

Educational Opportunities

Induction Course – This is held during the first week of commencement of your post. Details of which will be given on the first introductory day, your attendance is compulsory at these lectures.

Weekly SHO Teaching Sessions – There is a weekly Thursday afternoon postgraduate teaching session (1400 hrs –1500 hrs), the details of which organisation and contents will be given to you on the first day of commencement of your post. The session is supervised by a Consultant in Accident & Emergency and includes guest speakers as well as teaching by the Accident & Emergency Consultants.

Your input will consist of a Project presentation (details in appendix 1). Your project will give you the opportunity to develop your skills of retrieving relevant evidence, appraising it, using Powerpoint and presenting material in front of colleagues. The project also aims to allow you to contribute to the development of evidence based guidelines on the EMIBank site. You will be given a timetable in the first week as to when you are due to present during your 6 month tenure. Follow the guidelines in Appendix 1 and plan your project at an early stage. **DO NOT leave it to the week of the presentation.** Seek advice from your mentor to choose an appropriate topic. You will see from the guidelines that there are many areas where you could potentially contribute.

The session is held in the main Seminar Room which includes full audio visual facilities including power point and access to medline search. Training for search strategies is available from the Postgraduate library at the LGI.

Weekly Clinical Governance Meetings and Audit – These are held on Thursday's 1315 hrs – 1400 hrs. The SHOs are not expected to be formally involved in the departmental audit programme but are encouraged to do so. An audit can be done in conjunction with the SHO's Project as part of a multi-disciplinary team. Each team is usually led by a middle grade doctor.

In addition, the Clinical Governance meetings also have Mortality and Morbidity components as well as critical incident reporting, case presentations and evidence based topic reviews. All staff are encouraged to attend these whenever possible.

Courses – These include ALS, ATLS, APLS and PALS. During your post you are expected to attend at least one of these, the details and dates of the courses available can be had from Denise Burton in the Secretaries Office.

Miscellaneous – Daily x-ray reporting and auditing. The incorrect Diagnosis is reported on for both the adult and Paediatric x-rays by the Radiologist on a daily basis. These are audited by the Accident & Emergency SpR who takes the appropriate action, including feedback to you as an educational exercise. We are fortunate to have hot Radiology reporting from 9-5 Mon-Fri where advice can be sought on the x-ray findings and appropriate use of further imaging techniques.