



Clinical Leaders of Thrombosis Newsletter

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***Happy New Year to members of
Clinical leaders of Thrombosis
from the Executive Committee.***

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Advisory Panel

Clinical Leaders of Thrombosis welcome the appointment of Professor Mike Greaves, Professor of Haematology, Aberdeen, Dr Steve Kitchen, Clinical Scientist, Sheffield, Dr Ian Mackie, Reader in Haemostasis & Thrombosis, University College of London, Dr David Perry, Consultant Haematologist, Cambridge, Dr Eric Watts, Consultant Haematologist, Basildon, Dr Mike Williams, Consultant Paediatric Haematologist, Birmingham as the advisory panel to CLOT.

The panel of experts has been appointed by the CLOT executive committee to act as a resource for the CLOT group and its members, and to support their activities.

The panel will help meet the aims of the group by one panel member chairing the CLOT meetings, to help meet the educational needs of the group, oversee the exchange of ideas and evidence based practice, and disseminate research findings and information. They may comment on issues raised at CLOT meetings on our website bulletin board and in the newsletter.

Thromboprophylaxis in Practice

During 2006, 100 health care professionals, many of them CLOT members, have graduated from the course in thrombosis prevention at the University of Hertfordshire. To mark the achievement the University co-hosted with the Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Thrombosis Group, John Smith MP, an awards ceremony for the successful graduates in the House of Commons Terrace Pavilion on December 5th. The occasion was kindly supported by sanofi-aventis.



Lesley Dolan (CLOT Executive Committee member) receiving award at the House of Commons.

It was hoped that the Chief Medical Officer would have published his response to the recommendations of the VTE expert working group to coincide with the event but unfortunately this was not the case! However the event gave healthcare professionals the opportunity to discuss the importance of effective thromboprophylaxis with the political influencers that were present.

Department of Health VTE Website

Despite the fact that healthcare professionals are still waiting for the Chief Medical Officer to give his response to the recommendations of the VTE expert working group, the Department of Health now have a website which has all its VTE resources in one place. The Department of Health's site can be accessed via the CLOT website (www.clotuk.com).

Yellow Book

A new patient held therapy record has been created by the National Patients Safety Agency and is available on the CLOT website for members to access and provide comment on.

Thrombophilia Testing

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence Thrombophilia testing guidance is in development; Caroline Baglin and Teresa Tripp (Executive committee members) have contributed on behalf of CLOT.

CLOT Meetings

The latest CLOT meeting was held in Birmingham on Friday 13 October 2006. This was a one day meeting in response to the questionnaire that CLOT members completed.

The meeting was well attended and topics included: anticoagulation in pregnancy, thromboprophylaxis update, new developments in point of care testing, safety and legal issues with warfarin, complimentary therapies, heparin induced thrombocytopenia and children and anticoagulation.

This was the 1st meeting chaired by a member of the advisory panel and thanks go to Dr David Perry for his contribution.

The next CLOT meeting will be held at The Village Hotel, Bury Lancashire on **Sunday March 25th and Monday March 26th 2007.**

Applications for the meeting will be posted to members soon, or you can download an application form from the CLOT website.

Call for Posters

Lesley Magee, anticoagulant nurse specialist, submitted a poster at the meeting in Birmingham. The poster entitled '**Patient focused service delivery in anticoagulation**' was awarded the prize for best poster.

We would like to encourage CLOT members to present posters at the meetings. The prize for the best poster submitted is £100.

There will be an area on the application form for the CLOT meetings where members can state that they will be presenting a Poster.

Requests

Does anyone have any patient information leaflets that they would be willing to share on antithrombin deficiency?

Please reply to Janet Magee through the discussion board on the CLOT website.

Finally

If any CLOT members wish to contribute to the newsletter or would like to be considered to present a topic at the CLOT meetings contact Lesley Dolan via anticoag21@yahoo.co.uk