

Authors in this issue

Karen Allen: I am a registered paramedic with 24 years of pre-hospital experience. My main area of interest is in the pre-hospital treatment of sepsis. I have had personal experience of suffering septic shock so this illness is very close to my heart. This article that I have written is a reflection of an incident I attended where a GP had missed the signs and symptoms of sepsis.

Darian Lovell: I am a student nurse currently in the 3rd year of my training to be an adult nurse.

I have had a wide variety of clinical and community based placements throughout my training. My main interests are in tropical nursing and intensive care, both of which I would like to work in once I qualify. This article I have written presents a vignette of my experience in a hospital ward, an area which I found particularly interesting, allowing me to make valuable links between theory and practice, which I believe will help me as a qualified nurse.

Rebecca Wynne: I am a student nurse currently in the 3rd year of my training to become an adult nurse. I have had a number of clinical placements but am very interested in the acute/critical care placements which I have had the opportunity to experience during my training. I am really interested in working in the critical care environment when I qualify as a registered nurse. The article I have written presents a vignette of my experience in an acute setting, which I believe will help me gain more awareness of vulnerable adults as a qualified nurse.

Neil Allen: I am a registered paramedic with 19 years' experience. I have an interest in anaphylaxis as it is a condition that can present with mild symptoms however can also be immediately life threatening, but if treated promptly the patient can present at accident and emergency with no obvious signs of distress. This article demonstrates what happens when the body is affected by an allergen causing an anaphylactic reaction.

Sarah Simons: I am a student nurse currently in the 2nd year of my training to become an adult nurse. I have had a number of clinical placements but am particularly interested in the acute placements I have had the opportunity to experience during my training. This article I have written presents a vignette of my experience in a hospice, an area which I found compelling and would consider working in once I qualify.

Christine Kelly: I am a student nurse currently in my second year of studying to be an adult nurse. I am enjoying my course and the variety of placements that I have had the opportunity to experience. From this, I have developed a keen interest in cardiovascular disease and as a result hope to work within this area when I qualify. The article I have written represents my interest in this subject and how health promotion can be used in cardiovascular care.