Children with Neurological Disorders

So ST6-8s, you have either decided to continue in paediatric training or have secured a grid post in paediatric neurology or another sub-specialty. Congratulations!

Whatever Consultant post you are destined for, the British Paediatric Neurology Association wants to improve your awareness, diagnosis and management of children with neurological conditions. Throughout your training and beyond, the BPNA has courses in place provide education. We encourage all trainees to attend our 1 and 2-day courses and enrol on our distance learning programme for training in fundamental skills that will improve your clinical practice no matter what consultant role you pursue.

Paediatric trainees

If you haven’t already attended the Paediatric Epilepsy Training (PET) courses, now would be a really good time. Whilst PET isn’t mandatory, it is the gold standard of paediatric epilepsy training and is appearing on more Consultant job descriptions as an essential requirement. Book online at www.bpna.org.uk/pet. If you are particularly interested in becoming a Consultant Paediatrician with an interest in epilepsy, see the RCPCH Epilepsy SPIN module (details available on the RCPCH website).

As a Consultant Paediatrician in a district general hospital, it is likely that you will be expected to cover neonates. Please attend the BPNA NeoNATE 2-day course to improve your diagnosis and management of neonates with neurological disorders. The course provides a good introduction to neurological assessment and conditions in neonates. It is very practical and covers a wide range of conditions, as well as HIE and pre-term birth, to help you manage difficult cases on the ground. Book online at www.bpna.org.uk/neonate.

It is likely you will also have children with headaches in your clinic! Don’t miss the red flags. BPNA Children’s Headache Training (CHaT) 1-day courses run 4 times a year around the country. Book online at www.bpna.org.uk/headache.
Do just one unit or more!

There are many units that are very relevant to the consultant roles you will take up. You can enrol for units any time and there are no deadlines. The units are very clinically based and ensure you cover the topic in a comprehensive and systematic way. Most units are about 48 hours work (say around 4/5 hours per week for about 3 months), the epilepsy unit is 100 hours study time. For further information go to www.bpna.org.uk/DL

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- We would also recommend that you complete the distance learning Unit 2 Neonatal Neurology. This provides a comprehensive and systematic activity based learning to complement your clinical training. The feedback from neonatal grid trainees is excellent
- When you are post CCT, please contact us to join the NeoNATE faculty and contribute to the distance learning programme

### Paediatric Intensive Care & Emergency Medicine grid trainees

- **Paediatric Epilepsy Training (PET) Level 1**, if you haven’t already attended.
- We are currently creating a distance learning unit especially for you, pulling together all the acute sections from the whole of the distance learning course. We anticipate this will be available from 2016. Please go to [www.bpna.org.uk/DL](http://www.bpna.org.uk/DL) for more details