Dear

***IMPACT (Ill Medical Patients’ Acute Care and Treatment)***

***Candidate Confirmation***

On behalf of the IMPACT team, welcome to the IMPACT Course.

Thank you for forwarding your completed registration form and payment for the IMPACT Course being held at.............on.......... I can confirm that a place has now been reserved for you on the course.

IMPACT has been designed by senior doctors from many medical disciplines including Acute Medicine, Respiratory Medicine, Cardiology, Endocrinology, Renal Medicine, Anaesthesia, Emergency Medicine and Intensive Care. Medical educators have also contributed significantly in order to optimise the learning opportunities that the IMPACT course aspires to provide.

Acute medical illness is frequently encountered on ‘take’/‘receiving’, with up to 1 in every 6 patients being considered physiologically unstable. Medical school training has traditionally focused on the treatment of disease by diagnosis. Where diagnosis is unclear, yet the individual is seriously unwell, sensible organised steps must be taken to stabilise the patient to buy time for a diagnosis to be made. Many doctors can feel ill-equipped to deal with these urgent life-threatening situations unless these steps are explained and reinforced. This is what IMPACT is all about.

Other advanced life support courses are based on what to do after a cardiac arrest has occurred. This course is designed to prevent cardiac arrest from happening by timely initiation of appropriate, focused treatment and referral for early specialist intervention. The importance of interdisciplinary team-working and communication is also emphasised.

Prior to the course you will be provided with access to an e-learning package. This package is an educational tool to help you prepare for the 2-day IMPACT Course. Reading and completing the online preparation for the course is mandatory. You will have a minimum of 3 weeks to work through the package and it is essential for you to complete your online learning no later than 3 days prior to the course. Failure to complete the preparatory work on time may result in you losing your place on the course and the fee paid. The Course Director has final say on attendance. I will be in touch with you again shortly with details on how to access this. We hope that you find this interesting and enjoyable reading.

Lastly, medical education should both promote the better care of patients and be fun. Previous feedback has indicated that the interaction between nurses, junior doctors and more senior doctors during an IMPACT course is highly valued and enjoyed by the vast majority of participants. We hope that you too will enjoy IMPACT, that you will find it a good educational experience and that you can use it to benefit the care of your sickest patients.

With best wishes,

***IMPACT Course Administrator***

***On behalf of the IMPACT Course Director***