

Arthroplasty Care Practitioners Association Annual Meeting 2022

In parallel with British Hip Society Meeting Bournemouth International Centre

Bournemouth 2-4th March 2022



We were so pleased to welcome ACPA members at the Bournemouth International Centre for the British Hip Society Annual Scientific Meeting with ACPA Parallel Educational Meeting.

It has been a very difficult 2 years for the NHS and we appreciate many members are still experiencing the pressures on services from the Covid pandemic. This has impacted on the security of planning ahead for such events, and many have struggled to secure the study leave and funding.

For those of us who could attend, I must say it was a great conference with good content, and updates on current issues affecting our orthopaedic services. For those who registered for the event, BHS has emailed out links to the recorded sessions in the main hall, and also the digital poster presentations. This is very useful, as the conference seemed to fly by. Individuals also received 15 CPD points for attending.

A Brief Overview from the Conference

As usual most of the ACPA members booked into the same accommodation, and we were very lucky to find some lovely restaurants so we could eat together and have a good networking catch up.

Next year our parallel meeting will be at the BASK conference (venue and dates yet to be confirmed) but please, join us if you can. For those of you who have not attended conference before, I can guarantee... you will not feel alone.



Dr. Lindsay K Smith presented both in the main BHS meeting and in the ACPA meeting. You may know Lindsay from the work she did with the 'UKSAFE' report, and this may well influence national follow up guidelines for hip and knee replacement. From analysis of UK SAFE data, there is an evidence base to suggest we do not need to follow up our long term hip and knee arthroplasty patients between year 1 and year 10 post op if they are asymptomatic. The focus is on targeted follow up, Patient Initiated Follow up (PIFU), and rapid access assessment if requested by the patient. <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng157>



[Overview | Joint replacement \(primary\): hip, knee and shoulder | Quality standards | NICE](#)

ACPA have been consulting with NICE on producing their updated Quality standard for JOINT replacement (primary) hip, knee and shoulder. It was an interesting experience for the committee members to be involved in this process and I think we all learnt a lot from it. It generated a very interesting discussion covering 1. Pre-operative rehabilitation advice for hip and knee replacement. 2. choice between partial and total knee replacement. 3. Tranexamic acid during hip and knee replacement. 4. Preventing implant selection errors.

The updated Quality standard was published 29th March 2022, so it's hot of the 'digital' press!

The Charnley Lecture -Professor Thornston Gehrke

Diagnostics and treatment of PJI - the Endo Clinic Experience



Professor Gehrke gave a very interesting talk on Periprosthetic Joint Infection.

He explained the diagnostics used to determine periprosthetic joint infections including the use of urine test sticks, that had a high reliability when used with joint aspirate.

He also discussed a variety of treatment techniques based on the pathogen, which could determine whether further surgical intervention was single staged or two stage and hence reduce the risk of re-infection.

BAJIR - Bone And Joint Infection Registry

Anji Kingman from Northumbria NHS Trust, Mike Petrie from Sheffield NHS Trust



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BAJIR mini poster.pdf

The BAJIR database is the UK Bone and Joint Infection Registry. It is designed to collect data on all patients with bone and joint infections in the UK. The information will be used to better understand bone and joint infections and how best to treat them. It will also be used to assess and improve the quality of services across the NHS to achieve better outcomes for patients with these conditions. In the long term it will provide comparative information to patients, commissioners and regulators of healthcare professionals.

Many trusts across the country are already using BAJIR. We had a live demonstration of the database, and were able to discuss the more practical aspects with Jenny Watson from Sheffield who are already entering data.

BAJIR have kindly shared their slides. Hopefully this will give you a taste of the data set they are looking at.

There is also a Poster that you may wish to display in your area.

Hip and Knee Pre-operative Examination



We were lucky enough to have the expertise of Professor Paul Banaszekiewicz and Fazal Ali on hand to go through pre-operative assessment of the hip and knee. They covered all the key areas including joint specific tests and discussed specific aspects of the examination that may help to influence the choice of treatment, including pre-existing ligament pathology requiring a more specialist prosthesis.

NAHR



**Non-Arthroplasty
Hip Registry**

10 Years of NAHR

The final Topic in Focus session for the conference was looking at the Non Arthroplasty Hip Registry. The speakers discussed how the registry has adapted over the past 10 years, what information is collected, how it can be used to drive quality and how it can be used to potentially reduce complications. Vikas Khanduja closed the session with looking at the future of the registry.



Revision Hip Network – Andy Hamer

The talk introduced the development of a network units can link in to. BASK have already commenced development work, but the BHS have only just started their involvement. Surgical standards have already been completed on aseptic loosening, peri-prosthetic fracture, instability, PJI and peri-operative care.

Emphasis was placed in the importance of MDT guidance, encouraging examples of good practice, welcoming units to join existing networks and getting appropriate funding.

Richard Holleyman presented preliminary data to assist with modelling and will hopefully be able to present updated findings at BHS scientific Meeting in 2023.

Keith Tucker - Beyond Compliance and ODEP



It was a real pleasure that Keith Tucker could join us via teams. Keith has been a big supporter of ACPA through the years. In this session he was asking for our help.

He was proposing that Beyond Compliance implants which need revising could be sent to implant retrieval centres for analysis.

There are no additional costs involved for each hospital, and potentially we could learn a lot from implant analysis.

For further information, please contact us and we will send you more details

As usual we also held our AGM.

The presidency was handed over from Cathy Armstrong to Sharon Ferdinandus, and nominations for other committee roles were confirmed. Cathy has done a sterling job of maintaining the profile of the ACPA and promoting our role in the discussions that are taking place nationally. Please see the attached minutes of the AGM .

Over the coming months we will give you more information about our committee members. We all have varied backgrounds within Orthopaedics, and we are more than happy to benchmark services with you, and put you in touch with other members that might be asking similar questions.

Enjoy the Easter break. We will be in touch again soon.

Kind regards

The ACPA committee.

Picture Gallery- Photos from Bournemouth.





