



ACADEMY NEWS



OFFICIAL ROUND ROBIN NEWSLETTER OF
NATIONAL IMAGING ACADEMY WALES



WELCOME

DR PHILLIP WARDLE, ACADEMY DIRECTOR



I am pleased to introduce our Christmas Round Robin. This festive newsletter will highlight some of the key moments from the past year.

As we approach the end of another year, this festive season is a time for reflection and celebration for us at the Academy. We are proud of the Academy's achievements and progress during 2024 and are looking forward to 2025 which we already know will be challenging.

We wish you all a relaxing holiday season and a healthy, prosperous New Year.



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ACADEMY TEAM NEWS

NIAW WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS. WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE THEM ON BOARD!



MARIA JEANNETTE

Maria, our new receptionist, joined us in November 2024. Maria will be the first point of contact for all staff, trainers, trainees, and visitors. NIAW. Maria comes with a rich background in early years education, having worked as a teacher and teaching assistant.

Maria is enthusiastic and passionate about crafting these skills combined with her organisational, and interpersonal skills, make her a perfect fit for our team.



DANE EVANS

Dane has recently joined the RISP project as a PACS Administrator, working between Princess of Wales Hospital (POW) and National Imaging Academy Wales (NIAW). At NIAW, he is collaborating with our Trainers to develop teaching archives and enhancing our educational resources.

Importantly, Dane's experience as an MRI/CT Radiographer at POW is very useful for his NIAW commitment and we look forward to the teaching library expanding with his input.

TRAINING NEWS

At the start of November 2024 NIAW welcomed Dr Rhys Thomas (Consultant Radiologist, CAVUHB) and Dr Alexander Holborow (Consultant Radiologist, SBUHB) to our Training faculty to deliver MSK training sessions.

Rhys & Alex have both achieved CCT as Welsh trainees since the Academy opened, their insight will be a great addition to our training.

ACADEMY DEVELOPMENTS

EXCITING BUILDING UPGRADES AT THE ACADEMY!

There have been renovations to our ground-floor toilets within our Ultrasound Suite updating our facilities for our patients.

Special thanks go to Andy Jones from ADJ Architects Ltd, David Jones and the team from CTMUHB Capital Planning, and Nicky Rees, Stefan Lukieski, and the entire team from First Grade Projects.

To the relief of the entire Academy team, we have replaced the barrier. This increased security risk has been concerned both concerning both Phillip and Tracy and it is great to have a barrier that makes more sense.

Additionally, its red and green lighting looks quite festive on these wintry nights!



WE ARE CONTINUOUSLY WORKING ON ENHANCING OUR FACILITIES TO ENSURE THE BEST POSSIBLE EXPERIENCE AT NATIONAL IMAGING ACADEMY WALES.



NATIONAL IMAGING PROGRAMME ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

Following the success of the first National Imaging Programme (NIP) Annual Conference at Cardiff City Stadium in November 2023, the NIP and National Imaging Academy Wales (NIAW) joined forces once again. This year, the second annual conference was hosted at National Imaging Academy Wales and establishes the tradition of celebrating World Radiography Day.

Over 80 delegates participated both in person at the Academy and virtually. There was a series of insightful talks' centred around fostering a culture of respect. The highlight was the Keynote Address, "Why Civility Matters in a Complex World," delivered by Dr Chris Turner. His presentation was widely praised for being both excellent and thought-provoking.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DR TURNER AND CIVILITY SAVES LIVES, PLEASE VISIT THEIR WEBSITE:
[HTTPS://WWW.CIVILITYSAVESLIVES.COM/](https://www.civilitysaveslives.com/)

Delegates enjoyed presentations from our Platinum and Gold sponsors—Philips, GE Healthcare, and Canon Medical Systems. NHS Wales colleagues also shared their experiences, providing valuable insights into the journey of imaging professionals, matching our Workforce theme.





NATIONAL IMAGING PROGRAMME ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

WE EXTEND OUR THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS, THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT MADE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE.



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INTELLIGENT ULTRASOUND



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On-site attendees had the chance to unwind in our well-being suite, enjoying chair yoga sessions and seated acupuncture massages. These relaxing activities were generously sponsored by our Silver event sponsors, 4ways Healthcare and Telemedicine Clinic (TMC). Additionally, delegates, sponsors, and staff could grab some props and take team photos in the Selfie Pod, kindly sponsored by Everlight Radiology.



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SELFIEBOOTH PHOTOS
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Feedback from delegates has been overwhelmingly positive, with 100% of respondents expressing a desire to attend next year's conference. We are excited to announce that the conference will return in November 2025 - date to be confirmed. Please keep an eye on our social media and New Year newsletter for further announcements!





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UPCOMING POINT OF CARE ULTRASOUND SHOWCASE

TUESDAY 21ST AND WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2025

Point of care ultrasound (POCUS) refers to the use of ultrasound devices by healthcare professionals at or near the patient's bedside. Unlike traditional ultrasound, which is often performed in specialised imaging departments, POCUS enables immediate imaging to assist with clinical decision-making. The ultrasound scanners are usually small, portable devices, used by a variety of healthcare professionals across different medical settings to answer yes/no questions.

On Tuesday, 21st January, and Wednesday, 22nd January, NIAW is hosting a Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Showcase at the Academy. This event will provide a fantastic opportunity for delegates to engage with leading suppliers, to use and assess US machines suitable for POCUS and attend informative demonstration sessions. It is ideal to help inform procurement decisions in the next couple of years. Attendees have the chance to meet with representatives from a range of exhibitors, including:



We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be an insightful and engaging showcase!

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE PROVIDED.



NIAW: THREE-YEAR STRATEGY



The National Imaging Academy Wales (NIAW) Three-Year Strategy (2024-2027) was published earlier this year. This forward-looking plan outlines our vision, mission, and strategic priorities to enhance diagnostic imaging services across NHS Wales.

OUR VISION AND MISSION

At NIAW, we strive to be the leading hub for diagnostic imaging training, innovation, and research. Our mission is to empower the diagnostic imaging workforce by providing them with the tools, training, and support they need to drive improvements in NHS services while achieving their professional and academic goals.

STRATEGIC AIMS

Our strategy is centred around four core aims:

- **Training and Development:**

Delivering high-quality training and professional development for the diagnostic imaging workforce.

- **Innovation and Research:**

Facilitating cutting-edge research and encouraging the adoption of innovative practices.

- **Collaboration:**

Partnering with NHS Wales, academia, and industry to share knowledge and resources.

- **Quality Improvement:**

Enhancing service quality through continuous improvement and ISO 9001 certification for quality management.

READ THE FULL STRATEGY ON OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR GOALS AND INITIATIVES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF NIAW.





COURSE SPOTLIGHT

CHEST X-RAY COURSE

In 2025 NIAW's Chest X-ray course will return to their original 2-day, face-to-face format at the Academy, initially designed as a 2-day in-person course, the 2019 sessions always received excellent feedback. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we adapted to a hybrid model for safety, with candidates viewing pre-recorded lectures on the first day and attending workshops on the second day at the Academy.

Now, we are pleased to revert to the full 2-day format. Delegates will watch pre-recorded lectures beforehand and then participate in two full days of workshops at the Academy. This marks the first time in five years that the course will run as originally intended.

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NIAW IS BUSY PLANNING THE CXR COURSES FOR SPRING AND AUTUMN 2025.

TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST AND BE AMONG THE FIRST TO RECEIVE REGISTRATION DETAILS, PLEASE SIGN UP FOR OUR COURSE INTEREST FORM ALONGSIDE OTHER AVAILABLE COURSES.



"Really like the case based approach of using real CXR cases to illustrate the various findings and patterns and pathologies rather than just flicking through slides"

SEPTEMBER 2024 ATTENDEE



OTHER 2024 HIGHLIGHTS:



EMERGENCY MEDICINE COURSE - FEBRUARY, APRIL, AUGUST AND DECEMBER 2024



POCUS COURSE - MARCH, JUNE AND OCTOBER 2024



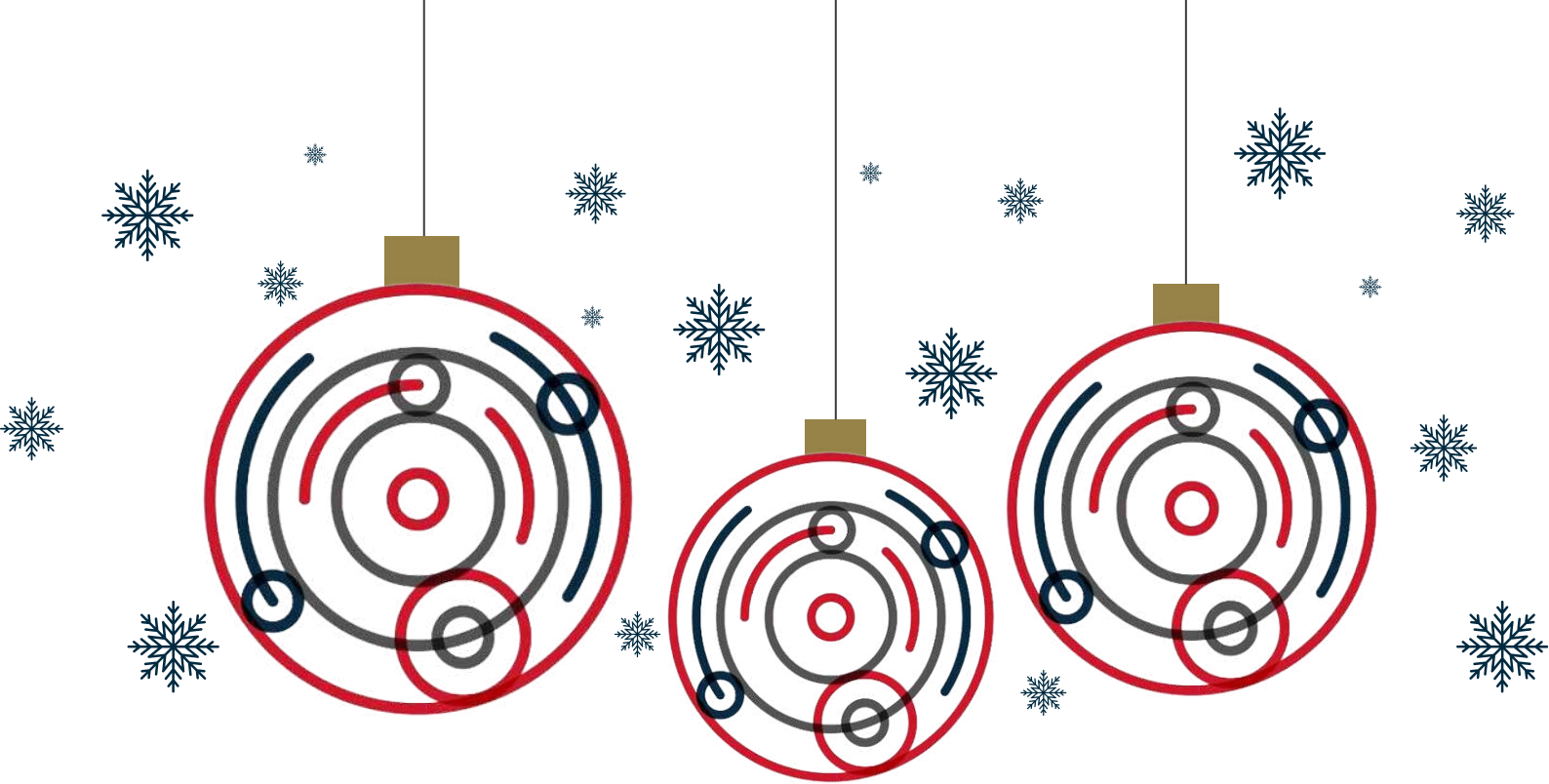
CANNULATION COURSE - SEPTEMBER 2024



CT COLONOSCOPY COURSE - OCTOBER 2024



ONCOLOGY STUDY DAY - DECEMBER 2024



Wishing you all a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From

National Imaging Academy **Wales**