

# EDITOR'S LETTER



I am still really excited about being the editor of the British Journal of Anaesthetic and Recovery Nursing and playing an active part in BARNA. As you have probably gathered by now I am really keen to promote anaesthetic and recovery nursing. One of the ways I can now do this is by including clinically focussed articles into the journal. I hope you have enjoyed what has been in the journal so far – there is more to come.

One of the problems with the journal has been the lack of articles submitted. However over the past few months this has been changing I have received many more articles for inclusion, which I am really pleased about.

I am really keen that as readers of the journal you should not feel intimidated about submitting articles for publication. The people who read the journal are looking for articles, which are clinically relevant to anaesthetics and recovery, and logically these articles should come from you.

The process is relatively simple. If you have written something, perhaps as part of a perioperative course, or maybe a teaching session you do regularly in your work place, I would be very interested in including it.

So what is the process. Firstly you send it to me and I will send it for peer review. It will be returned to me with suggestions for change, which will be done in a positive constructive way. At this point I will write to you asking you to make the suggested changes, and to return it to me by a certain date. I will then inform you which issue of the journal your work will be included in. of course it may not need any changes.

So what does it feel like to see your work published? Well I think the first word, which springs to mind, is 'scary', because you are subjecting your work to a much wider readership. However feelings of pride and a sense of achievement outweigh this feeling. It also gives you a bit of a 'buzz' to be recognised for the work you have done. Finally it also gives you the confidence to go on and write more things for publication. On a more materialistic note you will receive £50 remuneration for the article plus free membership of BARNA. Do not worry if you are already a member we will refund your payment.

So do you have something to submit? What I want is two typed hard copies, plus the work on a three and a half-inch floppy disc in

word format. Alternatively you can email me your work as an attachment, [moakley@hscs.sghms.ac.uk]. I also need a passport sized photograph and an abstract of the work. Every issue of the journal includes more detailed instructions for submission of work.

The British Journal of Anaesthetic and Recovery Nursing is the only journal in the United Kingdom, which concentrates on anaesthetic and recovery nursing. By publishing articles that are clinically relevant to these areas you are contributing to the body of knowledge in anaesthetics and recovery, and you will be instrumental in moving practice forward.

I have really enjoyed reading the articles, which have been submitted thus far. Things to look forward to in future issues are more cardiac articles; post anaesthetic shaking; anaesthetic pharmacology and I am looking forward to adding to this list. So come on all you 'budding' authors and send me something. I am sure – no I know there is so much knowledge out there, which should be shared with others working in the same area. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

On a different note I am really looking forward to the BARNA conference next month. I have been very fortunate to be involved in the organisation of this and the aim for this year is to present topics, which are clinically relevant. I am pleased to say I think we have achieved this. I think you will find that you will be spoilt for choice I know I will be. By now you will have received your conference pack, so hurry up and apply and encourage other people in your department to apply, and remember if you are a member of BARNA there is a discount.

Finally in this issue of the journal instead of reviewing some journal articles I thought it would be nice to review some of the books which are available to nurses working in anaesthetics and recovery.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of the journal and I really look forward to receiving articles for inclusion in the journal and to meeting as many of you as possible at the conference next month.

Best wishes

Melanie Oakley

BARNA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2002  
TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AND WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

## A TWO-DAY CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION TO REMEMBER

### Programme

#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

0830	Registration	
0930	<b>Opening Address</b>	Pat Smedley - BARNA Chair
0945	<b>Key note speech:</b>	Nurse Anaesthesia: the only appropriate advanced practice of nursing for anaesthetised patients: European Model Pascal Rod - President IFNA
1030	<b>Exhibition</b>	
1100	<b>Venue 1</b>	Anaesthesia/recovery of the cardio-thoracic patient Dr Justiaan Swanavelder and Alison Ball
	<b>Venue 2</b>	Epidural / spinal - applied physiology and nursing care Julie Jones and Inge Bateman
1230	<b>Exhibition</b>	
1345	<b>AGM</b>	Members Only
1430	<b>Venue 1</b>	When things go wrong Suzette Woodward
	<b>Venue 2</b>	Fiberoptic airway management: why bother? Dr David Thomas
1530	<b>Exhibition</b>	
1600	<b>Venue 1</b>	Managing the diabetic patient within perianaesthetic area Sarah de Costa
	<b>Venue 2</b>	Fast tracking fractured neck of femur: the anaesthetic and recovery pathway CIBA 2 team, Good hope hospital
1700	<b>Close</b>	

#### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

0830	Registration	
0930	<b>Venue 1</b>	Neurosurgery advances: real or apparent? Dr James Leggate
	<b>Venue 2</b>	The management of ventilated patients in recovery (tbc)
1030	<b>Exhibition</b>	
1100	<b>Venue 1</b>	Neuroanaesthesia - recovery & critical care patient pathways Dr Peter Eadsforth
	<b>Venue 2</b>	Post Anaesthetic recovery in children: A case for specialist training Dr George Meakin and Sue McGinty
1230	<b>Exhibition</b>	
1400	<b>Venue 1</b>	Ensuring Valid Consent Mike Surkitt-Parr
	<b>Venue 2</b>	The left hand option Tony Rubin
1445	Change venues	
1455	<b>Venue 1</b>	Where are we with standards? Open forum lead by Pat Smedley
	<b>Venue 2</b>	Educational opportunities in Anaesthetics and Recovery Gina Behar-Spicer
1540	Change venues	
1545	<b>Final Address</b>	Pat Smedley
1550	<b>Refreshments and close</b>	

#### VENUE

The conference is being held in the Clarendon Suites, Hagley Road, Birmingham. This central location is ideally situated within the UK and offers easy access for delegates via road, rail and air links.

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