



July 2019

The Clinical Board

After a very successful Term of Office in which she made great contributions to the further development of PRASIS, Anita Hazari has now stepped down as PRASIS Chair.

Nicky Collins (Lawyer, and Board member since March 2016) has taken over as Chair until 2020.

Graham Offer (Board member since November 2016) has assumed the newly created role of Vice-Chair in the main to manage clinical matters.

Howard Peach has completed his Term of Office, as has Mark Henley, who has left due to the workload and commitments associated with his Presidency of BAPRAS.

Ruth Waters and Jeyaram Srinivasan joined the Board in March 2019.

Stephen Hamilton (appointed November 2016) and Jim Kirkpatrick (appointed November 2017) continue to serve.

It has been proposed that the duration of the Terms of office should be extended from three to five years in order to provide better stability and continuity to the Board. It is hoped this will be approved at the AGM in December 2019.

The Clinical Board meet four times per annum, the afternoon session include a meeting with senior members of the Legal team (Weightmans), the Brokers (MPI Group) and the Underwriters (CFC Underwriting Ltd) who support PRASIS. The interplay between these groups is summarised in Figure 1.

The Clinical Board members consider all workings of PRASIS, and are also available to provide any additional support to members, at the member's request.

It is the wish of the Board that PRASIS members are supported at all times. If you encounter any problems when liaising with the brokers and underwriters, please do not hesitate in advising the Board office: board@prasis.org, or telephone Helen Roberts on 07930508646. Helen will be able to pass information to the relevant board member to provide further assistance.

The Clinical Board can be contacted by emailing clinical@prasis.org

If members have a specific Clinical Board member with whom they wish to communicate this can be included in the email, and requires specific consent of the member, with all such discussions remaining confidential.

Clinical Board members do not receive any remuneration for their work, nor do they receive any discount or preferential rates for their PRASIS indemnity premium.

Elsevier ClinicalKey in Plastic Surgery

PRASIS has secured an e-reader deal with Elsevier for their ClinicalKey in Plastic Surgery, which allows PRASIS members to view Elsevier plastic surgery journals (including eg Clinics in Plastic Surgery) and textbooks.

Access details will be circulated next week.

The subscription for this is normally \$749 per annum, but it is now accessible without charge via the Members section of the PRASIS website.

Forthcoming Educational Courses

Please note that further information will be circulated next week

Acting as a Medico-Legal Expert

Weightmans Offices, Manchester
13 September 2019

Dermoscopy

Leeds
Oct 2019.

Botox and Dermal Fillers Course

Date to be confirmed.

Psychology Training day

Oddfellows, Cheadle
23 October 2019

Distance Learning in Skin Ageing and Aesthetic Medicine

PRASIS is considering providing some support for members who may wish to undertake this online course, which will be run by Manchester University. Please see attached information.

At this stage the Board would like to canvass the potential level of interest amongst PRASIS members for this course.

Please register your interest at board@prasis.org

Patients where you do not have a good rapport

Always trust your instincts.

Patient Screening Considerations

Whilst patients initially generally present themselves in a manner conducive to a harmonious patient-surgeon relationship, based on handling numerous complaints and claims against the surgical community our Underwriters have noted the following patient characteristics that present from the outset, and which merit careful consideration as potential warning signs:

Does the patient refuse to allow you to contact their GP?

- What is their rationale and is this reasonable for their particular circumstances?
- Are they hiding any underlying medical issues, such as depression / mental health issues?

Is the patient accompanied by their partner who may have a strong opinion which differs from that of the patient?

- Is there any coercion?
- Are they undertaking the procedures to please another person?

Patients who have or request repeated revision surgery

- Is this someone who cannot be pleased irrespective of the previous clinical outcomes being satisfactory (in your professional opinion)?

Patients who have seen several different surgeons before seeing you

- Have other surgeons declined surgery (maybe due to potential contraindications), which the patient may now conceal as they are unwilling to heed advice and wish for surgery at all costs?

Patients who have a 'shopping list' of procedures, or have had numerous procedures across their entire body

- Do they have Body Dysmorphic Disorder?

Young patients

- Is there parental consent?
- What are their reasons for seeking surgery?
- How can they afford to fund the surgery (eg are they using a student loan)?

Patients who have unrealistic expectation, and a fixed idea on the outcome

- Will you ever achieve a 'satisfactory' outcome?

- Do they have Body Dysmorphic Disorder?

Patients who wish to rush through the surgery

- Have they understood the risks, complications and the fact there are simply no guarantees?

Brazilian Butt Lift Exclusion

Please note that following exclusion is added to all PRASIS Policies:

'Any claim arising directly or indirectly out of any Brazilian Butt Lift procedure or any other similar cosmetic procedure that adds volume to the buttocks performed by you. However, this Exclusion will not apply to any fat grafting procedure performed for reconstructive purposes.'

BAPRAS Winter Meeting

Monaco, 4-6 December 2019

Please note the following dates for your diary:

PRASIS Drinks Reception

Wednesday 4 December at 5.30 pm (time TBC)

PRASIS AGM

Wednesday, 4 December at lunchtime (time TBC)

24-hour Medicolegal Helpline

Please check your policy and call the appropriate 24-hour Medicolegal help advice

For policies underwritten by CFC Underwriting Ltd, contact:

Weightmans LLP

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Temple Row

Birmingham

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Tel: 0845 013 1574

Email: surgeon.helpline@weightmans.com

For policies underwritten by W. R. Berkley Syndicate Management Ltd, contact:

MPI Group Ltd (previously TWG Resources Ltd)
Plough Court
37 Lombard St
London
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Tel: 0845 519 4393
Email: advice@mpi.group

You must report all circumstances which may reasonably be expected to give rise to a claim

INCIDENT RESPONSE HOTLINE (CYBER & PRIVACY cover only):

In the event of an actual or suspected privacy breach (e.g. you lose your laptop or your computer is compromised in any way) please call our free emergency 24-hour Data Breach Hotline: 0800 975 1000

