



THANK YOU ...

.....for the tremendous support of fellows and members for the **SEVERE CERVICOFACIAL INFECTION OF DENTAL ORIGIN STUDY** carried out in October and November last year. We have around 250 recorded episodes of these cases that needed hospital specialist treatment in the two month period. Preliminary analysis has revealed some interesting findings about why these patients end up needing our expertise and the results have been submitted to the conference committee of BAOMS for presentation at conference in June.

The core group who made this successful are those representing the old regions as Audit and Clinical Effectiveness co-ordinators, and these are the listed below. Gratitude also to those who volunteered to collect data in individual hospitals—too many to mention but I know how hard it is to get people to fill in another form!

Steve Layton

PLEASE SEE OVERPAGE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE NEXT NATIONAL BENCHMARK OR STUDY

S AVE THE WALES (and Northern Ireland) REGIONAL” AUDIT AND CE CO- ORDINATORS

I have the following kind people on record as fulfilling these roles and I hope they are prepared to carry on, however we do not have any local people on the ground in Wales and Northern Ireland – CAN ANYONE HELP PLEASE—email Layton@doctors.org.uk

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VALIDATED GUIDELINES FOR ORAL AND MAXILLO- FACIAL SURGERY

The guideline “**Management of unilateral fractures of the condyle**” is one of four validated guidelines relating to our specialty published by the FDS of the Royal College of Surgeons of England Clinical Effectiveness Committee. It was first produced in 1997 and was due for revision in 2003. Those involved in Maxillofacial trauma will be aware of the significant changes that have occurred in the management of condylar fractures and will be pleased to have some up to date guidance.

The good news is that BAOMS CE sub committee member Ian Holland in Glasgow is to work with Richard Loukota from Leeds on revising the guidelines.

See over for news of forthcoming guidelines on thromboembolic prophylaxis

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News about guidelines for thromboembolic prophylaxis

Do you want the next national study/benchmarking project to be your idea?

NICE WORK - IF YOU CAN GET IT

The Clinical effectiveness Sub-committee have made various responses on behalf of BAOMS to NICE requests for Experts and Stakeholder participation for Interventional Procedures, Technical Appraisals and guidance documents. Over the past few months we have responded on the following with either committee members and other fellows giving their views or acting as experts:

Guidance documents

- Guidance to schools on sensible alcohol consumption

Interventional procedures advice:

- "Sinus Lift"
- "Lomax" mini anchorage system
- "Sialadendoscopy"

Technical Appraisal

- Cetuximab

The BAOMS council is to decide whether it wants the Clinical Effectiveness sub-committee to be the official point of contact for requests by NICE for stakeholder registration and expert nomination, however in the meantime such requests have come to the sub-committee through the chair and I am sure you will appreciate it is difficult to be confident that all those fellows and members with an interest in a certain issue have a chance to have their say. Of course where individuals have a special interest I am sure they are aware of the activities of NICE otherwise the sub-committee does its best to make sure the key players are in the loop.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION—BAOMS are registered as stakeholders in the following NICE work in development

Clinical Guidance:

Antibiotic prophylaxis for infective endocarditis

Public Health Intervention Guidance:

Smoking and Children

MAKE THE NEXT NATIONAL BENCHMARKING STUDY YOUR IDEA!

Several times a year questionnaires come around by post to all units from enterprising clinicians wanting to "survey" the practice of UK OMF Surgeons.

If you have an idea for such a project the results of which will be of interest to the OMF community generally why not suggest it to the BAOMS CE sub-committee? You would have the support of the sub-committee and its regional coordinators in collecting the information. You would be an author of any presentation or publication (as long as you contributed in a practical way as would anyone else doing so) but your affiliation would be to the BAOMS CE sub-committee. Contact Steve Layton or come to the CE meeting at the next BAOMS conference.

THROMBOEMBOLIC PROPHYLAXIS in OMF

Tim Blackburn—Clinical effectiveness Sub-committee member (Currently Liverpool) tells us that the guideline "Mersey Regional Maxillofacial Unit, Liverpool - Assessment of Risk of Surgery-related Venous Thromboembolism (V.T.E.)" is currently undergoing a safety evaluation. The sub-committee have agreed that on completion of that process it should be made available as a draft guideline and recorded as such with the FDS CE committee and the BAOMS web site

If you have any views, opinions or comments on this being considered as a national guideline for the specialty please contact Tim

Thanks for taking the time to read this. Please let me know your views and any suggestions about the work of the BAOMS Clinical effectiveness sub-committee

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