



Educational Report 2017 – Wendy Osborne

ASCN UK continues to strive towards raising the profile and development of stoma care nursing practice. As we gain strength in our Association membership and work together, we can continue the momentum to share both evidenced based and best practice.

ASCN UK National Conference 2017

Our conference this year in Glasgow recognises the challenges of the **Continuum of Change**, along with the need for us as Stoma Care Nurse (SCN) Specialists to **Take Control**'. The wealth and breadth of the abstracts submitted predominately highlight outstanding examples of how SCNs have initiated, reflected and demonstrated changes in their practice to ultimately improve the outcomes for individuals with a stoma.

Thank you everyone who submitted an abstract; the quality of the abstracts was excellent and it was a really arduous process to have to shortlist and restrict the abstracts to fit into the timetable of the conference. The uniqueness of this conference is that the content is derived from yourselves as specialists for you and your peers by show casing examples of specialist 'best' practice and developments across the UK.

For 2017 – we are once again having two ASCN initiated workshops on the Sunday afternoon, which due to the popularity of the workshops last year, we will be repeating twice in the afternoon so that more delegates have an opportunity to attend.

- 1) **ASCN UK Hernia workshop – Parastomal Hernia: the need for consistency in prevention and management.** Will reflect on the project work to date that the ASCN have undertaken in developing the clinical guidelines in the prevention and management of parastomal herniation. The opportunity to review core exercises and support garments will be provided along with the latest pilot work which focuses on risk assessment.
- 2) The **ASCN UK Diet workshop – Nutritional Management of stomas** will be co-ordinated by two very experienced dietitians who are sharing their expertise and experience of working. The topics covered within the workshop will include specialist resources, nutritional screening and management of high output stomas.

This year six eminent key note speakers have kindly agreed to present at our conference.

Gabby Thorpe is a lecturer in Nursing at the University of East of Anglia. Gabby will be providing an update on the exciting development of our ASCN UK stoma care course.

John Anderson (Colorectal Surgeon) & John Telfer (Plastic Surgeon), from Glasgow Royal Infirmary will be presenting their experience of operating on patients who are requiring extensive dissection and resection of the perineum. Their presentation will highlight the importance of multidisciplinary care for these patients who are often complex and challenging

Alice Macleod – works for the National Procurement for NHS National Services Scotland. As Clinical Lead her focus on identifying unwarranted variations in clinical practice, lends itself to justifying the impact on the quality and patient outcomes but also the financial impact associated with waste and over use of resources.

Kevin Hodges – British Healthcare Trade Association (BHTA) will be providing us with an update of the Eucomed guidelines and what impact this has on you. Fundamentally, providing reassurance that education is still accessible to all, we as SCNs will just need to be more proactive in planning our attendance of an event/study day



Vikki Garrick who works at the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow will be sharing her inspirational service provision for patients who are transferring from paediatric to adult care services

ASCN are continuing to promote and support recognition for outstanding specialist achievements. The **Stoma Nurse of the Year** (kindly supported by Salts) will be announced after the AGM during the conference. An ASCN awards for the **Best Presented and Informative Poster**, judged by the ASCN Area Representatives will be presented; as well as the **Most Impactful Presentation** throughout the conference. This presentation may either been unique in its delivery while either demonstrating evidence for initiative / advancing practice as well as improving/ enhancing patient experience. The UA (Urostomy Association) will also present their Two **UA specialist awards** to the winners of their category for a research bursary and case study evidence of promoting best practice. We continue to express our appreciation to Coloplast for their ongoing support of the **New Presenters award** and Opus (AAH Pharmaceuticals) for supporting the **Research Bursary**. Both awards enable and encourage ongoing professional and personal development of our specialism

This year we are planning on sharing more of the fantastic posters and presentations on the ASCN website to increase visibility and sharing of the great work you are achieving.

We have continued to produce **ASCN UK Newsletters**, in order to collate and share topical information within a newsletter rather than regular emails. Based on the current positive feedback we have received, we are planning to continue with these. We do hope this newsletter has been informative and we would welcome your feedback and thoughts.

Additional ASCN accomplishments

As you will read within the Secretarial report, the benefits of extending the involvement of the ASCN area representatives has been to prioritise projects and educational developments for the stoma care specialism. On behalf of the ASCN Committee I would wish to extend our appreciation for their enthusiasm and contributions to support 'Your Association' and the future of the specialism to your peers and patients,

- **The National ASCN Stoma Care Standards and Audit Tool** relaunched as a result of the collaboration with PSNG in 2015; set out the expected standards of care for all patients with a stoma from the cradle to the elderly during their journey from referral to long term specialist support. If your department does not have a copy of these, please email the ASCN secretariat
- **ASCN Stoma Care National Clinical Guidelines** – The first phase of these were completed and disseminated in June 2016, ASCN UK posted out 1 folder to each stoma care department within the UK, inclusive of the first phase of individual 13 guidelines for your keeping and reference. These clinical guidelines have been extensively reviewed and endorsed by specialist nurses, with the purpose to reduce variations in practice and promote best practice, In doing this, we can promote efficient use of health care resources as well as providing a sound structure for education and training. The evidenced based information and recommendations for the appropriate treatment and care of specific stoma related conditions/ procedures include high output stomas; management of parastomal herniation, prolapse, sore skin, siting, irrigation.
- **2nd phase of the Stoma Care National Clinical Guidelines** - includes another 13 guidelines including removal of ureteric stents, dilatation, ACE, ileo-anal pouch, Kock pouch, pyoderma.



These have been written and completed the first peer review and we are aiming to make these available by the beginning of next year. However, we will have the ACE, Kock pouch guidelines available at conference

If you are interested in contributing to this exciting project, please contact me on wendy.osborne@ascnuk.com.

- **ASCN UK Specialist Masterclass/workshop** - following the huge success of our previous parastomal hernia masterclass's, this year's **Urostomy masterclass in Birmingham** was extremely positively evaluated. We had some excellent presenters and are very grateful to the urology consultants and nurse specialists from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for sharing their time and expertise. Diane Leach, Liz Davis and Michaela Parker's presentation all provided some superb evidenced based practice that we all benefitted from and will improved patient outcomes
- **Educational activity** – in our quest to raise the profile of specialist nursing and increase the knowledge of healthcare professionals, the ASCN committee and members of the area reps attended the London Nurse Show and Gastro-intestinal Nursing Conference (as highlighted in Simon's secretarial report)
- **Specialist course** – The ASCN committee and area representatives remain dedicated to creating and funding an ASCN Stoma Care Course, which provides a benchmark level of education, available to all. We have made some great developments and plans for the course. Gabby Thorpe from University of East Anglia will be providing an update for us

As a reminder for you all:

Education Grants – The **Jean Preston Fund applications** can be downloaded via the www.ascnuk.com website for funds to attend ASCN Conference, specialist courses and study days relating to stoma care.

ASCN Endorsements – in our quest to continually promote activities which will assist members engaged in stoma care to increase their knowledge and enhance their contribution to the specialist arena of stoma care, ASCN endorsements can be obtained for your projects which have an emphasis on a direct benefit to those people living with a stoma, such as study days, standards of care, care pathways, educational resources and protocols.

Applications can be downloaded from www.ascnuk.com

Mark Allen Group and BJN - have continued to maintain their support for the specialism of stoma care and continue to produce a Specialist Stoma Care Supplement within the BJN three times a year. These are FREE to members of the ASCN (UK).

I look forward to seeing you in Glasgow,

Thank you.

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Educational Honorary Officer ASCN (UK) – Glasgow 2017