

BECOMING AN ACCP:

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU
GET WHAT YOU WANT !**

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OBJECTIVES



Background: How did I become involved



The journey so far



Challenges



Future developments for the role



Advice

BACKGROUND

**Why did I want
Advanced
practice?**

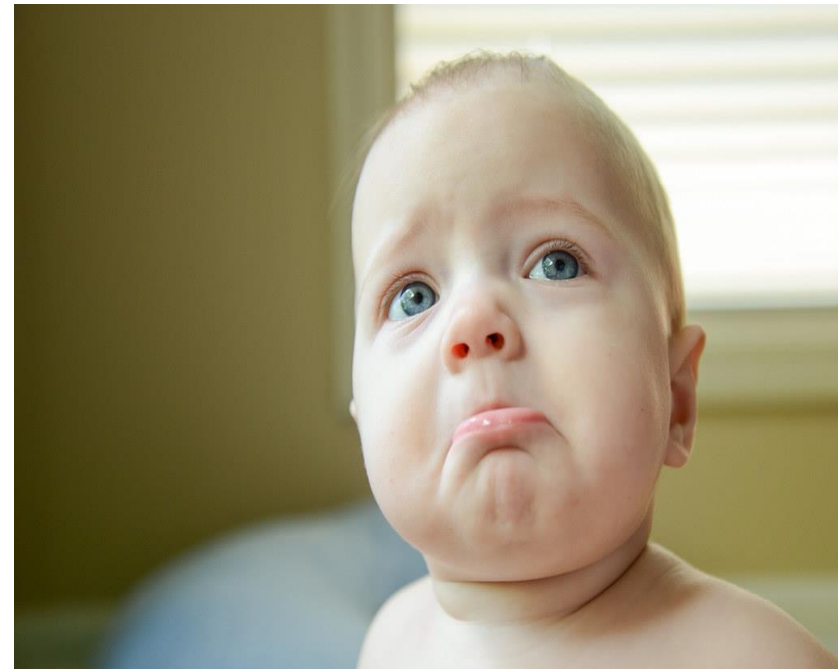


BACKGROUND

Returned home



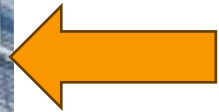
Met with a senior nurse



IDENTIFYING THE 'NEED'



This is the
Royal
Victoria
Hospital
critical care
building,
Belfast





NON-MEDICAL PRESCRIBING

First critical care nurses

No clearly defined role

**Little understanding of our
potential formulary**

**Relied on the 'good-will' of
medics**

AND SO, IT BEGINS...

Commissioned by Department of Health (2018)

Queens University of Belfast won tender January 2022

Course follows FICM curriculum (2015) and four-pillars of advanced practice (DoH 2019)



HOW IT LOOKS SO FAR...



CHALLENGES

Insufficient coffee

Terms such as 'Trailblazer' 'role-model' and 'ambassador' induce panic

Defining how the role looks



CHALLENGES

Anatomy and physiology

Using medical terminology

The huge range of conditions

Exposure to procedures



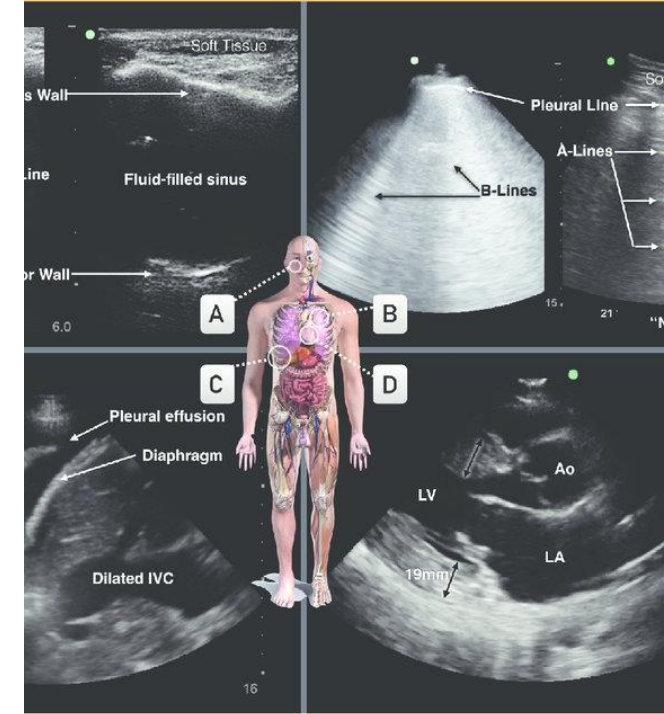
IMPOSTER SYNDROME

THE FUTURE OF THE ROLE

Continued growth in
Northern Ireland

Where do we fit in the
medical team?

Specialisms



ADVICE

What would I want people to know
embarking on this role:

Research and prepare

Talk and network

Be strong and diplomatic.

Self-care!!!



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QUESTIONS?

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