

## Editorial



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The results of a YouGov survey of surgeons commissioned by the Royal College of Surgeons of England was published last week reporting that 68% surgeons are considering early retirement due to pensions tax regulations, 64% surgeons have been advised to work fewer hours in the NHS and 69% consultant surgeons have reduced the amount of time spent working in the NHS as a result of pension tax rules. As a result, NHS waiting lists will inevitably increase. It is vital therefore that day case surgery services - which account for the vast majority of procedures performed in the UK - are utilised effectively to maximise productivity within an environment of reduced operating sessions. In addition, the Royal College of Emergency Medicine recently published an analysis suggesting the NHS will require 4000 additional beds this winter to avoid 'corridor care' and keep bed occupancy at a safe level. It is well understood that effective use of day case surgery is one way of reducing the demand on inpatient beds, therefore, it is vital we prioritise and protect day surgery services.

BADS continues to work closely with a number of national organisations including the Royal Colleges, Getting it Right First Time (GiRFT), the Model Hospital. BADS also co-hosts a number of national and regional meetings in association with external organisations such as Health Care Conferences UK (HCUK). A conference on Developing Your Daycase General Surgery Service (BADS/HCC) is being held at the Studio Conference Centre, Birmingham on Tuesday 21st January and a conference on Daycase hip replacement surgery is being held at the De Vere Conference Centre, London on Monday 27th January. Further details can be found in this edition of JODS.

It is a pleasure of mine to be able to introduce several new members of the BADS Council. I welcome Mr Adam Kimble, Mrs Karen Harries, Mr Shaun Clee, Mr Edward Dunstan, Mr Stamatios Karavolos and Mr Richard Parkinson. Please take the time to find out more about them and the qualities they bring to BADS Council in the New Council Members section of this edition.

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This edition of JODS contains scientific articles on regional anaesthesia provided by Anaesthesia Associates in day case hysterectomy; a case report of a subcapsular liver haematoma following day case laparoscopic cholecystectomy together with review of differential diagnoses and a report of a completed audit cycle demonstrating improvement in the documentation of operation notes with the use of a dedicated operation note proforma.

Finally, preparations for the BADS Annual Conference being held at the Cardiff City Hall on 25th and 26th June are progressing well. Please put the dates in your diary and book your study leave now! Abstract submissions will open on 1st January so now is the time to think about getting your project data recorded and analysed in preparation to submit your work.