



Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland

Emergency Surgery Sub-committee of the Multidisciplinary Clinical Committee

Terms of Reference

Purpose

Emergency surgery and its provision within Trusts is of paramount importance. The purpose of the Emergency Surgery Subgroup (ESS) is to represent ACPGBI members ensuring that emergency colorectal surgery is performed to the highest standard and that their contribution to the generality of emergency surgery is similarly recognised. This group mirrors IBD, peritoneal malignancy and endoscopy subgroups that similarly report through MCC.

Interactions

- The Multidisciplinary Clinical Committee (MCC). The subgroup reports to ACPGBI Council and Executive through the MCC Chair
- The Nursing and Allied Health Professionals (NAHP) Group
- The Royal College of Anaesthetists
- Representatives of NELA/PQUIP, AUGIS, ASGBI, BSG
- Charities and patient support groups
- Commissioning bodies

Objectives

- Representation of views of professional and patient groups in shaping strategy for emergency colorectal and general surgery.

- Provision of oversight, direction, governance and promotion of emergency surgery-related databases, audits, research and initiatives.
- Address issues related to training and the performance of emergency colorectal surgery by non-specialists.
- Collaboration with other bodies and charities with shared interest in Emergency surgery, including but not limited to NELA and PQUIP.

Membership

The membership of ACPCBI will be invited to apply for 4 positions on the subgroup. These will be voted by Council following submission of an abridged CV. All members should be currently involved in the provision of emergency general/colorectal surgery in their Trusts. Three year terms are encouraged to ensure continuity.

The Chair will be appointed by the Executive of the ACPGBI.

A patient representative will be nominated by the Patient Liaison Group.

A trainee representative will be appointed by the Dukes' Club.

Other co-opted members will be recruited as required.

Accountability

The chair of the subcommittee will report to the Chairman of the MCC

Meetings

Meetings will be held twice each year. At least one face-to-face meeting is encouraged each year either at the annual meeting of ACPGBI or at the Royal College of Surgeons of England in London with teleconferencing available. Other meetings will be held by teleconference.

The agenda will be coordinated by the Chair and Honorary Secretary but any member of the subcommittee may propose items for the agenda if the Chair agrees.

Reimbursement of expenses

The ACPGBI will reimburse reasonable day travel expenses and second class rail fares. Overnight accommodation and subsistence will not be covered.