The 27th Annual

Clinical Negligence Conference

26-27 June 2015, Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds

AvMA Charity Golf Day & Welcome Event 25 June

BOOK YOUR PLACE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL EVENT FOR CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE SPECIALISTS!

AvMA’s Annual Clinical Negligence Conference (ACNC) is the event that brings the clinical negligence community together to learn and discuss the latest developments, policies and strategies in clinical negligence and medical law.

ACNC 2015 will offer the usual high standard of plenary presentations and focused breakout sessions that you would expect from this event, ensuring that you stay up to date with all the key issues and providing over 10 hours CPD (SRA, Bar Council and APIL). The programme this year has an obstetrics theme, whilst also still covering many other key medico-legal topics.

Networking is also a big part of the ACNC experience. On the day before the start of the conference, we will be holding the AvMA Annual Charity Golf Day, and our Welcome Event will take place later that evening in a new exciting venue. The Mid-Conference Dinner will be held on the Friday evening.

As well as providing you with a top quality, thought provoking, learning and networking experience, the success of the conference helps AvMA to maintain its position as an essential force in promoting justice.

We look forward to welcoming you to Leeds for the 27th Annual Clinical Negligence Conference.

REduced RATES AVAILABLE FOR:

• Early bird bookings
  For early bird bookings discount 10% off the registration fee. Early bird bookings must be received before or on 30 March 2015.

• Multiple bookings
  For each 3rd or 4th person booked from your organisation, discount £80 + VAT per person from the final balance. For each 5th, 6th person or more booked from your organisation, discount £90 + VAT per person from the final balance.

• Junior solicitors & barristers
  Junior solicitors and barristers are entitled to discount 20% off the registration fee. This rate is available to those of 3 years PQE or less.

• Paralegals
  Paralegals are entitled to 20% off the registration fee.

• Trainee legal executives
  Trainee legal executives are entitled to 20% off the registration fee. This rate is not available to Fellows of ILEX.

ACNC 2014 Delegate Quotes

“It is an excellent conference educationally and it is also fun!”

“The best clinical negligence conference for learning and networking”

“Excellent education, fantastic networking”

“As a newcomer to clinical negligence I found all of the medical lectures very useful”

“Very interesting lectures and great to catch up with colleagues”

“Consistently high quality presentations, good range of topics”

CONTACT

Should you have any queries regarding ACNC 2015 please contact the AvMA Events team at conferences@avma.org.uk or call 0203 096 1140

www.avma.org.uk/acnc
THURSDAY 25 JUNE

10.00 – AvMA Annual Charity Golf Day
18.00 Rudding Park, Harrogate
The Golf Day is kindly sponsored by...
(sponsor to be revealed on 1st April)

19.00 – Welcome Event
23.00 Sky Lounge, Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Leeds
The Welcome Event is kindly
sponsored by Fletchers Solicitors

FRIDAY 26 JUNE

08.30 Registration and refreshments
Refreshments kindly sponsored by QLP

09.30 Chair’s Introduction
Mr Peter Walsh, Chief Executive, AvMA

09.45 Plenary Address:
Obstetric haemorrhage
Professor Tim Draycott, Consultant Obstetrician,
Southmead Hospital, Bristol
• Antenatal and postpartum haemorrhage in pregnancy
• Cord prolapse

10.30 Plenary Address:
Sepsis – a medical emergency
Dr Ron Daniels, Consultant in Anaesthesia and Critical Care,
Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust & Chief Executive,
The UK Sepsis Trust
• Definition, causes and prevalence of sepsis
• Diagnosis and treatment - the importance of early intervention
• From SIRS to septic shock – why patients die
• Sepsis in pregnancy - causes and outcomes (MBRRACE)
• Sepsis management in ITU
• Other common scenarios for sepsis

Plenary sessions kindly sponsored by 42 Bedford Row

11.15 Refreshments kindly sponsored by QLP

11.40 Parallel Lectures:

A How to read a CTG
Mr Edwin Chandrasaran Clinical Director of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Delivery Suite Lead, St. George’s Hospital NHS Trust, London
• What does a normal CTG trace look like and the physiology behind it
• Pathophysiology behind the features observed on an abnormal CTG trace
• Recognition of features of various types of fetal hypoxia
• Understanding the principles behind managing a prolonged deceleration
• Determine the role of additional tests of fetal well-being, e.g. fetal scalp blood sampling and monitoring

B Neonatology - the medico-legal issues arising
Professor Simon Mitchell, Consultant Neonatologist, St Mary’s Hospital, Manchester
• Resuscitation and managing the hypoxic infant
• Neonatal jaundice
• Neonatal hypoglycaemia
• Neonatal infection
• Stroke
• The role of brain cooling

C Costs – things you can’t afford not to know
Mr Roger Mallalieu, Barrister, 4 New Square; & Mr Reuben Glynn, Managing Director, PIC
• The CFA: pitfalls
• Recoverability of ATE premiums in CN cases
• Savoye and Savoye Ltd v Spicers Ltd (2014)
• What costs are recoverable on an inquest where there is a successful civil claim?
• CFA and client capacity and who can give instructions
• Update on how QOCS is working in practice
• Budgeting update
• SF claimed from client

D Hand surgery - distal radius and scaphoid fractures: current status
Mr Ronald Evans, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Aintree, University Hospital, Liverpool
• Fractures, dislocations and tendon injuries; the consequences of the failure to diagnose and treat accordingly
• Scaphoid fractures-the consequences of the late diagnosis

E A General Physician’s casebook
Dr Solomon Almond, Consultant Physician, Royal Liverpool Hospital & Visiting Professor, University of Chester
Dr Solomon Almond has wide experience in medico-legal work and will present a range of general medicine cases he has been involved in. It is an opportunity to join an interactive session and to refine your medico-legal knowledge.

F Subarachnoid haemorrhage - is the NHS failing patients?
Mr Fred Nath, Consultant Neurosurgeon, South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust
• The causes of subarachnoid haemorrhages and the clinical signs and symptoms
• The consequences of the failure to image or interpret the scans correctly
• The consequences of the failure to perform a lumbar puncture when indicated
• The role of angiography
• Neurosurgical/neuro-interventional treatments employed

Parallel lectures kindly sponsored by Temple

Lunch

12.50 Plenary Address:
Fetal growth restriction: adverse consequences and their prevention
Professor Jason Gardosi, Director, Perinatal Institute
• Antenatal detection and effect on perinatal morbidity and mortality
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- Early and late onset: implications for management
- Risk assessment, care pathways, protocols and guidelines
- Screening and surveillance in low and high risk pregnancy
- Ultrasound and Doppler indices
- Decreased fetal movements
- When to deliver: latest evidence
- Avoidability: examples from confidential enquiry case reviews

14.40 Plenary Address: Causation in cerebral palsy
Professor Chris Ritley, Paediatric Neurologist, Sheffield Children’s NHS Foundation Trust & Dr Neil Stoodley, Consultant Neuroradiologist, Frenchay Hospital, North Bristol NHS Trust
- Cerebral palsy, the incidence and the role of pre, peri and post natal factors
- The various sub types of CP, how the symptoms present and which sub types of CP are more attributable to a perinatal hypoxic event
- The perinatal factors which are suggestive of a hypoxic event: deterioration in fetal heart rate, metabolic acidosis, early onset of HIE
- The timing and severity of the asphyxia, how it can affect the brain and how this will present on the ultrasound and MRI images.
- The optimum time to image and the necessity for further imaging as the child develops
- The role of imaging in assessing damage to the hippocampus - presentation of learning difficulties at a later stage in a child’s life

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16.05 Parallel Lectures:

G Medico-legal issues arising in the management of shoulder dystocia
Professor Tim Draycott, Consultant Obstetrician, Southmead Hospital, Bristol
- What is shoulder dystocia?
- What are the maternal and fetal problems associated with shoulder dystocia?
- How should shoulder dystocia be managed?
- When should a caesarean section be offered?
- What is brachial plexus injury, what causes it and the various degrees of injury?
- How can brachial plexus injury be prevented or reduced?

H Obstetric anaesthesia - the medico-legal issues
Dr David Levy, Consultant Anaesthetist, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
- Consent issues
- Dural tap
- Nerve damage
- General anaesthesia
- Anaesthetic awareness

I Preparing Quantum for trial
Ms Rachelle Mahapatra, Partner, Irwin Mitchell Solicitors; & Mr Michael Mylonas QC, Barrister, Serjeants’ Inn Chambers
- Identifying all the relevant claims
- Don’t drop an “h”: Housing, hydrotherapy, hippotherapy – make sure you identify all the heads of claim
- Difficult Lost Earnings Scenarios
  - Confidentiality issues – obtaining evidence in relation to high earners
  - Collating evidence about likely earnings scenarios
  - Career path prediction (how useful are parental and sibling histories?)
- Useful Strategies
  - The importance of agendas
  - Using the new(ish) Part 36 procedure to pressurise Defendants

Managing expectations
- Specific Examples (worked through in session)
  - CP cases
  - Psychiatric injury
  - Amputation
- Audience Contributions – sharing experiences (good & bad) and techniques

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17.15 Close of Day One
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19.30  Mid-Conference Dinner Drinks Reception
20.10  Mid-Conference Dinner

The Mid-Conference Dinner and Drinks Reception are kindly sponsored by No5 Chambers

SATEURDAY 27 JUNE

08.45  Registration and refreshments
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09.30  Chair’s Introduction
Ms Lisa O’Dwyer, Medico-Legal Director, AvMA
09.35  Plenary Address:
Medico-legal issues in the delay in diagnosis of meningitis and meningococcal septicaemia
Dr Nelly Ninis, Consultant Paediatrician, St Mary’s Hospital, London
• The signs and symptoms of meningitis and meningococcal septicaemia
• The diagnostic test employed
• Timelines for the use of IV antibiotics
• Consequences of the delay in diagnosis
• Condition and prognosis
10.20  Plenary Address:
The 2015 Legal Update
Mr Christopher Melton QC, Barrister, Byrom Street Chambers
Plenary sessions kindly sponsored by 42 Bedford Row
11.05  Refreshments kindly sponsored by QLP
11.30  Parallel Lectures:
Ophthalmic injury and oculoplastic surgery – the consequences of the failure to diagnose
Mr Brian Leatherbarrow, Consultant Ophthalmologist, Face and Eye Clinic, Manchester
• Orbital wall fractures, treatment and complications
• Intraorbital haemorrhages, causes, treatment and complications
• Blepharoplasty
• Consent issues
• Complications
3rd/4th degree tears – the medico legal issues arising
Ms Gillian Fowler, Consultant Urogynaecologist, Liverpool Women’s NHS Foundation Trust
• Causes of perineal tears
• Degree of tear and failure to assess correctly
• Who should repair the tears?
15.00  Consent – an ethico-legal perspective
Dr Daniel Sokol, Barrister, 12 Kings Bench Walk
• In-depth analysis of consent as a legal and ethical notion
• How to win a ‘consent’ case
• Examination of GMC guidance and case law
• Obtaining consent at the coal face
• Practical tips on pleading a ‘consent’ breach

Prison healthcare
Speaker to be confirmed
• How the prison medical service works and who is responsible for commissioning
• The rights of prisoners to health and dental services
• Framework for detoxification of prisoners on illegal drugs; how it differs from community-based framework
• Substitution therapy - how it is initiated; when drugs other than methadone can be used
• Management of prescription drugs in prison, such as pregabalin and benzodiazepines
• Management of traumatic injuries in prison, particularly assaults
• Self-harm and suicide in prisons
• Management of long term conditions in prison such as diabetes and asthma

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12.40 Lunch

13.30  Plenary Address:
Medico-legal issues in pre-natal diagnosis
Dr Adam Gornall, Consultant in Fetomaternal Medicine and Gynaecology and Clinical Director for Maternity, Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust
• Genetic testing
• The role of ultrasonography
• Accuracy of the tests
• How anomalies can get missed

Plenary Address:
Medico-legal issues arising in hip replacement surgery
Mr Tony Nargol, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, North Tees Hospital, Middlesbrough
• Consent and known risks
• Problems with the prosthesis, loosening, wrong size component, infection
• Device failure – concentrating on the De Puy prosthesis
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15.00 Chair’s Closing Remarks

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CPD ACCREDITATION

SRA: Day one: 5 hours 55 minutes; Day two: 4 hours 15 minutes. Total: 10 hours 10 minutes CPD
Bar Council: TBC
APIL: TBC

AvMA ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY (10.00 – 18.00)
THURSDAY 25 JUNE, RUDDEING PARK, HARROGATE

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AvMA’s Annual Charity Golf Day is the perfect curtain-raiser to the ACNC. The venue for this year’s Golf Day is the award-winning Rudding Park Hotel in Harrogate. The cost of £38 + VAT per golfer includes bacon rolls on arrival, 18 holes of golf on the Hawtree Course and a buffet, drinks and prize-giving at the end of an enjoyable day’s golf. For full details, please see the enclosed booking form, go to www.avma.org.uk/events or contact the AvMA Events team.

AvMA CURRY SCHOOL (13.30 – 16.30)
THURSDAY 25 JUNE, HANSA RESTAURANT, LEEDS

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Not a golfer? Then join us for an amazing afternoon learning how to cook authentic Gujarati cuisine, hosted by the renowned Hansa Gujarati Curry School in Leeds (http://hansarestaurant.com/cookery-school/). The price is just £60 for three hours’ expert tuition and dinner at the end will be your own creations! The cost of your ticket will be a donation that will help support our Pro Bono Family Inquest Support Service. Places are limited to 16. For further information please contact Philip Walker, AvMA Fundraising Manager, at philipwalker@avma.org.uk or on 0203 096 1121.

ACNC 2015 WELCOME EVENT (19.00 – 23.00)
THURSDAY 25 JUNE, SKY LOUNGE, DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL, LEEDS

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Get your 2015 ACNC off to a great start by attending our Welcome Event on the evening of Thursday 25 June. We have exclusive hire of the chic Sky Lounge at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Leeds, which will be one of the main conference hotels. The Sky Lounge is on the 13th floor and offers panoramic views over the city. Attendance is included in the residential conference registration fee. Non-residential delegates or guests have the option of paying an additional £38 + VAT to attend.

ACNC 2015 MID-CONFERENCE DINNER (19.30 – 01.00)
FRIDAY 26 JUNE, ROYAL ARMOURIES MUSEUM, LEEDS

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The Mid-Conference Dinner will take place on the evening of Friday 27 June. The event will commence with a drinks reception at 19.30 before a three course meal and entertainment. Attendance is included in the residential conference registration fee. Non-residential delegates or guests have the option of paying an additional £70 + VAT to attend.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for delegates booking the residential packages will be allocated between the Doubletree by Hilton, Hilton Leeds City and Park Plaza in Leeds city centre, very close to the train station and a 15 minute walk to the conference venue.

AvMA wishesh to thank the following organisations for their support:

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ACNC 2015 EXHIBITORS & PROMOTIONAL SPONSORS

The ACNC is the ideal way to reinforce your company’s brand, create new business opportunities and maintain customer interface with current clients. For details on the remaining sponsorship, exhibition and promotional packages please contact the AvMA Events team for details.

ACNC 2015 WEB SITE & DOCUMENTATION

When you book to attend ACNC 2015 you will be given log-in details to access the conference delegate areas of the web site. From here you will be able to access and download the conference presentations, delegate list, conference evaluation form, sponsor details etc – all the information you would find in the traditional hard copy conference documentation folder.

Help us to decrease the ACNC carbon foot print by reducing the amount of conference folders produced and documentation printed by choosing to download the electronic version instead of receiving a hard copy conference documentation folder and deduct £10 from your registration fee.
Please fill out the form below in BLOCK CAPITALS and return with payment to: AvMA Events, Freedman House, Christopher Wren Yard, 117 High Street, Croydon CR0 1QG; DX 144267 Croydon 24; e-mail conferences@avma.org.uk.

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### ACNC 2015 BOOKING OPTIONS AND COSTS

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**Discounts for trainee legal executives**
Trainee legal executives are entitled to 20% off the Residential and Non-Residential Conference registration fees. This rate is available to those of 3 years PQE or less. The 10% early bird discount is not available to delegates booking on the junior solicitor and barrister rate.

**Discounts for paralegals**
Paralegals are entitled to 20% off the Residential and Non-Residential Conference registration fees. The 10% early bird discount is not available to delegates booking on the paralegal rate.

**Early bird discount**
The 10% early bird discount of 10% off the Residential and Non-Residential Conference registration fees is only applicable if full payment is received before or on 30 March 2015.

**Discounts for junior solicitors & barristers**
Junior solicitors and barristers are entitled to discount 20% off the Residential and Non-Residential Conference registration fees. This rate is available to those of 3 years PQE or less. The 10% early bird discount is not available to delegates booking on the junior solicitor and barrister rate.

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**Any additional costs**

**Residential**

- Welcome Event £38 + VAT = £45.60
- Mid-Conference Dinner £70 + VAT = £84.00

**Non-Residential**

**PAPERWORK**

- Please specify which day(s) & night(s) you will be attending ACNC 2015 by ticking as appropriate:
  - Thursday 25 June night
  - Friday 26 June night
  - Saturday 27 June day
  - Additional accom. Wed 24 June
  - Additional accom. Sat 27 June

- Additional accommodation for the nights of either Wednesday 25 June or Saturday 28 June, there will be a supplement of £115 + VAT (total £138) for single occupancy, £145 + VAT (£174) for double occupancy. Please indicate this on the “Additional costs for room supplements” section of the registration form.

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**Academic accommodation will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis between the Doubletree by Hilton, Hilton Leeds City and Park Plaza. Hotel accommodation is only confirmed once payment is received. Room supplements: Double/twin occupancy £30 + VAT (£36) per night. If you require single occupancy for the nights of either Wednesday 25 June, Friday 26 June or Saturday 27 June, please indicate this on the registration form. There will be a supplement of £115 + VAT (total £138) for single occupancy, £145 + VAT (£174) for double occupancy.**

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**Cancellation and substitutions:**
Cancellations and substitutions: Cancellations must be confirmed in writing. Six or more are acceptable, and will be subject to the following fees on or after 15 May 2015: 30% of total fee paid by delegates, between 16 May and 3 June: 20% of total fee paid by delegates, from 4 June:

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