

NEWS & NOTES

NEW APPOINTMENT

Consultant Anaesthetist



Susie Richmond has been appointed as a consultant anaesthetist and takes up her appointment in January 2000. She was educated in Cumbria, Scotland and Bolton and then went to medical school in Liverpool, qualifying in 1988. After house jobs she was undecided as to what she wanted to do next, so decided to give anaesthetics a try. Having decided that anaesthetics was the chosen career for her, and feeling that a change was needed, she moved to Devon for two years, but domestic arrangements indicated a move back north was needed so she came back to Liverpool where she completed her anaesthetic training.

During her training Susie developed an interest in resuscitation. She is now an ALS instructor and enjoys teaching on ALS courses.

Susie is married to Tony, an ODA, and they have one son, William, aged three. Outside work Susie enjoys 'being a mum' and is interested in cooking and photography.

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon



Adam Feldman has been appointed consultant trauma and orthopaedic surgeon to the Lancaster and Kendal hospitals and will take up his appointment in February 2000.

Adam was brought up in Birmingham where he attended King Edward VI Camp Hill Grammar School and then moved to Bristol where he graduated in medicine in 1988. He thoroughly enjoyed teaching anatomy at the University of Bristol before continuing his surgical training in Devon. Following his appointment to the Far South West Orthopaedic Training Programme he worked in Exeter, Plymouth, Truro, Torbay and Barnstaple. His area of special interest is orthopaedics of the lower limb, foot and ankle, and research into various aspects of orthopaedic engineering.

Adam is fascinated by anything mechanical and when not practising orthopaedics is usually to be seen in a pair of oily overalls working on sports cars, attending to his huge collection of mechanical tin toys or restoring mechanical antiques.

Letters to the Editor

Audit of intrauterine insemination with partner's sperm

Sir: – The paper by Dr Anuradah and colleagues raises an interesting point. They did not actually define the duration of sub-fertility within the standards they set out, and as fertility itself is time-dependent this is a serious omission. It also affects quite significantly the likely outcome within the patients who conceive (Table 3). Two of these seem to have unexplained infertility of only one year's duration, which very few gynaecologists would actually view as diagnostic of sub-fertility.

Would it be possible for Dr Anuradha and her colleagues to clarify this point, as otherwise it would seem that patients are being exposed to treatments which they do not need, and which one might suggest the health service can ill afford.

Yours sincerely

IJ Page

Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist

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Audit of intrauterine insemination with partner's sperm

Sir: – I am grateful to Mr Page for his comments on the audit on IUI recently published in the journal. The point regarding duration of infertility should have been amplified in the original article and I apologise for this. Our general policy is not to offer appointments to patients with sub-fertility that is less than one year duration, and in the table at the bottom of page 215, the duration of infertility referred to relates essentially to the duration of infertility at the time the patient first attended the Infertility Clinic rather than the duration of infertility prior to treatment, or a successful outcome. In practice, as in most DGHs, there is some inevitable further delay after the initial clinic appointment before appropriate investigations are undertaken, and this would usually amount to several months and thereafter empirical treatment with Clomiphene for three to six months is our usual routine before IUI would be suggested for cases of unexplained sub-fertility. IUI treatment, therefore, would in practice not actually be offered until a minimum of 18-24 months of sub-fertility.

I apologise that this point is not clearer in the audit.

With kind regards

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Morecambe Bay Medical Journal Prize

The editorial board has not awarded the prize for 1999, but encourages all doctors in training grades to submit original work for the 2000 award.