

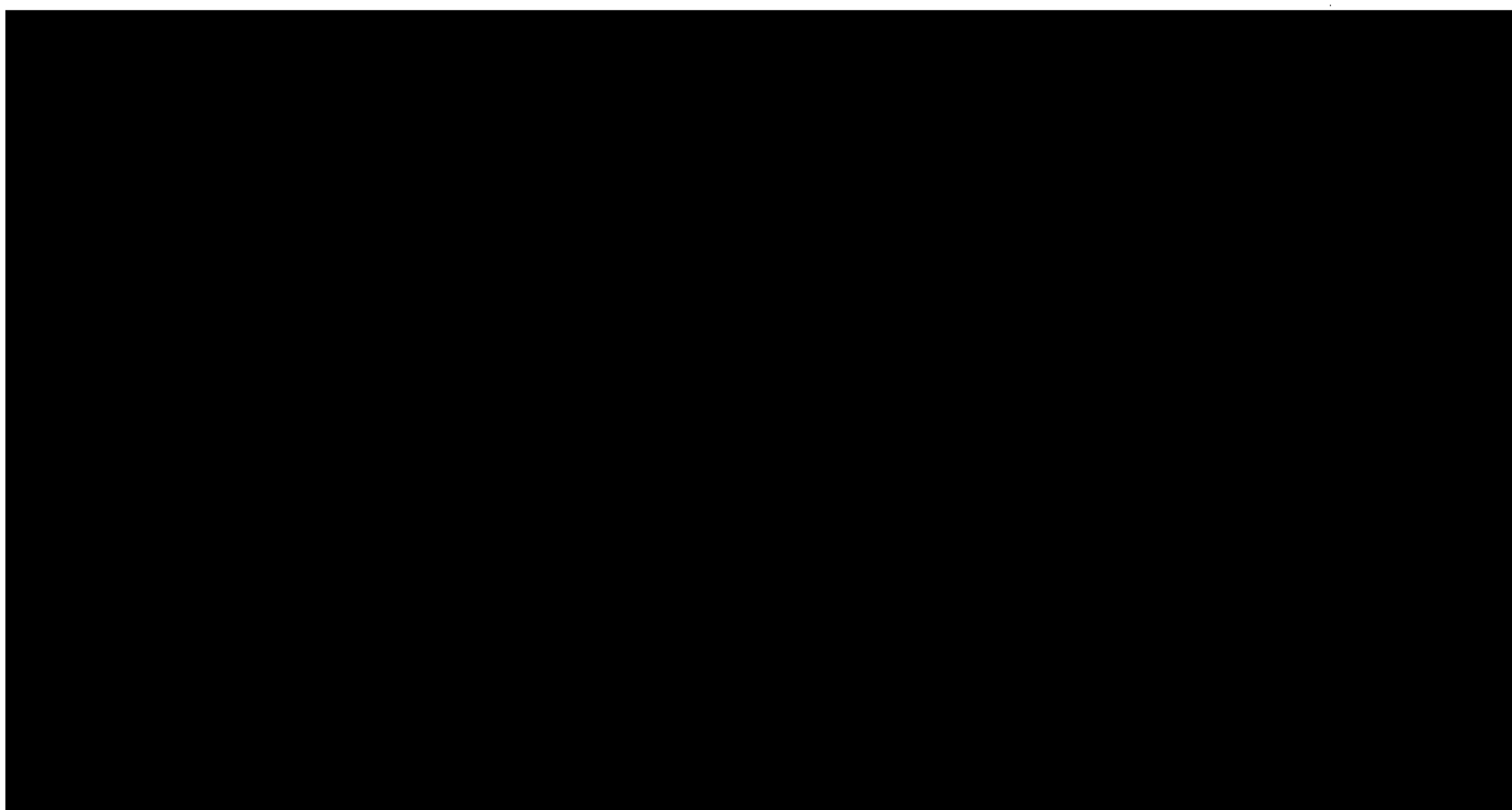
**Minutes of the CREST meeting, held on Thursday 1 May 2003, in Conference Room C3.18, Castle Buildings.**

Present: Dr D Stewart (Chairman)  
Dr M Briscoe  
Dr K Fitzpatrick  
Dr C Harper  
Mrs J Holmes  
Dr A McKnight  
Dr G McVeigh  
Dr G Mock  
Dr A Montgomery  
Mrs E Qua  
Mrs J Skeffington  
Dr J Stone  
Dr T Trinick  
Mrs M Waddell  
Mr G Hannan } Secretariat  
Miss A Lowry }

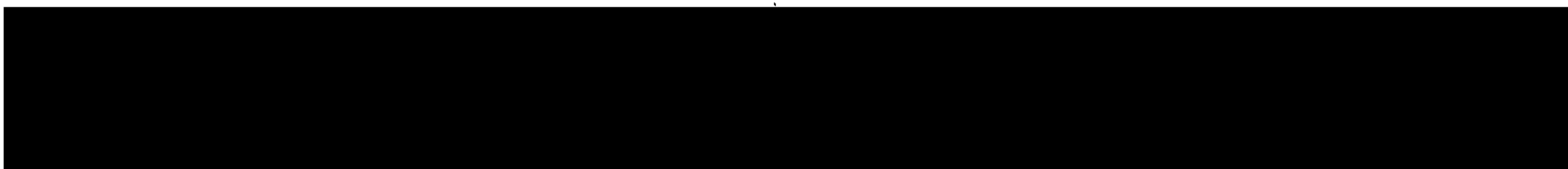
Apologies: Professor R Davidson  
Mr G Humphreys  
Mr M O'Hare  
Dr C Russell  
Dr M Smith

In attendance: Dr M McCarthy (for Item 5)

**1. Introduction and apologies**

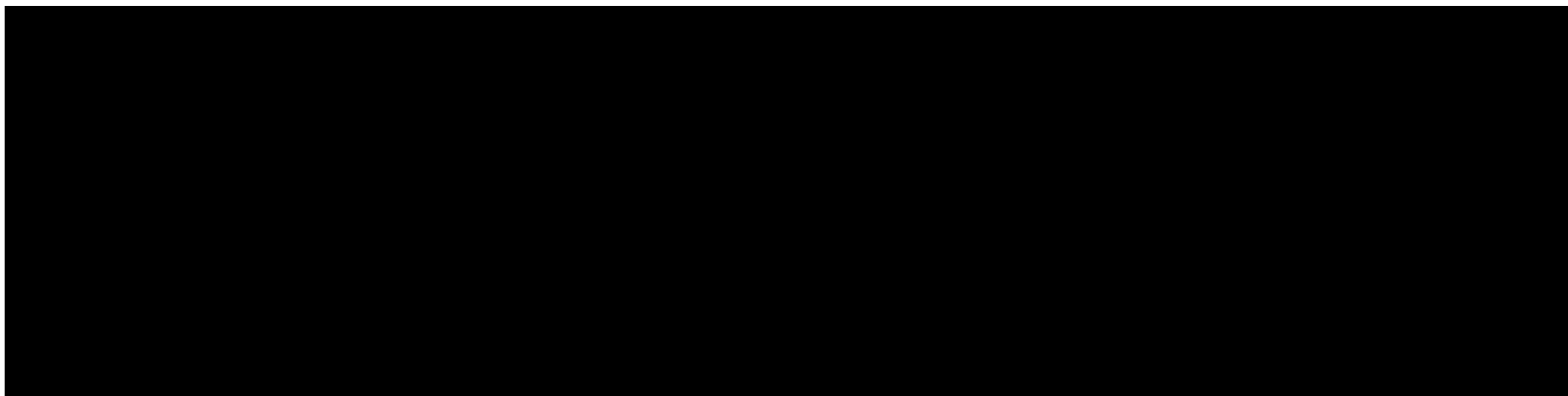


2. Minutes of the previous meeting

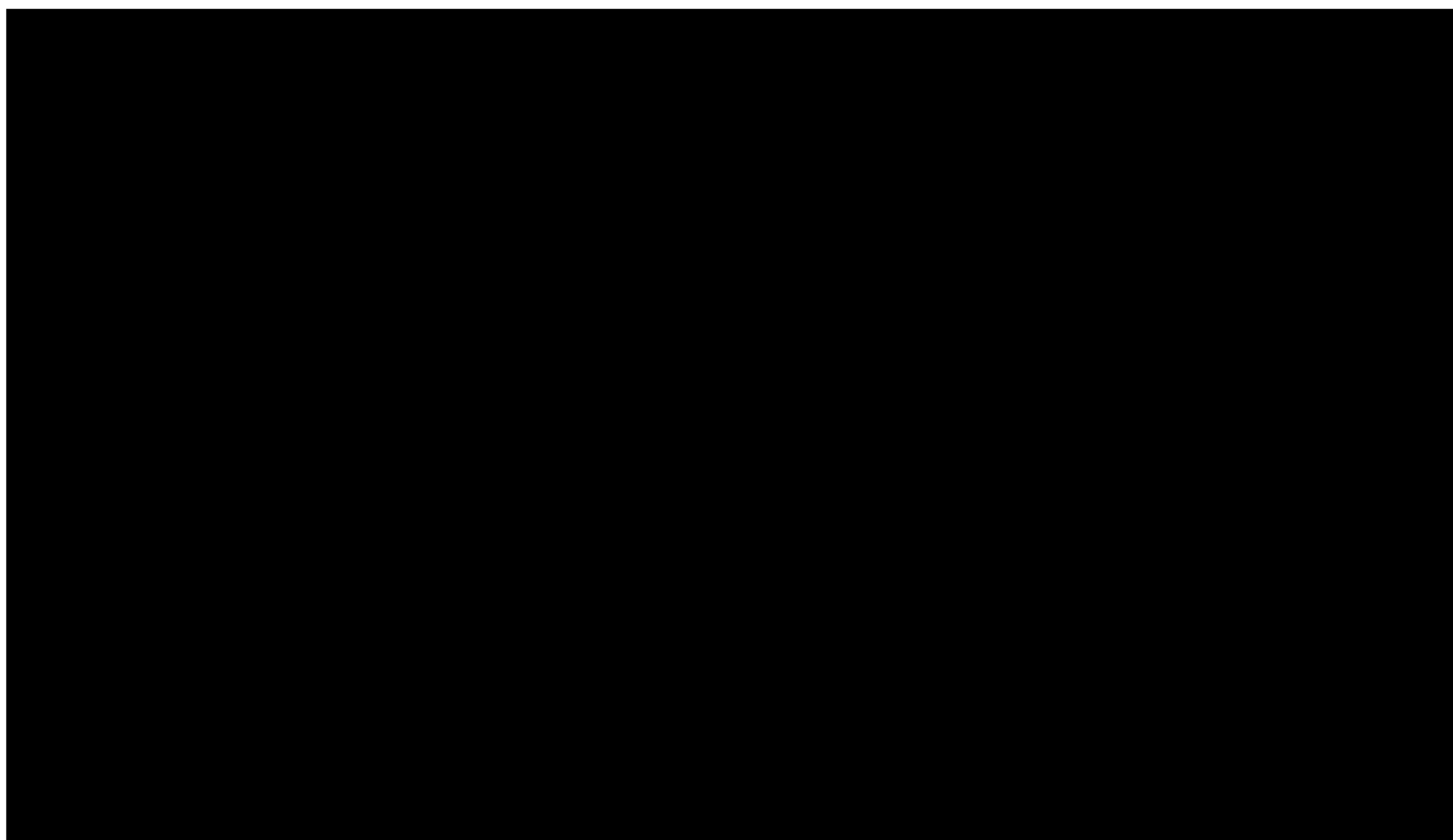


3. Matters arising

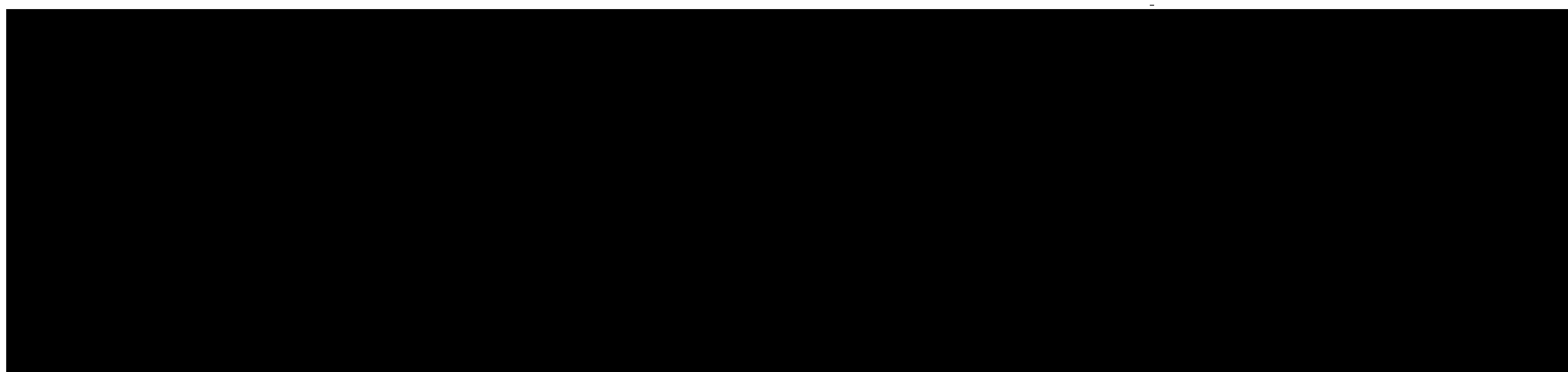
(i) *Provision and Appropriate Use of Intensive and High Dependency Care*



(ii) *Diabetes Care*



(iii) *Wound Management Educational Resource Pack*



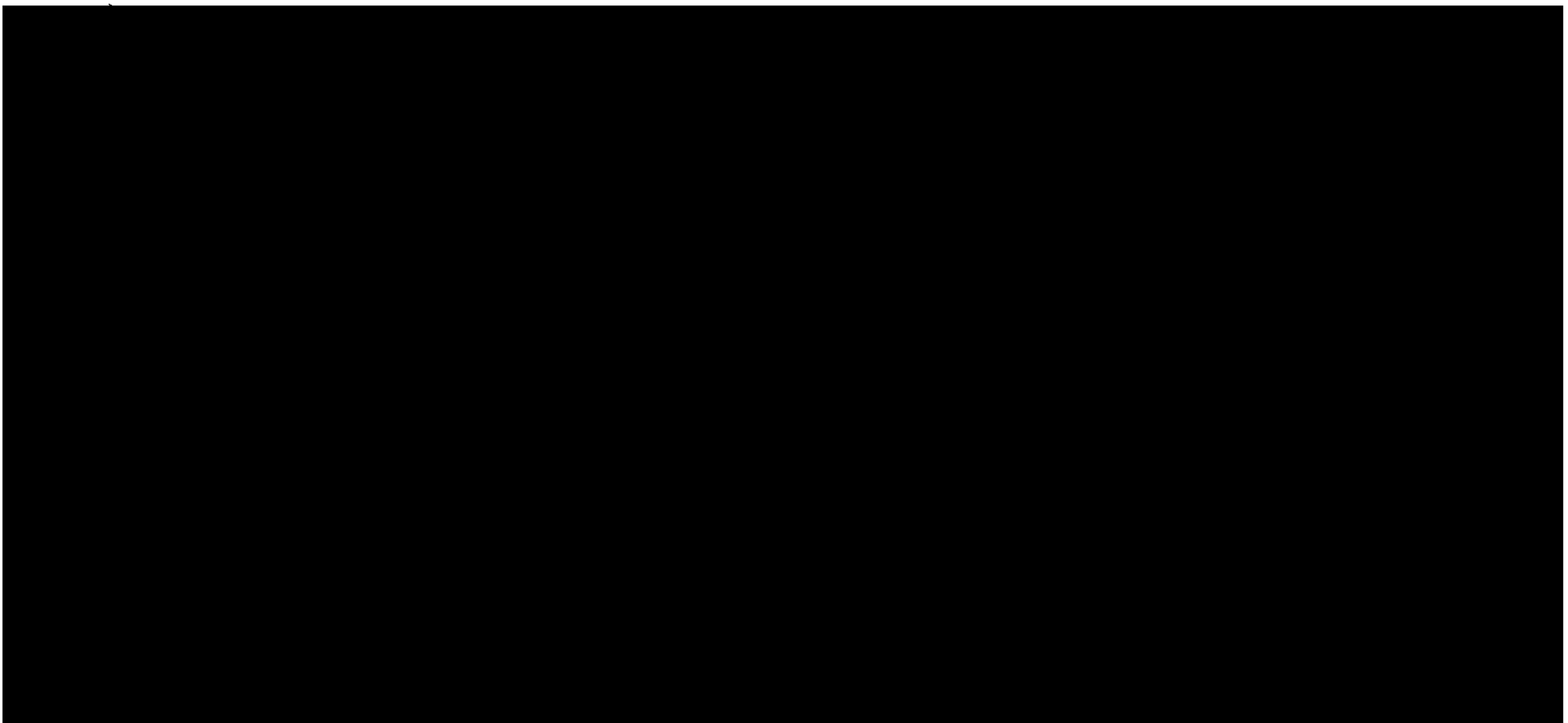


(iv) *Getting Evidence into Practice/Guideline Development*

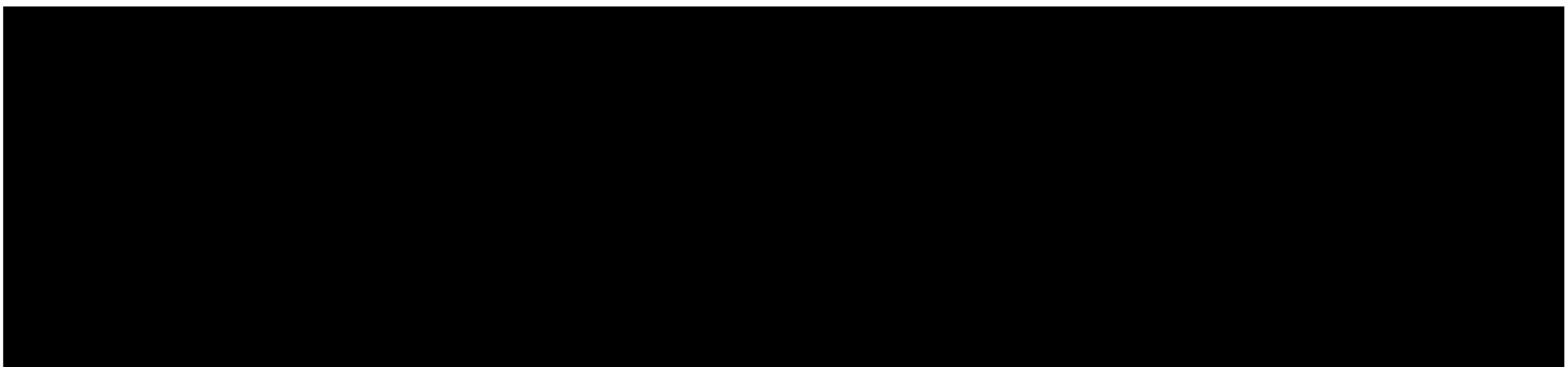
Dr Stewart reported that a draft paper had been prepared but needed further work to it. He said that Professor Davidson would hopefully be fit enough to provide a full report at the next meeting.

*Action: Professor Davidson*

(v) *Varicose Veins*



(vi) *Control of Pain in patients with Cancer*



4. **CREST Work Programme**

Members discussed the future work programme of CREST. It was felt that as items such as Hyponatraemia, Diabetes and PTSD were coming to fruition and with the delayed introduction of the Clinical Standards and Guidelines Group, CREST could

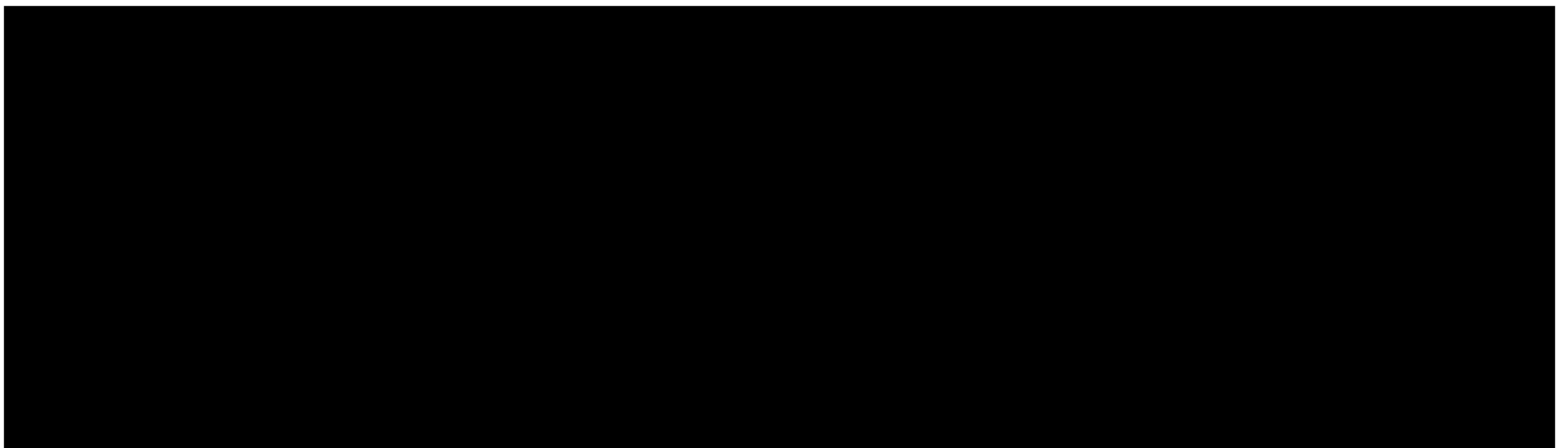
once again take on a more proactive role. With the papers for today's meeting was a list of all CREST publications and topics discussed, whether taken forward or not, since CREST's inception and Dr Stewart said it was heartening to actually reflect on the amount of work undertaken by CREST.

Dr Stewart had earlier asked members to consider topics which CREST could deliberate and along with those promoted by non-members, the following topics had been suggested.

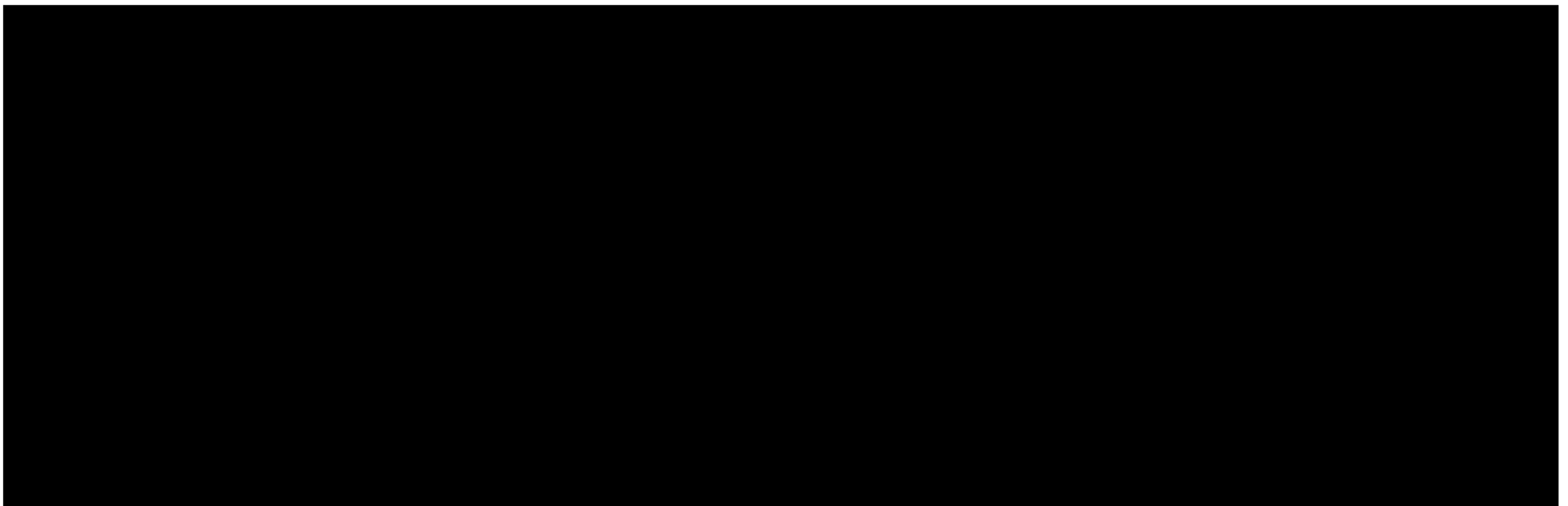
(i) *Congestive Heart Failure*



(ii) *Outpatient Services*



(iii) *Guidance on Warfarin/Thrombolytic Therapy*



(iv) *Hospital Medical Records*



[REDACTED]

(v) *Cardiac Rehabilitation*

[REDACTED]

Other topics suggested for future study included:

(vi) *Emergency Care*

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(vii) *Major Trauma*

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(viii) *Discharge Letters*

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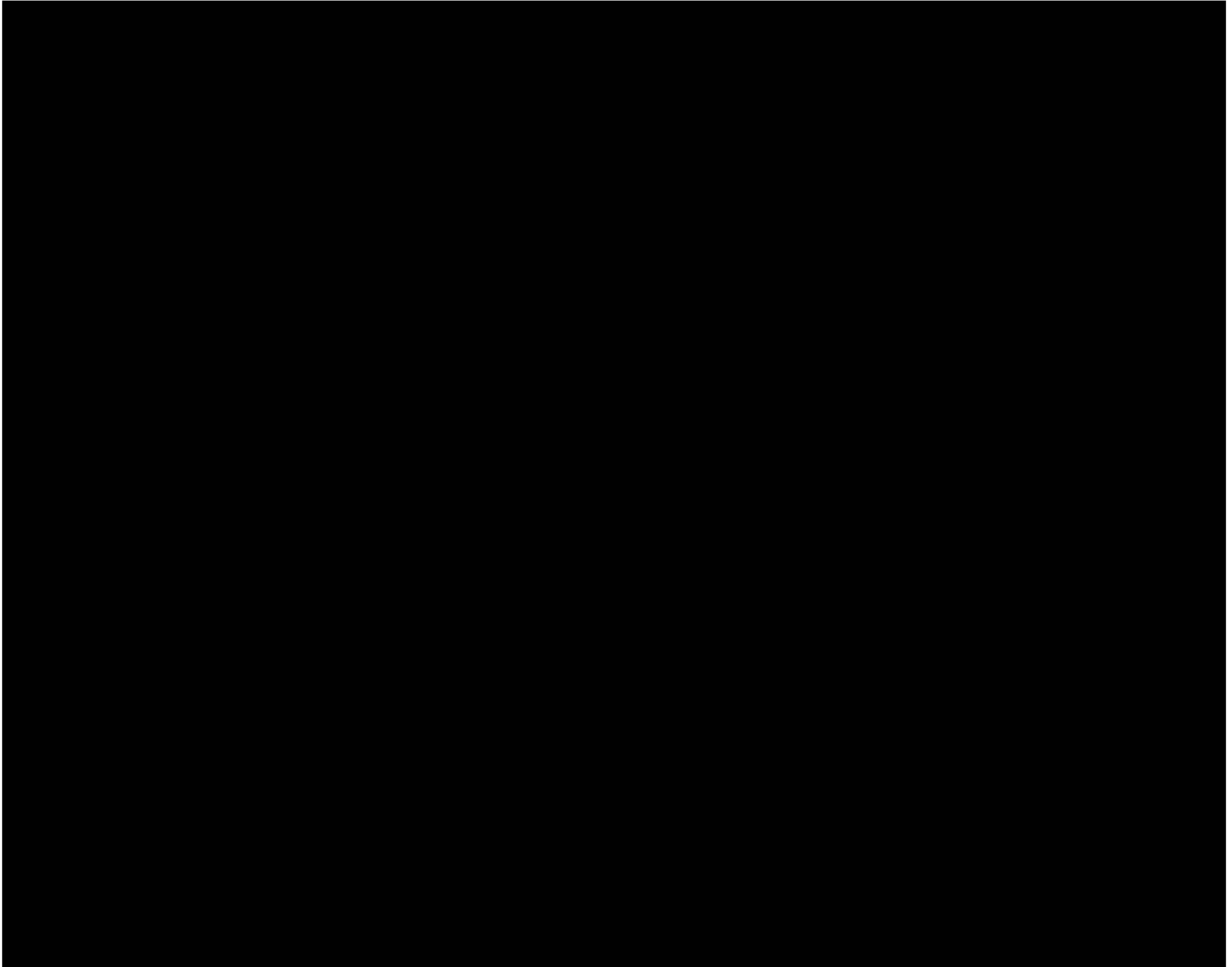
(ix) *Drug Testing*

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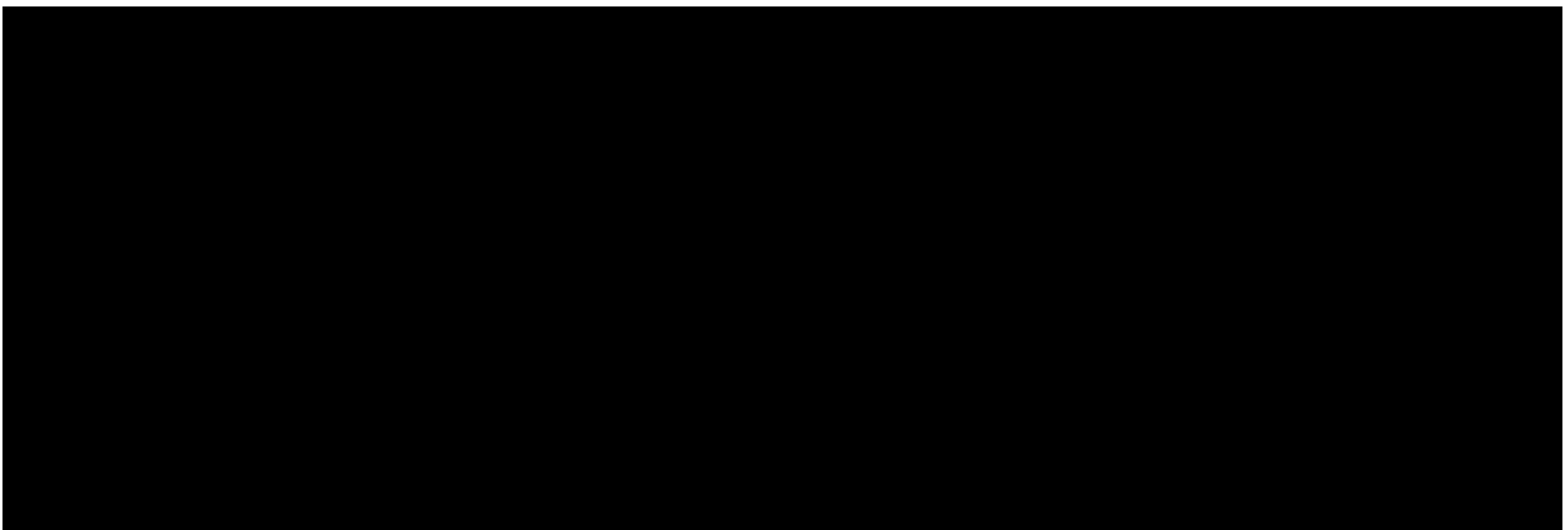
(x) *PTSD*

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**5. Haemovigilance Nurse Pilot**



**6. Obesity**

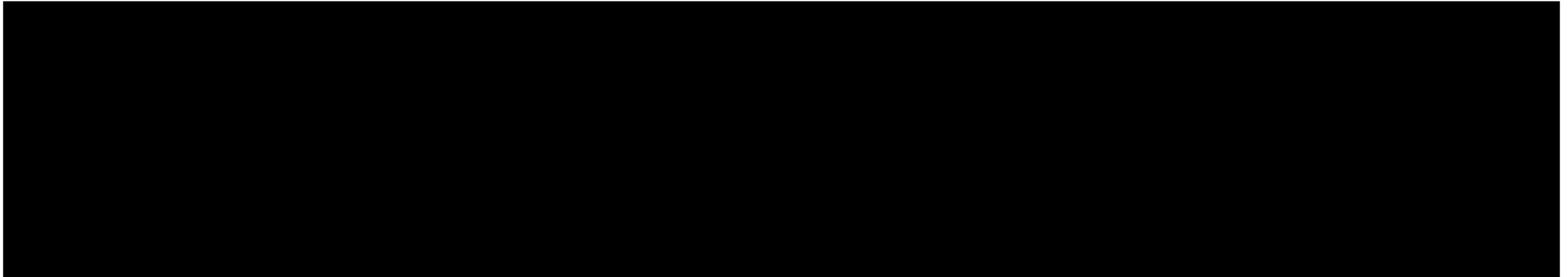


**7. Management of Hyponatraemia in the Adult Patient**

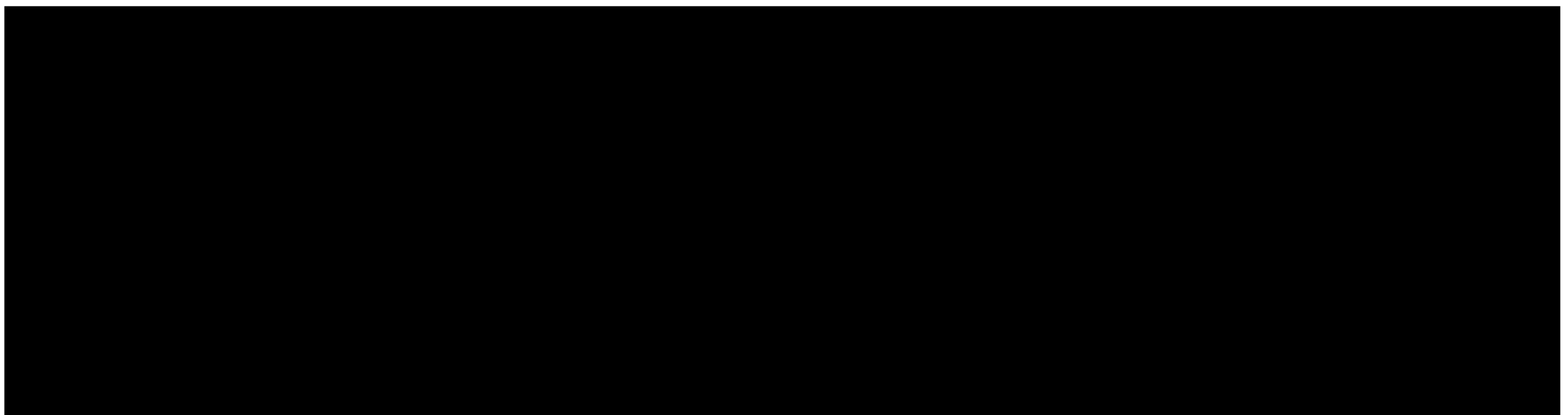
In the absence of Dr Russell, Dr Stewart reported that the Hyponatraemia guidelines had been finalised and were currently with the printers. A seminar to launch the guidelines had been arranged for 23 June 2003, at the Stormont Hotel, Belfast and relevant specialists had been invited to attend. Dr McVeigh reported that these were very practical guidelines, which would be of specific benefit to nurses and junior doctors. Mrs Waddell expressed concern that Nursing Homes would not be included

in the guideline circulation list and suggested this could be done through Registration and Inspection Units. The Secretariat indicated that Directors of Nursing in Boards and Trusts had already been asked to indicate how many copies of the guidelines they would require to cover nurses in acute and psychiatric units and Nursing Homes within their area. Dr Stewart noted that a press release had been prepared, to raise the profile of the launch.

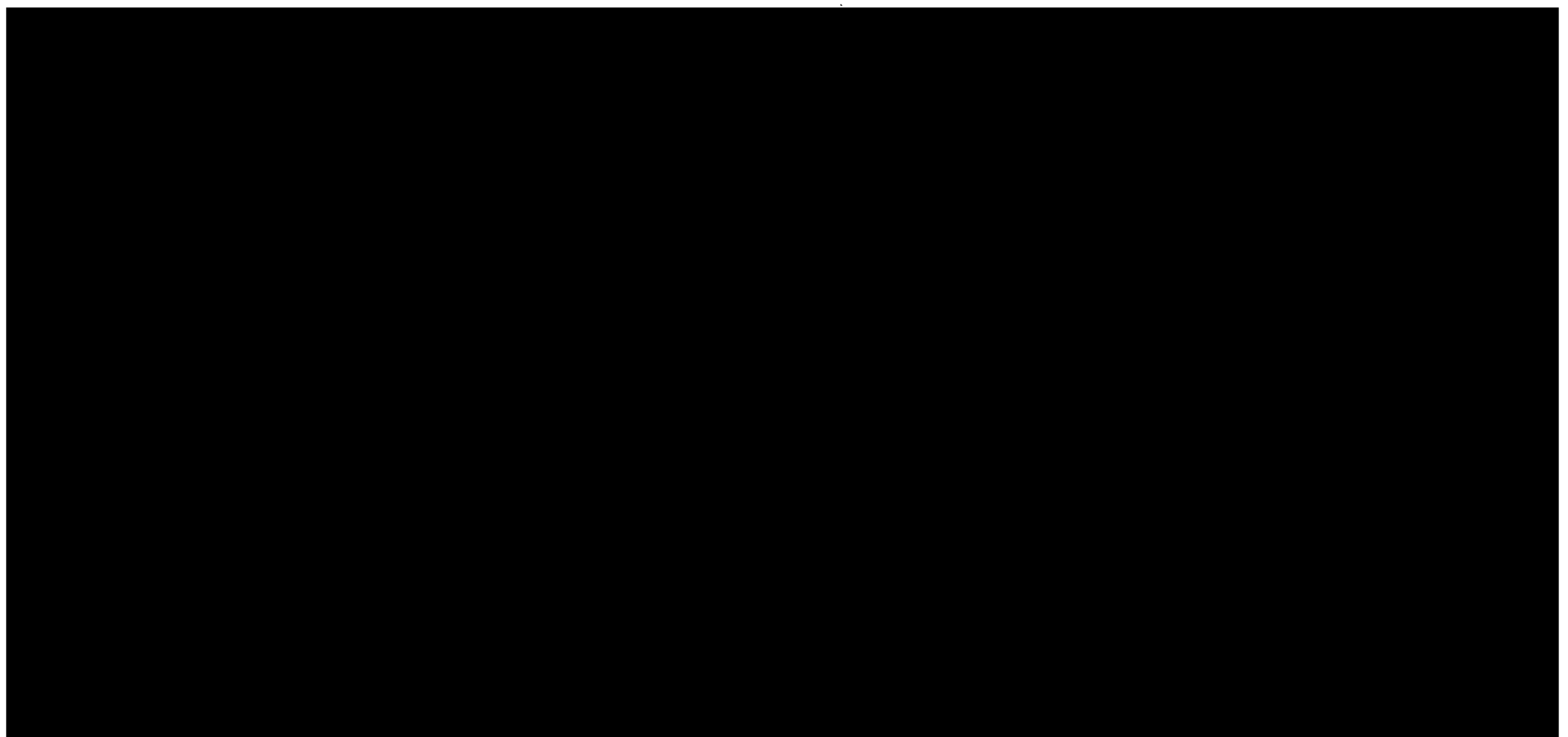
**8. Management of PTSD in Adults**



**9. Home Enteral Tube Feeding**



**10. Evaluation of Equipment**





**11. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of CREST was arranged for Thursday 6 November 2003, at 2.00pm in Conference Room C3.18, Castle Buildings.