

Minutes of Auckland Anaesthetic Technicians 27th March 2009

Present:

Brett Besley, George Fuge, Kylie Parry, Nicola Smith-Guerin, Martin Tuberville Smith, Louise Morgan, Joseph Cameron, Aisha Ali, David Mellow, Michele Peck, Lee Pedersen, MP. Hev, Julie Bromley, Ruth Fox, Richard Taylor, Nga Kaiura, Jonathon Shaw, Mike Powell

Apologies: Colin Spence, Lisa Clark, Helen Nati, Lyn Body, Vinnie Neva, Mark Humphries, Heather Godfrey, Tony Prangnell

Meeting opened 1915

Last meetings minutes presented

Notified of change to agenda and an addition

Kylie: CPD update.

NZATS still working on a template which is almost finished, released to members soon.

The template has been developed utilising the HPC, nursing and allied health templates.

The template is split into two categories, the first being description of clinical practices, incorporating any specialist skills developed and participation in continuing education. The second sections are for those who wish to participate in committees and developing projects within their hospitals, regionally and nationally.

The HPC (UK version) was used as a template, which after consultation with some charge technicians and the NZTAS executive will be modified for our use. It is possible to download examples from the HPC website.

Total size might be three pages, no reflective essays, updated every three years and audited when we get HPCA accreditation.

This template is a starting point for techs and will be revised when we become registered.

Part time technicians will have to provide the same level of portfolio.

Sian: AUT Update - NZATS Regional Meeting

As discussed at the last meeting, the Special Topic paper is close to completion. Next phase is moderation and a number of senior technicians and RNs from Invercargill to Whangarei have been asked to provide feedback. Sian reiterated that the paper recognises the fact that the role of the anaesthetic technician is no longer a purely technical role. Our current diploma requires updating to reflect that we also take part in patient care activities.

Q: Martin TS: Patient care? Please elaborate:

A: Sian: There have been requests for a Pharmacy paper; the final word is that it is unavailable due to belonging to a different faculty.

Basic pharmacology will be included in future papers.

There has been discussion of Techs in a scrub/circulating/recovery role in NZ, AUT will introduce a paper called 'Patient care' in Anaesthesia 1b next year. This will include topics like: Obtaining a manual BP, pt assessment, pain management, pharmacology, and a transport component.

The 4 week pharmacology section for Anaesthesia III is currently being written by an excellent AUT tutor. It will focus on foundation topics.

WPA course has been delayed this year due to unforeseen circumstances with one of the main tutors being unwell. A date will be advertised shortly.

Communication between training hospitals and AUT was discussed. Sian will follow up with AUT.

There will be further updates on the website.

Michele Peck: Elected Chairperson elect last AGM, will take complete Chair role in November.

NZATS recognizes the need for financial security once HPCA registered to avoid a repeat of AODP in the UK.

Employment contracts usually require registration to professional society

NZATS relationship with AUT, the latter's trainers usually come from
NZATS

NZATS will keep its own accounts, not released to regulatory body

Drop in membership is expected, funds can cover about two years of newsletters etc.

Karen Bennett would be interested in a role as an advisor to the new regulatory body.

Signatures on membership forms will have a more formal place with HPCA; they could refuse signatures with irregularities.

Registration forms have been changed due to MOH and DHB NZ request, information about this can be found on the NZATS website, News page.

Nicola SG thanked Michele for taking role

Vacant position for Registrar, 3 people interested, and ballot forms will go out to membership in May/June for membership to vote on the registrar position, Michele covering the vacancy in the meantime.

Nicola Smith Guerin: Exam report.

First time there has not been a formal machine check in the traditional manner, instead there have been 15 OSCI stations, 5 were focused on the machine.

All passed OSCI's, 19 Candidates, 5 feedback forms returned, 4 complained about lack of food.

Anybody keen to help with exams can contact Nicola

George Fuge: Would like to resign post as Auckland representative.
Call for nominations to Michele Peck or George for next meeting please.
George to explore new venues that will make it easier to get to this meeting after work.

Thank you to Grant from Intermed for supporting our meeting.

Meeting closed 2020