

SPSP Acute Adult Deteriorating Patient: Using eObservations to Recognise and Respond to Deterioration

Speakers Biographies



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Dr Gregor McNeill National Clinical Lead for SPSP Acute Adult Healthcare Improvement Scotland Consultant in Intensive Care Medicine, NHS Lothian. A consultant in intensive care since 2012, initially at Queens Medical Centre in Nottingham and since 2015 at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (RIE). Dr McNeill was Clinical Lead for Critical Care in RIE during the first COVID-19 pandemic wave. He has a passion for quality improvement (QI) and is a Scottish Quality and Safety Fellow. His main QI interest is improving the care of deteriorating patients prior to critical care admission. In 2021 Gregor became the National Clinical Lead for SPSP Acute Adult within HIS.



Dr Nikki Maran
Consultant Anaesthetist
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Nikki is a consultant anaesthetist at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh where her clinical interest is in anaesthesia for emergency general, vascular & trauma surgery. She is also Associate Medical Director for Patient Safety in NHS Lothian with oversight of all the national patient safety programs at board level and chairs the deteriorating patient program board in acute services. As clinical lead for quality in acute services, Nikki has been involved in developing quality management systems for deteriorating patient, hip fracture, stroke and urology services. In a past life, she was involved in setting up and directing the Scottish Clinical Simulation centre and she maintains an interest in the use of simulation both for training and for in situ testing in NHS Lothian. She has a longstanding interest in Human Factors and behavioural aspects of performance

and has been involved in the development and implementation of the Anaesthetic (ANTS), surgical (NOTSS) and scrub practitioners (SPLINTS) non-technical skills behavioural marker systems for use within the operating theatre and more recently in establishing a Masters Program in Patient Safety & Clinical Human factors at the University of Edinburgh.



Dr Gavin Simpson
Consultant in Intensive Care and Medicine, NHS Fife

Dr Gavin Simpson has been a Consultant in Anaesthetics and Critical Care in NHS Fife since 2009. He is chair of the NHS Fife Resuscitation Committee and the NHS Fife Deteriorating Patient Group. He coordinates the Cardiac Arrest group which reviews all 2222 calls in NHS Fife. He has been involved in the development and roll out of Patientrack e-observations system, which has been used in NHS Fife since 2012.



Karen Goudie
Chief of Nursing Services
NHS Lanarkshire

Karen is the current Chief of Nursing Services at University Hospital Monklands within NHS Lanarkshire. Karen is a Scottish Improvement Leader graduate. Prior to joining NHS Lanarkshire Karen worked jointly with NHS Fife as a Nurse Consultant for Older People and continued her national role as National Clinical Lead for Older People at Healthcare Improvement Scotland where she clinically led the Think Frailty and Think Delirium Improvement programme that developed the Frailty assessment tool and

Delirium TIME Bundle This is widely used and recognised across NHS Scotland.

Karen also led the early work of Excellence in Care as the National Clinical Lead working with Healthcare improvement Scotland and Scottish Government Chief Nursing Officers Directorate. Karen has a keen interest in improvement science and digital solutions to care delivery. Karen led on the test of change to implementation of a board wide electronic digital solution for NHS Lanarkshire via the PatientTrak system which offers live tracking and management of the sickest patients in hospital. Karen continues to lead large scale improvement via NHS Lanarkshire's infection prevention control breakthrough series collaborative across the three acute hospitals and partnerships.