



Information for Members 2017

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The Association

The Preoperative Association exists to benefit the health and care of people, both patients of the UK's National Health Service and of independent sectors of healthcare provision. In particular, the Preoperative Association exists to benefit people who have surgery planned. Our aims are to be achieved through the work of the members of the Association, through the identification of the preoperative services that most benefit patients (research & audit), the dissemination of this best practice, setting standards, developing guidelines and networking and through ensuring the implementation of this practice (audit).

The Secretariat

The Preoperative Association Secretariat is based at 21 Portland Place, London W1B 1PY. Our telephone number is 0207 631 8896 and fax number is 0207 631 4352. We can also be reached via email: enquiries@pre-op.org or info@pre-op.org

Council

The Preoperative Association is run via an voluntary, unpaid Board consisting of professional members. The Association will hold an AGM annually and meet at least 4 times a year. Currently the Board consists of the following members:

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Benefits of Membership

1. MEMBERSHIP OFFERS YOU RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- 1.1. Please can you change this to "A research grant up to £5000 and travel bursaries are available to members
- 1.2. The Council are considering the introduction of a service innovation /improvement grant pending feedback, interest and success of the research grant
- 1.3. Opportunity for involvement in planned research subcommittee
- 1.4. Presentation of members' research, audit and service evaluation work is encouraged at the POA annual meeting with prizes for the best free papers and posters

2. MEMBERSHIP CAN SAVE YOU MONEY

- 2.1. Reduced conference / study day fees for members
- 2.3. Reduced publications prices on attendance at Annual conference
- 2.4. Subsidised regional study days

3. MEMBERSHIP CAN HELP YOU INFLUENCE OTHERS

- 3.1. Present your work as a poster, abstract, paper, workshop or seminar.
- 3.2. Vote on issues important to you.
- 3.3. Lobby the steering group who will present your views to national organisations.
- 3.4. Vote on the membership of the board.
- 3.5. Nominate your candidacy for the board.
- 3.6. Influence national guidelines, frameworks, training, competencies and agendas.
- 3.7. Raise your profile in your community, whether it is primary or secondary care , or an independent unit.
- 3.8. Influence local decision making at your institution through gaining knowledge on latest national Guidance models and creating collaborative networks with other members.

4. MEMBERSHIP GIVES YOU THE ADVICE YOU NEED

- 4.1. Ask the experts how to do it – if they don't know; they'll know someone who does.
- 4.3. The Association is a communication hub – a one stop shop for external links to all matters affecting your preoperative process, clinic, patients and staff.
- 4.4. The Association is a sharing network. We are developing a Preoperative Forum in 2017
- 4.5. The Preoperative Association has developed national guidelines, standards, training and competency Programme to guide your service development



4.6. Find out:

- what staff you need and what competencies they need
- how to provide training, how to produce special study modules etc.
- what buildings you need
- what guidelines you should follow
- what audits you need to do
- who you need to talk with
- how to finance your developing needs
- what information technology can do for you

5. MEMBERSHIP KEEPS YOU UP TO DATE

5.1. News, of interest to members straight from the website

5.2. Be the first to access POA publications on updated guidelines
5.3. Training , Study Day and Conference updates

6. BE A MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY

6.1. Don't be alone, let others help and do some of the work with you

6.2. Share best practice – guidelines, protocols and competencies

7. ANAESTHETISTS AND CENTRALISED PREOPERATIVE ASSESSMENT CLINICS

- Improved coordination of primary and secondary care (agreed protocols for the clinic hypertensive, diabetes, patients on Warfarin etc.)
- Forging closer links between booking and assessment, between admission and discharge arrangements
- Creating a system that is common for all patients and efficient, yet is also tailored to each patient. Identifying patients requiring further preoperative assessment thereby reducing the waste caused by the blanket routine assessment
- Improving the cooperation between departments, for instance agreeing rapid access to echocardiographic services.
- Providing an earlier assessment of patients so that problems can be sorted out
- Improving the process of consent for patients by providing information earlier and more Completely

The Constitution

A copy of the Preoperative Association's constitution is available upon request from the Preoperative Association Secretariat.