

# barena

Association of Anaesthetic &  
Respiratory Device Suppliers



What's it all about?

barena brings together companies that manufacture or supply anaesthetic and respiratory equipment in or to the UK.

barena enables the sector as a whole to influence policy, instantly respond to changing demands in patient care, and maintain its enviable reputation for exceptionally high levels of quality, safety, reliability and innovation; whilst also promoting each individual member company and facilitating direct dialogue with regulatory bodies and the medical profession.

barena is committed to extending its values right across the anaesthetic and respiratory equipment sector, to the benefit of individual patients, clinicians, and the medical device industry.



barena is all about three things -

**Practical support**

**Dialogue**

**Excellence**



*“Vygon (UK) Ltd joined Barema many years ago, when it became clear how useful membership could be.*

*The association has been developed in such a way that there is an inclusive, warm and welcoming environment immediately obvious at meetings, whilst it is still able to engage with the anaesthetic community at large and deliver up to date and cutting-edge information and services to the benefit of its membership.”*

Graham Milward,  
Technical Support & Product Realisation Manager  
Vygon (UK) Ltd



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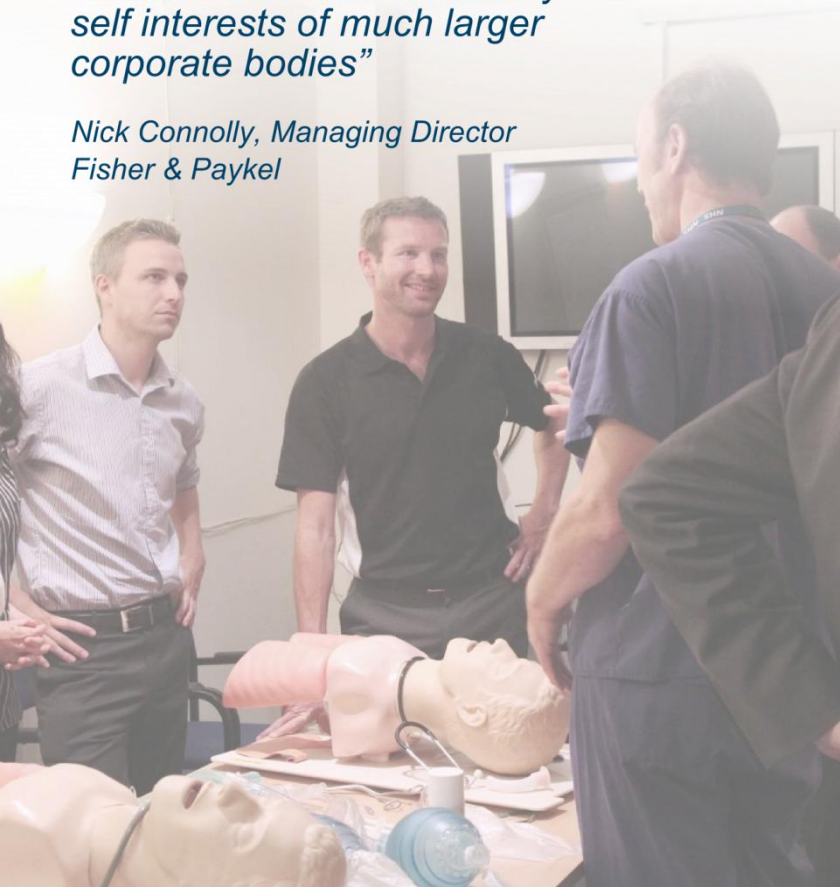
## Practical support

- **Three meetings per year** (2 x one-day, 1 x two-days) featuring talks by experts, discussion forums, and the chance to meet fellow members – **free registration**
- **Regular email bulletins** with news on procurement, NHS, events, European directives, global markets and more
- **Monthly report** giving technical, standards and regulatory updates for specifically anaesthetic and respiratory devices
- Active representation on **BSI** and **ISO** Committees
- Monthly digest of **Clinica**
- Quarterly report on **industry working with the NHS**
- Access to members' pages of **Barema website**
- **Reduced registration for ABHI meetings**
- **Free subscription to GMDN** and access to GMDN codes
- Reduced rates for **Wellards courses** (small companies)
- **Recognition as a member of an established and highly respected organisation**
- **Plus free, professional and individualised advice on:**
  - Interpretation of European Medical Device Directives
  - Quality Assurance Procedures
  - Notified Bodies Activities
  - Requirements for post market surveillance and reporting
  - Medical Devices Classification
  - Use of Harmonised Standards
  - National Requirements and procedures
  - Requirements in overseas markets – Specific Regulations
  - Global Harmonisation and Mutual Recognition matters



*“Membership of Barema - a representative group of companies with shared interests - allows a company of our size to have a voice of influence that would otherwise be drowned out by the self interests of much larger corporate bodies”*

*Nick Connolly, Managing Director  
Fisher & Paykel*



## Dialogue

Barema has established strong relationships with key organisations to enable direct dialogue with clinicians, regulatory agencies, Standards Committees, government, European bodies and beyond.

Moreover, being part of Barema means being part of the ‘voice of the sector’, empowering its members to lobby and influence policy.

- Twice a year, the Executive Committee of the **Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain & Ireland (AAGBI)** meets with Barema Council members - a unique partnership that's been running since the early 1970s
- Barema has collaborative links with the **Royal College of Anaesthetists, Difficult Airway Society, Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists** and other specialist societies ...
- ...as well as active engagement with the **British Thoracic Society, British Lung Foundation** and the newly formed **Respiratory Alliance**
- Barema is a member of **ABHI** with representation on ABHI's Board of Directors
- Barema works with other trade associations - including **BIVDA, SDMA** and **BHTA** - and is an active member of the European medical technology organisation **EUROM VI**
- Key contacts at the **Department of Health, NHS England, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), BSI** and **ISO** ensure that Barema members are always up to date on the latest developments in healthcare and medical devices

*"Being a member of Barema allows ResMed to network with fellow manufacturers associated with improving respiratory care in the UK, as well as link and keep informed of the activities of wider bodies such as ABHI, MHRA and BSI."*

*"Without Barema this task would be almost impossible for us as a UK SME."*

*Emma Braithwaite  
Head of Market Access  
ResMed (UK) Ltd*



## Excellence

The anaesthetic and respiratory device industry has an enviable record for excellence in quality and safety.

**Barema has played a major part, for more than 30 years, in achieving and maintaining this record - and Barema works hard to ensure it stays that way.**

- Barema's **Code of Practice** means that all member companies are committed to conducting business ethically, at the highest professional standards, and to never do anything to bring the industry into disrepute
- Barema's **Training Policy** means that all members are committed to ensuring their staff are rigorously trained, so that when they interact with users - medical, administrative or individual patients - safety always comes first
- The **Barema Professional Qualification in Anaesthetic, Respiratory and Critical Care** - a fully accredited, bespoke, affordable training course developed specifically for companies in the sector - equips staff with the high level of skills and knowledge they need to work safely in areas where patients would otherwise be at risk
- Barema has permanent membership of the **AAGBI's Safety Committee** allowing collaboration with all stakeholders involved in patient safety in anaesthesia
- Regular 2-way communication with **MHRA, Department of Health** and **NHS England Patient Safety** enables members to respond or even pre-empt any safety issues
- All Barema members are kept fully updated on the latest developments in **Regulatory Affairs** and **Standards**

*“P<sup>3</sup> has obtained great value from Barema membership for a number of years.*

*The association has provided high quality information and networking which would otherwise be extremely time-consuming and definitely more expensive.*

*I would have no hesitation in recommending membership to any companies in our sector.”*

*Simon Talbot  
Managing Director, P<sup>3</sup> Medical Ltd*



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Founded in 1971

Independent, not-for-profit organisation

Exists solely to benefit its members and the world of anaesthetic and respiratory medicine

Over fifty member companies

Members ranging from multinational businesses to small and medium-sized enterprises employing fewer than fifty people

Represents 70% of the UK anaesthetic and respiratory medtech sector

Unique - there is no equivalent trade association in any other country

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