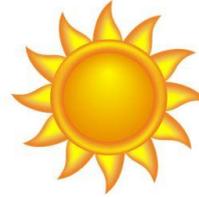


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## **Excited to roll out our Unit 3!**

Hello again to you all! We've been working hard to produce materials for our Foundation module Unit 3, to allow those of you who have completed Units 1 and 2, to finish the module.

We've listened to suggestions and preferences and are very excited to be able to offer this bespoke model to help our students through.

Presentations covering the anatomy, assessment and treatment techniques for the two remaining areas - the thoracic spine and sacroiliac joint - have been recorded, as well as advanced techniques for the joints you will have covered so far.

These recordings will be made available to you where they can be watched at a time that's convenient for you - and as many times as you like.

Students will be encouraged to review the syllabus so far and virtual tutorials will be arranged where queries can be discussed, and closer demonstrations of practical techniques can be given.

A face to face review day will be organised, following strict social distancing guidelines, and you will be able to take your final Membership examination on

the following day. These dates and the venue are currently being finalised but our plan is to hold them near the beginning of October.

The Unit 3 will start 'officially' two months before the exam date, to give you plenty of time to prepare, and you will be contacted with all the information you need, as soon as possible.

Although we have designed this model in light of our current circumstances, this may be a very attractive way for you to finish this significant step in your musculoskeletal pathway.

So, if you have completed Units 1 and 2 and are interested to know more - please contact us as soon as you can at [admin@sommcourses.org](mailto:admin@sommcourses.org) Looking forward to seeing you!

## **A pathway to FCP and advanced practice**

Important news for all those heading towards FCP and advanced practice (AP) positions.

Health Education England (HEE), in collaboration with the Musculoskeletal Association of Chartered Physiotherapists (MACP), has commissioned a piece of work to develop the operation of an **AP MSK standards and governance framework**.

SOMM's Dr Elaine Atkins has been selected to be part of a task & finish group, focussing on developing a governance framework for quality assurance of advanced practice through a portfolio route to registration with HEE.

This will be completed in tandem with the production of an advanced practice standards document to be used by multi professionals working towards AP accreditation via HEE.

A separate group will also be devising a road map for practitioners in or working towards FCP posts.

SOMM's courses are set to play a key role towards practitioners' development towards FCP and AP registration and we'll be keeping you in touch with future developments.

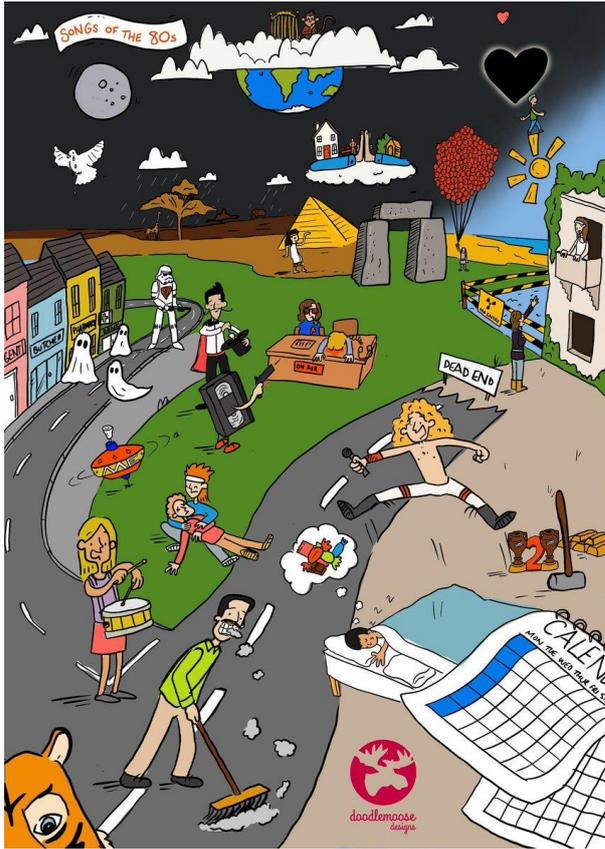
## **Early recognition of Cauda Equina Syndrome**

Most of you will be aware of the new National Framework for Assessment and Referral of Cauda Equina Syndrome which is open for consultation at the moment. You can find the framework [here](#).

What do you think of it? It would be really helpful to have your comments - and any experiences to share in future issues of SOMM News. We'd love to hear from you: [admin@sommcourses.org](mailto:admin@sommcourses.org)

## **Was this your era??**

Answers to quiz in June Newsletter - spot the **30** eighties song tracks...



Eye of the tiger; Road to nowhere; Blue Monday; 99 red balloons; Living on a prayer; Ashes to ashes; Sledgehammer; Romeo and Juliet; Jumping jack flash; Walk like an Egyptian; Sweet dreams; Video killed the radio star; Rain in Africa; When doves cry; Ghost town; Gold; Walking on sunshine; Whole of the moon; Super trouper; You spin me right round; Total eclipse of the heart; Another one bites the dust; Died in your arms tonight; Toxic; She bangs the drums; Monkey gone to heaven; The beach; Heaven is a place on earth; It's magic; Stonehenge.

**We do hope you'll be able to get a holiday this summer - at home or abroad - have a very well-deserved break!**



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