

Virtue Ethics and the Ethos of Pain Medicine

Launde Abbey, 16th - 19th May 2011

Feedback and quotes:

“Although some of the discussion wasn’t directly relevant to me at my current stage of training it was still very interesting and useful to have an opportunity to talk with and hear the opinions of senior doctors and other professionals. It was also good to attend some lectures which aren’t just about force-feeding me information. Unfortunately a lot of my lectures at IC are like that, but I suppose a medical student has to learn so much in such a short time that there isn’t really any alternative. Being given the time to discuss and really think about ideas and theories was refreshing. Some of our ethics teaching at IC is in a similar sort of lecture-with-discussion format, and I think it really works and creates a great environment for serious discussion.

Some of my fellow students have shown interest in attending, or at least finding out more about the Pain Soc. I definitely got a lot out of the week. I think it showed me that you don’t just have to accept how things are in the NHS, and that there are people out there who are trying to make things better for patients. Also, as someone who is interested in medical ethics, it certainly gave me lots to think about. I think many students would be intimidated or wouldn’t see what they would get out of the meeting, but I’m really glad I attended. “

“This was again an excellent meeting well organised and executed! The subject was down to the point and relevant to everyday practice. It was very nice to see how over the progress of the meeting all speakers were able to connect with the previous content. Loads of learning points to take away!”