

Season's Greetings from NAMDET

2016 and beyond...

The NAMDET Board hopes that 2016 has been a good year for you, and we all look forward to 2017 and hope it brings good luck and success.

In just over 5 years we have seen our association grow to become one of the foremost expert groups for medical device training and safety, and that could not have been achieved without a huge amount of hard work from the board of directors (all volunteers) NAMDET members, new regional groups and industry support.

We have some very exciting new ventures for 2017 with our new quarterly journal, new regional groups, and key work-streams that our regional chairs are working together on to achieve some great project outcomes.

NAMDET will also be exhibiting, attending and presenting at two major patient safety events in 2017 and we will be looking for volunteers to work with us on the stand promoting NAMDET to potential new members. More on this as we move forward into the New Year

Our website continues to be the main focus for forum discussions, and we now have almost 500 registered members with over 45,000 page views in the last nine months. As soon as we receive news, reports, incidents or alerts we are able to post the item and you'll get an email within minutes.

Colleagues can still register and sign up at www.namdet.org

Chairman's Message



2016 has been a challenging but rewarding year for NAMDET and I am pleased that once again we have grown from strength to strength. Our annual conference recorded levels of support that most organisations would struggle to achieve. This is made easier by a committed membership that is now nearly 500 strong and growing year on year. We have developed a professional approach in all our activities and have new regional groups, with enthusiastic support, and newly appointed chairs that are keen to engage and take things forward at pace.

Our credibility with industry, NHS and the regulators continues to grow. Our work is vital to the safe use of medical devices. We continue to work with our industry partners to help improve, support each other and contribute to reducing risk whenever we can. I look forward to working closely again with everyone throughout 2017 and want to say a big thank you for your continued support and to the NAMDET Board of Directors who give up their time freely and without whom we would not be where we are today. Mike Peel, Andy Flood, John Byrne, Rose Parker and Jean Hutfield.

Season's best wishes, Paul Lee, Chairman NAMDET UK

Conference 2016

Our theme '**Quality Training - Quality Care**' attracted over 150 delegates from all across the UK, as we met up at Birmingham's Holiday Inn along with 20 exhibitors and our industry partners. Our sponsored Gala Dinner was attended by over 40 guests and was a fantastic opportunity to meet up with colleagues and meet new faces the night before the big event. This year's theme attracted big audiences to hear our expert speakers talk about their experience in healthcare and industry.

We all look forward to putting on our 2017 conference at the same venue in Birmingham in November and hope to make it an ever bigger and better event.

Hope to see you there.



MDET: due to launch in January 2017

We've been busy meeting up and discussing a major new project for 2017 in the shape of a free quarterly journal 'MDET'. A naming competition saw some great ideas and we've settled for something that says who we are, what we as an organisation stand for.

NAMDET's very own 'Medical Device Education and Training' journal (MDET) will be issued from late January. The journal will include;

- Meeting reports
- Regional round-ups
- New product launches
- Training initiatives
- Alerts and safety information

Articles of interest and issues for members will also make up the main content. Of course we couldn't produce this without our industry support so ongoing sponsorship and product launches and 'what's new' will also feature.

Our first edition will include photographs and an update from our November conference.

If you have any ideas or articles for submission then please contact Mike Peel.



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Representing you

A number of key projects have happened during 2016, and this will continue throughout 2017.

1. NHS credentialing meetings are still pushing ahead with proposals soon to be put forward on how best to manage and record all reps, visitors and contractors that visit NHS hospitals and departments. We've helped maintain links with senior NHS colleagues and continue to contribute towards training course content and learning outcomes.
2. Our continued links with NHS England and MHRA have further cemented our relationship with key stakeholders for safety with medical devices in the UK. Speaking on MDSO webinars, and helping to facilitate the MDSO/MSO annual conference on January 30th 2017 (London) are just a few ways in which NAMDET helps contribute to constant improvements.
3. National eLearning projects (e4e) are being updated in 2017 and NAMDET's Board member Andy Flood will be helping to revisit all learning previously submitted on line courses. Andy helped develop the original learning modules. These are now free for all NHS staff in England, Scotland and Wales.
4. NAMDET Board members were invited to attend this year's, 'Patient First UK' safety conference in November at the Excel Centre in London. Following a successful meeting with the event organisers NAMDET have been invited to manage one of the 'open theatres' and present speakers over the two day event. This is a major coup for NAMDET and gives a huge opportunity to present ourselves and what we do at a major event.

Our MDET journal will be the major Patient First promotional journal for the conference. The event is being held at London's excel arena (Nov 21st - 22nd, 2017) www.patientfirstuk.com
5. The Medical Device Driving Licence (MDDL) is now owned by NAMDET and 2017 will see the review of all content, updating of training videos and new subjects added.
6. A new focus for 2017 on setting up an 'operational group' to help take on all the extra work, develop new initiatives and improve links with industry will be high on the agenda, If you feel you can offer help, expertise or assistance please contact mike.peel@namdet.org
7. NAMDET's Chairman Paul Lee has been seconded to NHS Improvement as the 'Patient Safety Lead for Medical Devices' and will continue the sterling work that Dagmar Leuttel started until her return in August 2017.