



Educational Report - 2018

ASCN UK continues to strive towards raising the profile and development of stoma care nursing practice. Our Specialist Association membership continues to gain strength and is focused on continuing the momentum to share both evidenced based and best practice.

ASCN UK National Conference 2018

Our conference this year in Birmingham we have entitled '[Breaking Barriers and Enhancing Relationships](#)'. The breadth of this title can encompass multiple perspectives within stoma care nursing, such as having sensitive conversations around sexual and intimate matters, end of life; or challenging discussions with individuals with communications difficulties. The ability to embrace these situations to enhance the relationship is essential to achieve and improve patient outcomes. This conference has identified key specialists to share their expertise and provide an opportunity to highlight skills and best practice to address such situations.

We were delighted the number of abstracts submitted for the conference this year which has been equitable to previous years. **Thank you everyone who submitted an abstract.** The quality of the abstracts was excellent, and the process to undertake the anonymous shortlist procedure to a definitive number to fit into the timetable for conference was a challenge. Each year we continually capture the feedback from the previous conference to shape the following years, however it has to be stated the uniqueness of the ASCN National conference is that the majority of the content is derived from yourselves as specialists for you and your peers; show casing examples of specialist 'best' practice and developments across the UK.

For 2018 – we have identified two ASCN workshops/seminars on the Sunday afternoon, and one on the Monday morning. Due to the popularity of the workshops last year, we have increased the capacity of the sessions so more delegates have an opportunity to attend.

- 1) [ASCN UK Dementia workshop – Bridging the Dementia Gap in Stoma Care](#). We are very pleased to have two experts from Dementia UK to share their knowledge and skills in caring and managing individuals with dementia. We are all very conscious of the increasing numbers of our patients that may have difficulties in communicating and understanding due to their mental health. I am very confident this session will provide you with some very practical skills and insightful know how; that you will take away to your clinical and maybe even personal environments.
- 2) The [ASCN UK Sexual intimacy seminar](#) will be co-ordinated by the Psychosexual Nurse Specialist Lorraine Grover. Lorraine has a wealth of experience that will not only be highly informative but also very enlightening. The knowledge and expertise shared during this session will provide you with resources and skills to help enhance your patient relationships and improve outcomes for your patients
- 3) New for this year is an '[Open Mic](#)' session on the Monday morning. This has been initiated following the involvement of the ASCN area representatives expressing such a session to facilitate problem solving and sharing of best practice in the clinical situation would be beneficial

This year, we are delighted that the invited specialists running the Sunday Dementia and sexual intimacy workshops to present within the content of the conference, this will enable key messages to be shared and highlighted to all delegates.

Additional eminent key note speakers have kindly agreed to present at our conference.

[Joy Notter](#), Professor at the Birmingham City University will open our conference. Joy has been involved in Post Graduate Nurse Education for over 30 years, who not only has a specific interest in stoma care, but has passionately been involved in a number of research projects advancing the evidence base within our speciality.

[Gabby Thorpe](#) a lecturer in Nursing at the University of East of Anglia, has been invited back to provide an update on the exciting development of our ASCN UK stoma care course. Having talked about the need and put forward the proposal requested from the ASCN membership, we finally have 'the course' up and running by the end of the year. This is a massive achievement and we are exceptionally grateful to Gabby for all the hard work she has put into this.

We have also been keen to always include a surgical element within the conference. This year we are very privileged to have [Mr Pardeep Kumar \(Consultant Urological Surgeon\)](#), from The Royal Marsden in London who will be highlighting the challenges of surgery and impact on sexual function

From the political perspective [Corinne Power](#) – a Lead nurse for NHS England will highlight the changes in technology which add value to our service provision.

This year [Mandie Lavin](#), will join us from the British Healthcare Trade Association (BHTA) to provide us with an update on the role of BHTA, the EucoMed guidelines and what impact this has on you. Fundamentally, Mandie will reiterate how education is still accessible to all, but we as SCNs just need to be more proactive in planning our attendance of an event/study day

[Lesley Dibley](#), has kindly accepted our invitation to share her excellent research that she undertook a couple of years ago looking at the impact of stoma formation in IBD. Lesley, currently is a Reader in Nursing at the University of Greenwich & Bart's Health NHS Trust.

Our other specialist clinician is [Sharon Fillingham](#), many of you will have met Sharon, however this year she will be presenting on the unique role she has and how barriers can be broken down in Gender Expression.

ASCN UK continue to recognise outstanding specialist achievements. The **Stoma Nurse of the Year** (kindly supported by Salts) will be announced after the AGM on Monday 10th September. This highly respected award is judged by the ASCN committee using a grading criteria to recognise the contribution the nominee has undertaken. This award is truly unique as it is an award providing recognition from your peers, presented in the presence of your peers.

This year ASCN UK wish to acknowledge both a winning and highly commended award for the **Best Presented and Informative Poster**, and the **Most Impactful Presentation** throughout the conference. New for this year, we wish to encourage all delegates to vote using the ASCN UK Conference App for the poster they feel has been most informative.

The overall oral presentation will be judged by the committee and area reps using a grading criteria to recognise a presentation that may either be unique in its delivery while demonstrating evidence for initiative / advancing practice to improve / enhance patient experience.

The UA (Urostomy Association) have agreed to support their two awards again for 2018, this includes a research bursary as well as demonstration of a case study that provides evidence to promote best practice for the care of the Urostomist.

We continue to express our appreciation to Coloplast Ltd for supporting the highly successful **New Presenters award**, which provides ongoing professional and personal development within our specialism

This year we once again will be 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 are also allocating a dedicated poster viewing session on the Tuesday lunchtime, where authors of the poster are invited to be present by their posters so delegates can discuss findings and outcomes.

We continue 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 the newsletters have been informative and we would welcome your feedback and thoughts.

Another New for this year, is the proposal for a post conference 'digest'; a professionally produced document written by the Mark Allen Group (Producers of the BJN & GIN). The purpose of this is to capture and share key messages gained throughout the conference with all members of ASCN. Final agreement for sponsorship funding is just needing to be confirmed for this year, but as a unique document, the committee would welcome your comments – it would be great way to disseminate feedback and learnings from the conference.

Additional ASCN accomplishments

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

- **The National ASCN Stoma Care Standards and Audit Tool** relaunched back in 2015 in collaboration of PSNG; has gained renewal and RCN endorsement for this year 2018. If your department does not have a copy of these, please email the ASCN secretariat
- **ASCN Stoma Care National Clinical Guidelines (2016)** – The first phase of 13 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. These Guidelines are available via the ASCN UK members section of the website www.ascnuk.com
- **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 peer review, however, sadly delays in publication have occurred, but we are still committed to get these disseminated asap
- **ASCN UK Specialist Masterclass/workshop** - following the huge success of last year's **Urostomy masterclass in Birmingham** we re-ran the specialist workshop in March 2018. We were very fortunate that the excellent presenters agreed to attend and share their specialist knowledge. We 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 superb evidenced based practice that we all benefitted from and will improved patient outcomes. We have captured key learnings and messages this year from the master class – and this will be made available to you from the Mark Allen group who continue to support ASCN in publications.
- **Educational activity** – in our quest to raise the profile of specialist nursing and increase the knowledge of healthcare professionals, I attended the Gastro-intestinal Nursing Conference (GIN) at the beginning of this year in Liverpool sharing the work we have continued to build on from the Parastomal Hernia project

- **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. Gabby as an invited speaker will be sharing the fantastic news that this course is now available for applications

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; the ASCN endorsement process has been updated this year. Projects which have an emphasis or a direct benefit to those people living with a stoma, such as study days, standards of care, care pathways, educational resources and protocols can be submitted through the application process 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).

On behalf of the ASCN UK, we remain committed and passionate about working with all those involved within the speciality. Together we can continue to evolve and raise the profile of stoma care. I hope you would agree reflecting back on all the developments even over this last year, we are constantly listening to the feedback from the members and ultimately aiming to impact and improve outcomes in our patients care.

I look forward to seeing you in Birmingham,

Thank you.

Wendy Osborne

Educational Honorary Officer ASCN (UK) – Birmingham 2018