



ACADEMY NEWS

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WELCOME

DR PHILLIP WARDLE, NIAW DIRECTOR

I am delighted to write our Welcome message for our first NIAW Newsletter for 2024. We have included some of the 2023's Highlights and I'm really pleased to introduce to readers our new colleagues who have joined us in 2023.

I am sorry to see close colleagues and friends leave the Imaging Academy for better things and pastures new. I miss them, and am very grateful for their huge contribution to NIAW. We wish them the very best for their future and I am sure that they won't be strangers. I am excited about our 'New Team' and we are working well together, with much work already implementing planned improvements and enabling increased future capability.

We have been reviewing the Imaging Academy in depth over the last few months and I am pleased to say NIAW is thriving, with wider training for more clinical disciplines as well as other developments. Our courses, events and our research activity are all on the rise, and we look forward to sharing more during the year.

It has certainly been a while since our last Newsletter, reflecting our distraction with so much change over the last year. One big achievement that raises a smile, no more mini floods in our reception - we have finally managed to replace our front door after trying to secure the support for the last five years!

With best wishes for the Spring.



Phillip Wardle

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ACADEMY TEAM

2023 saw several changes to the National Imaging Academy Wales team. We welcomed back Katie Smeathers (Office and Events Manager) who returned from Maternity Leave and welcomed some new members to the team; Tracy Norris (Academy Manager), Caroline Parker (Clinical Systems Manager), Anne-Laurie Noonan (Academy Administrator) and Marie Veasey (Academy Administrator).



Tracy Norris

Tracy started as Academy Manager in March 2023. Tracy works alongside the Academy Clinical Director, Phillip Wardle in providing strategic leadership and operational management within NIAW. Prior to joining us, Tracy has worked for Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) for 15 years. Tracy has a background in project and programme management and has spent the past 3 years in an operational role, managing the Local and National Service Desk within DHCW.



Caroline Parker

Caroline started as Clinical Systems Manager in August 2023. Prior to joining us here at the academy Caroline worked for our current PACS provider FujiFilm working across Wales to install the PACS and Voice recognition systems, so she may be a familiar face to some. For the last 5 years she has been the Radiology Clinical I.T manager for the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, helping ensure opening the Grange University Hospital ran smoothly for Radiology and maintaining all of the Radiology I.T and modality systems.



Anne-laurie Noonan

Laurie started as Academy Administrator in May 2023. She works within the administration team and provides support for training, courses and events at the Academy. Prior to joining us, Laurie has worked for NHS Wales since February 2017 in various roles within Swansea Bay University Health Board.



Marie Veasey

Marie started as Academy Receptionist in September 2023. In November 2023, Marie was successfully appointed into the vacant Academy Administrator position. She works within the administration team and runs the social media pages and provides support for training, courses and events at the Academy. Prior to joining us, Marie worked as a financial administrator in the private sector.

With a heavy heart, in 2023 we bid farewell to Natalie Wilshire (Academy Administrator), Steve Buckle (Clinical Systems Manager) and Lara-Susan James (Quality Manager).

Steve Buckle

Steve has been an essential fixture not just at the Academy but in NHS Wales Radiology throughout his career. Steve joined the Academy when we opened in 2018 as the Clinical Systems Manager, but to many who pass through our doors he was much more than his job title. He was instrumental in the running of the academy, down to its core.

- IT equipment won't work – Steve can fix it.
- Windows need cleaning – Steve can do it.
- Ceiling leaking – Steve's there with his bucket.
- Morale low – Steve's hidden googlie eyes around the building
- Event day – Steve can quality check the lunches.
- Need promotional photos of the Academy – Steve is catwalk ready.

Thank you, Steve, for your incredible contributions to our team. You will be very much missed by the team, and we hope you enjoy your future adventures with your family (and Dora & Griff!) during your retirement.



Natalie Wiltshire

Natalie joined the Academy as an Academy Administrator in February 2021. She has moved on to a role within NWSSP and we wish her all the best for the future.



Lara-Susan James

Lara joined the Academy as the Quality Manager in February 2022. She has moved on to an exciting role as an Assessment Manager for the UK Accreditation Service, and we wish her all the best for the future.



2023 HIGHLIGHTS

NATIONAL IMAGING PROGRAMME COLLABORATION AND NATIONAL IMAGING PROGRAMME ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023



Lisa Oyler (Project Manager, NHS Executive); Harriet Ryland (Programme Manager, NHS Executive); Rachel Howells (Project Manager, NHS Executive); John Solowyk (Senior Project Support Officer, NHS Executive); Amanda Evans (National Imaging Portfolio Programme Lead, NHS Executive); James Triscott (Programme Manager, NHS Executive); Emily Jarmann (Senior Project Manager, NHS Executive); Lara-Susan James (Quality Manager, NIAW); Tracy Norris (Academy Manager, NIAW); Phillip Wardle (Academy Director, NIAW); Clarissa Wong (Senior Project Support Officer, NHS Executive)

In March we welcomed our colleagues from the National Imaging Programme to the Academy.

Amanda Evans and her team are integrally involved in supporting the development of high quality, effective and sustainable imaging service in NHS Wales. Much discussion took place about the imaging programme vision, NIAW's strategy and working together with focus specifically on the work streams related to workforce, education, and quality.

Going forward, NIAW looks forward to more collaboration on aligned projects including sharing resources as the Imaging Programme is now within the new NHS Wales Executive.

Following the success of this collaboration, the Academy was glad to be the event partner for NIPAC 2023 (National Imaging Programme Annual Conference 2023).

The event was held at the Cardiff City Stadium on Wednesday 8th November 2023 and featured presentations from Imaging Professionals within NHS Wales and leading suppliers and exhibition stands from suppliers and NHS Wales departments.

Academy Director, Dr Phillip Wardle gave a presentation about the past, present and future of the National Imaging Academy Wales and the Academy Team helped with delegate registrations and the poster presentations



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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

ULTRASOUND PROCUREMENT EVENT

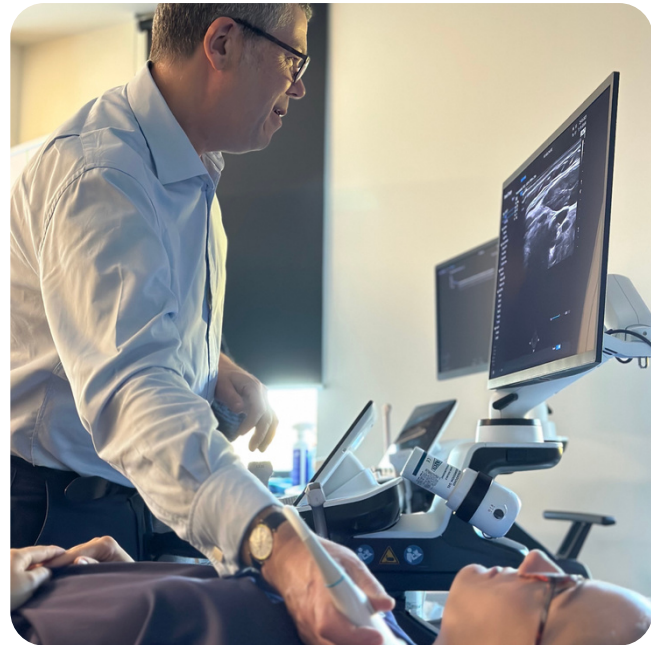


In October 2023, NIAW hosted an exhibition event, displaying current available Ultrasound equipment, concentrating on Mid to High range scanners to include Obstetric & Gynaecological imaging. The event was held to help inform the purchasing of Ultrasound equipment with as full an array as possible of available equipment on the National Framework.

Suppliers who exhibited at the event:

- Canon Medical
- Esaote
- Fujifilm
- GE Healthcare
- MIS Healthcare
- Phillips
- Samsung
- Siemens

We look forward to planning this event again in the future.





ACADEMY COURSES

NIAW - ACUTE STROKE IMAGING INTERPRETATION COURSE

This course is aimed at Stroke Physicians and General Radiologists, includes some learning on the current Stroke Management pathway and the use of Brainomix AI tools depending on its stage of implementation.

COURSE ORGANISERS:

- Dr Hisham Jaber - NIAW Consultant Trainer and CAVUHB
- Dr Matthew Wheeler - CAVUHB
- Dr Sian Ebden - CAVUHB
- Dr Stefan Schwarz - NIAW Consultant Trainer and CAVUHB

NIAW - FRCR 2B REVISION COURSE

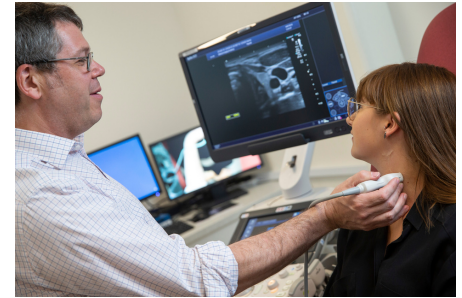
This is a two day course simulating the FRCR 2B examination.

The two-day course simulating the FRCR 2B examination includes:

- Rapid reporting with electronic marking
- Long cases marked by examiners.
- Dedicated feedback sessions where the cases and marking scheme are reviewed.
- Online viva sessions using MS Teams with two examiners in each session.
- Advice on Viva technique with feedback from previous RCR examiners.

COURSE ORGANISER:

- Dr Tishi Ninan - NIAW Consultant Trainer and SBUHB



POCUS (POINT OF CARE ULTRASOUND) COURSE

A course to provide a foundation towards training in:

- Focused Echo
- Thoracic
- Focused Abdominal
- Vascular

Point of Care UltraSound (POCUS) in the acutely unwell patient, through designated:

- Lectures
- Simulated demonstrations
- Practical sessions and
- Acute cases influenced by POCUS.

COURSE ORGANISER:

- Dr Eugene Tabiowo - NIAW Consultant Trainer and CTMUHB





ACADEMY COURSES

NIAW - EMERGENCY MEDICINE IMAGE INTERPRETATION COURSE

This one day course will provide a structured approach to the interpretation of musculoskeletal trauma X-rays and will support learning through interactive image interpretations, lectures and case reviews. Candidates will have access to individual Fuji PACS workstations.

Agenda includes image interpretation of:

- Shoulder and Elbow
- C-Spine & Face
- Hip & Knee
- Wrist and Hand
- Foot and Ankle
- Foreign Bodies

COURSE ORGANISER:

- Dr Michael Obiako - CTMUHB

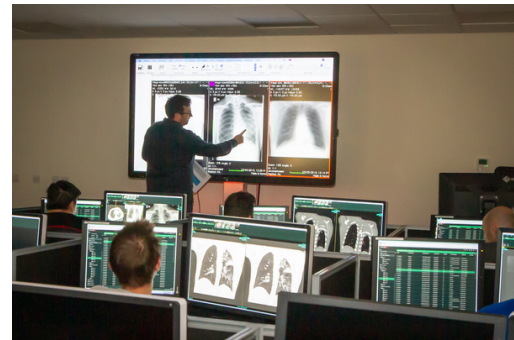
NIAW - CHEST X-RAY COURSE

The Chest X-ray is the most commonly performed diagnostic radiographic examination. This course covers a wide variety of pathology, which will increase your confidence in day-to-day CXR clinical interpretation, and help you prepare for exams.

This course places attendees into groups according to their level of experience in CXR interpretation, from basic case review to advanced interpretation.

COURSE ORGANISERS:

- Dr Aleksander Marin - NIAW Consultant Trainer and CAVUHB
- Dr Grant Griffiths - NIAW Consultant Trainer and CTMUHB
- Dr Timothy Pearce - NIAW Consultant Trainer and CTMUHB
- Dr Tishi Ninan - NIAW Consultant Trainer and SBUHB



UPCOMING COURSES

EM Image Interpretation Course	April 20 2024
Acute Stroke Course	May 20 + 21 2024
POCUS Course	June 03 + 04 2024
POCUS Course	October 14 + 15 2024



If course registrations are not open and you are interested in attending one of the Academy Courses, please complete the interest form available via the QR code below.

This will place you on a communication list and you will receive an email as soon as dates and confirmed and registrations are open.