



The AAGBI Foundation is seeking to appoint an Anaesthesia Sprint Audit of Practice (ASAP) Fellow.

The AAGBI's charitable arm, the AAGBI Foundation, is seeking to appoint an ASAP Fellow who will work alongside the National ASAP Co-ordinator, Dr. Stuart White (Brighton).

This is a voluntary role (unremunerated except for expenses) and offers an opportunity to measure and improve clinical quality for patients, as recommended by AAGBI guidelines.

Introduction

The AAGBI has over 60 guidelines currently, with several new titles appearing each year, and a rolling programme of review of existing publications. Between publication and renewal (review) there is little or no work to assess their impact (suitability, uptake, acceptance by the profession), or to collate lessons learnt from their use that can be used to inform the next updated version (Quality Assessment - QA). Similarly, guidelines contain recommendations, but often lack suggestions about how to enable change (Quality Improvement - QI).

There is a need to develop both processes, to add legitimacy to the guidelines (QA) and to assist members in adopting best practice (QI) in line with our aims of safety, high-quality care and patient outcome.

ASAP, QA, QI and research

Following the successful completion of the first and second ASAP projects on hip fracture, we would like to do other high-quality, specialty-led sprint audit projects on important topics for clinical anaesthetists and their patients.

There are 4 strands to this project

- (1) Development and maintenance of a national network database of 200 'SAPpers' who contribute hospital-level data to each ASAP project;
- (2) Quality assessment. For each guideline, hospital level data will be used to (a) inform new recommendations and (b) improve updated recommendations;
- (3) Quality Improvement. For each guideline, ASAP will work closely with each Working Party Chairperson to develop a 'QAQI' toolkit advising clinical anaesthetists how to measure quality and safety improvement at their hospitals;
- (4) Research. A national network for data collection will enable a simple research question to be answered quickly, either as an end in itself or to inform larger national studies.

Most of the project output is intended for either peer-reviewed and/or online publication.

Applicant specification

The ASAP Fellow will be:

- a senior (post-FRCA) trainee anaesthetist;
- a member of AAGBI;
- a good communicator, objective critic, enthusiast

Desirable (but not essential) characteristics:

- have experience of conducting regional or national audit projects;
- have experience of writing up audit for publication;
- have formal experience of Quality Improvement theory and practice;
- social media literacy – be able to develop and maintain an online social media presence to build the project brand;
- IT literacy – have a working knowledge of Excel spreadsheets, website design, podcast development, online questionnaire design and management, Skype/Facebook;
- Networking experience, for example, through RAFT or GAT.

The appointment would be for one year, reviewed after 12 months with possible extension into a second year.

The role would be unremunerated, apart from expenses drawn from a start-up fund.

For more information and informal discussion

Contact Dr. Stu White, Co-ordinator, ASAP Project for informal discussions and more information by email to: ASAP@aagbi.org

Applications invited by

Expressions of interest are invited via a letter and CV to secretariat@aagbi.org by **31 March 2017**. Telephone or face-to-face interviews may be arranged.