



# Symposium Mammographicum 2016

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## Assistant Practitioner (AP) Presentation

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# AP Training

- Further Education
- Cert of Higher Education
- Diploma of Higher Education
- National Vocational Qualification
- In-house Training
- FdSc in Breast Imaging

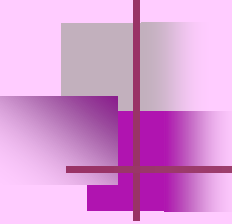


# AP Accreditation

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- Continuous Professional Development (CPD) is a career long obligation.
- AP's are required to achieve accreditation before they can be given membership status.
- Accredited AP's are covered by the SCoR's Indemnity Insurance and listed on the Voluntary Register.

# My AP Journey – Background & Training



- 2007 – 2009 Queen Elizabeth Hospital – Breast Cancer Patient Pathway Coordinator
- 2009 – Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge  
- Cert HE in Mammographic Studies.
- 2012 – St Georges, University of London  
– FdSc in Breast Imaging.



# My AP Journey – The Lows

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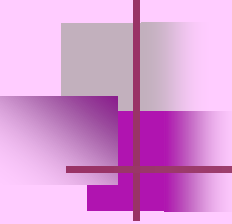
- Being unable to perform specialist views.
- Feelings of frustration and confusion about my own AP role.
- Discovering a general feeling of frustration across various parts of the country regarding the role and duties of my AP peers.
- Check out a very useful AP Forum at:-  
[www.assistantpractitioners.co.uk](http://www.assistantpractitioners.co.uk)



# My AP Journey – The Highs

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- Thankful for my supportive team of mammographers at King's Lynn BSU.
- My team have encouraged and motivated me to draw on my strengths.
- The team assisted and backed me with projects and ideas.

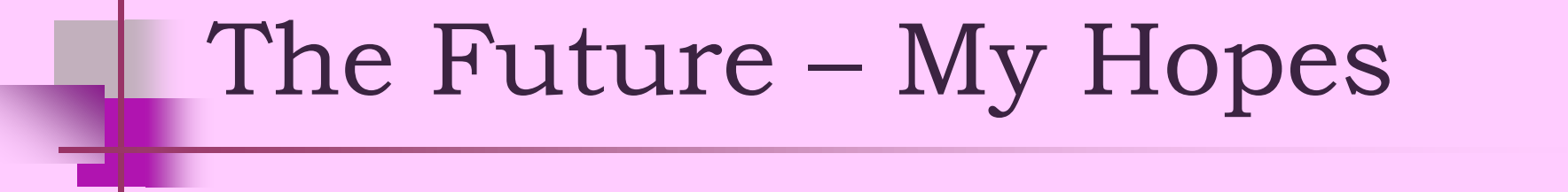


# My AP Journey – Diversifying my AP Role

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- Breast Health Promotion
- FdSc – Health Promotion Tool –  
Under-breast Soreness (UBS) Leaflet
- 8 Week Research Study – UBS Awareness and  
Leaflet Production  
(Results are available on **Stand No. P82**)
- Breast Cancer Care Charity – Using topic of UBS  
to raise awareness on their website
- Poster presentation on this topic accepted for this  
symposium!





# The Future – My Hopes

- To undertake the full range of breast imaging I am qualified to do.
- To continue Breast Health Promotion.
- To offer up my study on UBS for publication within Imaging and Therapy Practice.
- To follow-up further study on UBS.



# AP Presentation - Thanks

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# AP Presentation – The End

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Thank you for your time!