Advancement in our careers

This month’s theme is ‘advanced practice’ and Adrian Jones (Trustee), Homa Arshad and John Nolan look at the surgical care practitioner role in a detailed review of one team’s journey. If you review the words advanced and practice in the dictionary you will find that they mean higher, superior, highly developed and training, habit and procedure; respectively.

Without ongoing professional development your career cannot progress, you will stagnate while all around you the environment will be changing. It is important, therefore, that you take every opportunity to review and share best practice, attend training events where possible and use online facilities, if available, to improve yourself. In an environment where jobs are being cut or in extreme cases being made redundant, it is important that you are one step ahead of the game. Your ability to stand out in the crowd and have the most up to date skills possible is important not only for your future career but for the patients that you tend and care for every day.

As a charity it is important that we meet our charitable objective which is to promote safer surgery through the provision of training and education to our members. This year we want to focus our attentions on what our members need to advance in their careers and our mobile training unit is a project that we are currently raising funds for to enable us to deliver training to your doorstep. If there are any hot topics that we can include at our regional events that will assist you in your ongoing push to be the best at what you do, please let us know.

I would like to finish by wishing you all a very happy New Year hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. Now we are all back in the driving seat – why don’t we start as we mean to go on?

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