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Annual Clinical Meeting 1992 – Silver Jubilee Meeting

Another successful meeting! Even the General Election did not disrupt the smooth flow of another excellent conference. Thanks are due to Mr Andrew Mason and all his helpers in producing such a successful event.

From the AGM

New Chairman of Standing Committees

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This has now been established with Dr D. Williams as Chairman. Discussions are advancing on the establishment of a faculty and an examination. Also under consideration is the question of raising the necessary finance.

The Way Ahead document led to discussion on the number of Senior House Officers and Middle Grade necessary to run A&E Departments. Various anxieties were expressed, but members were assured that the staffing of the departments would be kept under regular review.

The Joint Planning Advisory Committee have released a new figure on Senior Registrar and Registrar numbers – being 105 and 100 respectively.

Miss Janet Porter, Consultant in A&E in Southend-On-Sea, is to be the second recipient of the Baxters Travelling Scholarship—she will be investigating the use of Nurse Practitioners.
Separate funding is necessary for the new A&E Handbook. It is hoped that this will be produced independently in the not too distant future.

We look forward to the 26th Annual Clinical Meeting to be held in Glasgow from 29th March to 2nd April 1993.

**New consultant appointments**

Miss B. Baird — Southend  
Miss Gillian Bryce — Taunton  
Mr Malcolm Gordon — Southern General Hospital, Glasgow  
Mr David Gorman — Selly Oak, Birmingham  
Ms Alison Gourdie — Falkirk and Stirling Infirmary  
Mr Colin Holburn — Sandwell Hospital  
Mr Edward Kadzombie — Walton Hospital, Liverpool  
Mr Bill Malone — Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield  
Mr Alan Montague — Southmead Hospital, Bristol  
Mr Francis Morris — North General Hospital, Sheffield  
Mr Alan Wan — Guildford

**Future meetings**

British Accident & Emergency Trainees Association. Paediatric Trauma Conference  
14–15 September 1992, St Hugh’s College, Oxford.

**Programme**

**Monday 14 September**

0845 – 1040  
Chairman B. Philips (Manchester)  
Epidemiology — S. Levine (London)  
Accident prevention — T. Beattie (Aberdeen)  
Accident department design — J. Gosnold (Hull)  

1100 – 1300  
Chairman K. Little (Edinburgh)  
Airway and analgesia — P. Oakley (Stoke-on-Trent)  
Paediatricians’ role in trauma — M. Ward-Platt (Newcastle)  
Pre-hospital care — W. Ummenhofer (Basle)

1400 – 1700  
Chairman P. Worlock (Oxford)  
Head injuries — P. May (Liverpool)  
Surgical intervention — D. Lloyd (Liverpool)  
Orthopaedic intervention — C. Colton (Nottingham)

1930 for 2000  
Sherry reception and banquet (Black tie)
Tuesday 15 September

0845 – 1040
Chairman J. Walker (Sheffield)
Burns — J. Settle (Wakefield)
Dealing with death of a child — B. Wright (Leeds)
Imaging — L. Abernathy (Liverpool)

1100 – 1300
Chairman D. Lloyd (Liverpool)
ATLS and the child—J. Tepas (Jacksonville, Florida)
APLS (UK)—K. Mackway-Jones (Manchester)

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