CONGRESS

Plans are progressing well for the Congress in May. We've got an interesting and varied programme. On Tuesday 7th May we be kicking off the day with a series of oral presentation sessions from 1100 hours, allowing you to travel to Telford in the morning.

We are delighted that Professor Averil Mansfield will open the Congress, Our first keynote session addresses the theme 'Coping with Complications' with Professor Kevin Turner and Mr Neil Smart sharing their experiences. Explorer surgeon Martin Thomas will discuss 'Coping with adversity'.

Our BJS Visiting Professor Nicolas Demartines and Bland Sutton Lecturer, Sharon Stein will participate in several sessions, including 'Meet the Experts'.

Symposia topics for 2019 include:

- Emergency General Surgery
- International Development
- MedicoLegal Update
- Sepsis and the Surgeon – an update on prevention, diagnosis and treatment
- Upper GI
- Colo-Rectal
- Bad Day on Call

The Robotics session will also be back by popular demand.

The popular Education Sessions will cover a range of topical issues each day.

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**New for 2019** - A session on Wellbeing, Burnout and Work-Life Balance.

The abstract submission deadline, **18th January 2019**, is now less than a month away. Abstracts can be submitted [here](#).

##### Social Programme

##### Gala Dinner, Tuesday 7th May

RAF Cosford is the venue for the 2019 Gala Dinner. We'll dine amongst a fantastic display of aircraft in Hanger 1. This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and colleagues. Tickets cost £45 per person and we encourage all attendees to participate.



##### Prize Giving Reception, Wednesday 8th May

Celebrate the success of the Prize Winners at this informal reception in the conference centre.

##### Golf Competition, Tuesday 7th May

Golfers are encouraged to participate in the annual competition on Tuesday morning.



## IMPORTANT: Management of Acute Post-Operative Haemorrhage after Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery

Acute post-operative haemorrhage following thyroid or parathyroid surgery occurs in about 1% of patients. Usually this happens within a couple of hours of surgery, often in recovery when experienced doctors are present in the hospital.

Rarely haemorrhage can occur in a ward setting and may develop rapidly. If not addressed immediately neck swelling can lead to cardiac arrest, anoxia, brain damage and death.

Opening the neck wound and relieving the pressure in this situation is paramount.

First responders (nurses, ward doctors and crash team) need to be aware of the urgency of the situation and understand the steps needed to establish an airway in these vital first minutes (before a crash team arrives).

The linked video has already proved to be effective and an invaluable teaching aid to all hospital staff. It demonstrates what to do in this time critical emergency and is part of induction training in Oxford. The written SCOOP protocol shown at the end of the video accompanies all patients post-operatively.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCM9FuutGbY>

## NHS Improvement Consultation

NHS Improvement have informed us that they are implementing a Consultation on a proposed patient safety strategy for the NHS and are inviting participation in a consultation.

In September, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care announced that a "new national patient safety strategy will mean safety is cemented into our long-term plan for the NHS". The consultation describes proposals, and NHS Improvement now want your views to ensure they are the right options to best support the NHS in providing the safest possible care.

There are three aims. These are for the NHS to:

- be world leading at drawing insight from multiple sources of patient safety information
- give staff at all levels the skills and support they need to help improve patient safety so they can be the infrastructure for safety improvement, working with patients and partner organisations

- decrease harm in key areas by 50% by 2023/24 and beyond through specific patient safety initiatives.

Some of the measures proposed are already underway, such as the work to develop the new Patient Safety Incident Management System and the creation of the National Patient Safety Alerts Committee. Others represent an evolution of work that has been ongoing for some time, such as the Patient Safety Collaborative programme and its work to support specific patient safety improvement initiatives.

Other proposals are new and wide reaching, such as developing a consistent curriculum for the training and education of all current and future NHS staff in patient safety. They want this new curriculum to be used from boards to wards so that all NHS staff have a good understanding of safety and can use that knowledge to support improvement in their day to day work. They also believe that improving patient safety requires individuals across healthcare with a high degree of skill and understanding who can lead safety improvement efforts. Therefore they are proposing to create a network of patient safety specialists in providers and other organisations who can be the backbone of patient safety learning and improvement across the NHS.

NHS Improvement recognise that a system-wide effort will be needed to deliver the ambition they have set out. This is why getting views from across the system at this stage is so important to ensure a national patient safety strategy that is right for all parts of the NHS.

You can find out more about the plans on the consultation page, available at

<https://engage.improvement.nhs.uk/policy-strategy-and-delivery-management/patient-safety-strategy/>

which will be open for comments until **15 February 2019**.

## NCEPOD

NCEPOD have published this useful summary, cross tabulating common clinical cases to the topics of their reports.

Worth a look through!

<https://www.ncepod.org.uk/CommonThemes.pdf>

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## BHS MESH SAFETY LEAFLET FOR PATIENTS

The current issues with pelvic mesh have raised anxiety among our hernia patients.

Our friends at BHS have produced this leaflet to help.

<http://www.britishherniasociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/BHS-mesh-safety-leaflet-for-patients-2018.pdf>

## VACANCIES

### ASGBI Regional Representatives

The Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland is seeking nominations for the position of Elected Regional Representatives to sit on the ASGBI Council for the following regions:

- West Midlands
- North West
- South East Coast
- East of England

Posts to open to Fellows and the term is for 4 years. The newly elected representative will look after the interests of the ASGBI in their region and transmit members' views to Council.

Please email [Bhavnita Patel](mailto:Bhavnita.Patel@asgbi.org) for further information.

## MEMBER FEEDBACK

We are always delighted to hear the views of our members, so please free to contact me at: [president@asgbi.org.uk](mailto:president@asgbi.org.uk)

Also, please feel free to forward the ezine to any of your colleagues that may be interested in joining the Association.

Best wishes,



**Professor Rowan Parks**  
**ASGBI President**  
**2017-2018**



## ASGBI CORPORATE PATRONS



## EVENTS

### Abdominal Wall Reconstruction Europe 2019

31st January - 2 February 2019

For more information, click [here](#).

ASGBI members receive a 20% discount by quoting the code: AWRE20

### Alpine Liver and Pancreatic Surgery Meeting

6- 10 February 2019, Madonna di Campiglio, Italy

For more information, click [here](#)

### Glasgow Emergency Surgery and Trauma Symposium

21- 22 February 2019, Glasgow

For more information click [here](#).

### Informed Consent: Sharing the Decision (ICONS)

28 February 2019, Birmingham

For more information click [here](#)

### Surgeons in Difficulty

21 March, RCSED Birmingham

Hosted by Confederation of British Surgery and the Federation of Surgical Specialty Associations

For more information contact [admin@cbsgb.co.uk](mailto:admin@cbsgb.co.uk)



ASGBI 2019 INTERNATIONAL SURGICAL CONGRESS

**7TH - 9TH MAY 2019**

<http://www.asgbi.org/telford2019/>