

**Demystifying research: an introduction to quantitative and qualitative research**

**Learning outcomes**

- To understand the principles of quantitative and qualitative research
- To know how to critically appraise a research paper
- To be able to formulate a research question relevant to renal patients and design a feasible study

**Timetable**

Time	Title	Leader
<b>9.30 - 10.00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
10.00 - 10.45	Principles of quantitative studies: design	Professor Paul Roderick
10.45 - 11.30	Principles of quantitative studies: analysis	Mr Mark Mullee
<b>11.30 - 11.45</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	
11.45 - 12.30	Principles of qualitative studies	Dr Claire Ballinger
<b>12.30 - 1.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
1.30 - 2.30	Formulating research question and design (small groups)	All
2.30 - 3.30	Group presentations <b>Tea</b>	
3.30 - 4.15	Writing up findings for publication: hints and tips	All

**Course Leaders from School of Medicine, University of Southampton**

**Professor P Roderick:** Professor of Public Health and member of Renal Advisory Group, Department of Health

**Mr M Mullee:** Director of South Central Research Design Service (RDS) and Senior Lecturer in Medical Statistics

**Dr C Ballinger:** Deputy Director of South Central Research Design Service and expert on qualitative research methods.

Contact the ANSA Secretariat by email: ANSA@mandmconsultants.co.uk for a Registration Form  
 Prices: **£50.00** for ANSA members – **£75.00** for Non ANSA members



**A BIG THANK YOU**

On behalf of ANSA and the executive committee we would like to say a very big thank you to Carol Anderson who has now stepped down from the executive committee. Carol first joined the committee in 2005 and has most recently been treasurer. We would like to thank her for all the contributions she has made and all the hard work she has put in. She will certainly be missed at the meetings!

**2010 Dates for Your Diary**

Monday 17th - Thursday 20th May  
**BRS/RA Conference, Manchester**

**Monday 5th July**  
**ANSA/BRS Research Study Day**  
**Hallam Conference Centre, London**

Saturday 18th - Tuesday 21st September  
**EDTNA/ERCA International Conference,**  
**Dublin, Ireland**

Friday 24th - Saturday 25th September  
**Renal Pharmacy Group Conference, Manchester**

Monday 8th - Saturday 13th November  
**ASN, Philadelphia, USA**

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Dear All

Welcome to the Spring / Summer edition of our ANSA Newsletter.

The excellent feedback we received from our recent conference has, as always, generated new ideas and plans are already under way for our special 10th anniversary conference in April 2011.

Best wishes to you all.



**Belinda Dring, President**

**Note from the Editor**

Welcome to this edition of the ANSA newsletter. The ANSA executive committee appreciate how difficult it has become to be allowed the time or obtain funding to attend study days and conferences. Therefore it is important that we use this newsletter to inform you of any new developments in anaemia management but we also would like you to share your ideas and practices with each other. If you have anything that you feel may be of interest please contact me either through the ANSA secretariat or email me at Susan.Pickard@btuh.nhs.uk.

**Sue Pickard**  
 Editor

**9th ANSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**Hilton Leeds City Hotel, Leeds, 18th and 19th March 2010**

This year's annual conference once again received positive feedback from its delegates.

We were treated to some outstanding presentations around the theme of "Anaemia Management – An age old problem."

Thursday afternoon began with a work shop sponsored by Vifor Pharma UK Ltd. The workshop focused on new uses of IV Iron and drew a lot of discussion. The AGM then followed where Cathy Johnson stepped down after 3 years as ANSA president. There followed a TIME presentation which introduced the successful modules which are now available via BRS website. Dinner was held with magicians providing table entertainment. Digby Lund was presented with a lifetime membership to ANSA in recognition of all the support he has given the association over the years.



**Digby Lund accepting his Lifetime Membership to ANSA for his support over many years**

Friday morning began with presentations on anaemia in the elderly.

Dr Kathryn Griffith discussed how to identify anaemia and who to refer to: renal or care of the elderly?

Dr Clare Beeson talked about managing anaemia in the elderly.

Dr Ivor Cavill gave a well animated presentation on anaemia in an aging population.

Other presentations on Myelodysplasia and Uraemic bleeding by Sharon Benton and Sue Pickard and a debate on 'TREAT' and its implications on our practice led by Lesley Bennett.

Friday afternoon then enabled delegates to see how we can break down barriers to a world-class service thanks to Jane Macdonald (BRS President) followed by a motivational speech from Pat Cantrill to leave us on a high before the meeting was closed.

More details on the above presentations can be found on the ANSA website.

**Plans are underway for next year to be even better! April, 2011 (date to be confirmed).**

**AGM Leeds Thursday, 18th March 2010**

**Cathy Johnson** welcomed the delegates to the Conference and the AGM, and introduced the ANSA Executive Committee.

She reminded the delegates that ANSA is their Association and the AGM is their opportunity to ask questions and to suggest any ideas or improvements. She then reviewed the ANSA year covering the following key points:

**e-Learning project**

The project has 2 modules in a learning programme using evidence-based case studies.

Module 1 and 2 available at: www.uknursing.net/www.doctors.net.uk or the link on the ANSA website.

Project continues to be well used, especially by Drs, but nurse numbers are increasing since it's availability via nursingtimes.net.

**EDTNA Collaboration**

Lesley Bennett confirmed that ANSA continued to have an excellent relationship with EDTNA and that there was a good opportunity to feed into EDTNA, and other collaborative initiatives would follow. We now have members from Australia and New Zealand.

**BRS Affiliation**

ANSA is an active affiliate of the BRS and had a seat on the BRS Council.

**World Kidney Day**

ANSA was represented by Lesley Bennett and Susan Pickard at the WKD House of Commons Reception.

**Newsletter**

Sue Pickard welcomed any Newsletter contributions from ANSA members. These should be sent to her via the ANSA secretariat.

**Treasurer's Report**

Kate Taylor presented the 2009 Annual Accounts which were accepted by the membership.

ANSA wished to thank their Corporate Members:

**Amgen, Fresenius, Ortho-Biotech, Roche Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Syner-Med, Ratiopharm and Vifor Pharma Ltd, Vision for the Future**

In closing, Belinda reiterated the ANSA vision and asked for member comments and assistance in taking ANSA forward.

Cathy Johnson and Carol Anderson were both thanked for all their help over the last 4 years.