

Dear All

Welcome to the first Bulletin of 2019.

I hope you enjoyed the sunshine while it lasted.

Below are some important bits of information, some notice of events coming up and a reminder to register with the BASCSN website and join the Facebook discussion group.

Even if you don't use Facebook for social media it is well worth joining up just to take part in our Forum. There are some good discussions and requests for help and support so please try and join in.

The conference this year will start on the 28/29th November, starting on the Thursday evening as usual and running through Friday. We are already thinking about the line-up of topics and speakers so if you have any suggestions please let Tim or I know. We would particularly like any suggestions for the evening speaker.

Best wishes

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Conference 2019 – Diary date

The conference this year will start on the evening of Thursday 28th November and run through Friday the 29th. We are returning to the Crowne Plaza in Birmingham again this year.

Conference 2018

The slides from most of the presentations at the conference are available on the website. Tim Crook's slides on immunotherapy have recently been added (<http://bascsn.com/conferences/>)

The minutes from the AGM are also available on the website (<http://bascsn.com/minutes/>)

Re-starting immunotherapy

NHS England has confirmed its financial support for the re-starting of treatment of patients with melanoma who have stopped treatment after two or more years of immunotherapy. Its letter to prescribers sets out the conditions and includes an FAQ section covering a number of issues.

A copy of the letter is can be found on the BASCSN website here: <http://bascsn.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/NHSE-immuno-therapyLetter-Jan19-1.pdf>

Melanoma Focus

Regional meeting 17th May, Leeds

Melanoma Focus Regional meeting, hosted by Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

Details here

<https://melanomafocus.com/meetings/2019-regional-meeting-leeds/>

SLNB Consensus

The Consensus Statement from the Melanoma Focus Sentinel Node Biopsy Guideline, which was completed recently is available on the website.

<http://bascsn.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SNB-Consensus-Final-1.pdf>

Website and Facebook Discussion Forum

The new website (www.BASCSN.com) is up and running and if you haven't already registered please do. The Facebook Discussion Forum is becoming lively with discussions – do search it out and join in. Even if you don't use Facebook for social media do sign up just for BASCSN – it is a closed group so you have to ask to join and the discussions are private to members only.

Clinical Examination and Case Management (Skin Cancer) - Bradford

This module is running at the University of Bradford starting Monday May 20, 2019 – the module comprises four consecutive taught days.

The module is 30 credits and can be taken at level 6 (BSc) or level 7 (MSc). It is run in association with Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Dermatology team.

<https://www.bradford.ac.uk/courses/cpd/clinical-examination-case-management-skin-cancer/?fbclid=IwAR2-yyGPavf1fVJKvvFYMCqf75epOchzpGvpxFk78YQtH0Zkkfu4vPgsj1Q>

Contact Louise Wem (H.L.Wem1@bradford.ac.uk) if you are interested in applying for the module.