

Grant Report on Attending the Intensive Care Society State of the Art Congress

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I was lucky enough to receive a BACCN grant to allow me to attend the ICS State of the Art (SOA) Congress in Birmingham. This is a 3-day conference organised by the Intensive Care Society. SOA allows opportunities for professionals from all disciplines to come together to learn and network.

Day one began with a plenary session which was a 40 year review of the evolution of critical care. It considered what we did in the past, what we do now and the things we should consider bringing back. Another plenary session was about the NCEPOD report about rehab and recovery following critical illness. The session featured a paraolympian who is now blind following her critical illness and the rehab that is required following critical care admission. Day one ended with an interactive session about how we manage conflict between relatives and the medical team in critical care.

Throughout, the conference I also attended many sessions including an update about the state of the art in critical care nephrology, acute respiratory failure, a session on IP and sustainability, palliative care, oedema and an interactive session about multiprofessional ethical decision making in critical care.

I would like to thank BACCN for giving me the opportunity to allow me to attend this conference and encourage other members to apply for grants!