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Barema is a specialist Trade Association representing suppliers of anaesthetic, respiratory & related products. It is unique, in that there is no other equivalent Trade Association in any other country.

It is an independent, not for profit organisation and exists solely to further the interests of its members, by providing professional services on, for example:

• Interpretation of EU Regulatory Directives
• UK Government Legislation
• Development of Technical Standards
• Liaisons with MHRA and with the Medical Profession
Currently Barema has a membership of 54 companies ranging from multi-national organisations to SME businesses employing less than fifty people.

They manufacture, distribute and service a diverse range of medical devices used in operating theatres, intensive care and respiratory diagnostics.

They represent 70% of the UK market.
• 10 member council
  – Chairman – Harrie Cooke
  – Secretary – Dr Anne Cooke
  – 8 representatives from member companies

• Revenue of ca. £150k

• 3 General meetings per year (2 x 1 day, 1 x 2 days)
Role of Barema

To promote co-operation between members to further the collective interests of the industry, thereby also promoting the interests of individual member companies

To ensure the continuation of the environment whereby anaesthetic, respiratory & related equipment has an enviable reputation for innovation, quality, safety and reliability – factors which have undoubtedly contributed to the outstanding success the industry has achieved in both domestic and overseas markets

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To maintain an on-going, close relationship with the Medical Profession through mutual participation leading to enhancement of the knowledge base; leading to the consequent improvement of devices and procedures for patient health and safety.
Benefits of Barema Membership

• Provides a forum for free exchange of views on all subjects relating to technical and commercial requirements applicable to the development, design, manufacture, distribution and servicing / maintenance of medical devices in the field of anaesthesia and respiratory medicine
• Free subscription to GMDN (Global Medical Device Nomenclature)
• Distribution of information via e-mail
• Barema website
Benefits of Barema Membership

- Professional, technical advice and guidance is freely available from within the membership on such matters as:
  - Interpretation of European Medical Device Directives
  - Quality Assurance Procedures
  - Notified Bodies Activities
  - Requirements for post market surveillance and reporting of incidents
  - Medical Devices Classification
  - C.E. Marking
  - Use of Harmonised Standards
  - National Requirements and procedures
  - Requirements in overseas markets – Specific Regulations
  - Global Harmonisation and Mutual Recognition matters
  - Active Barema representation on British (BSI) Technical Committees
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• Unique link and working relationship between the industry and the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (AAGBI). This link is valued by Barema members and the profession. The resulting benefits include the framing of joint procedures to enhance safety in all aspects of device utilisation
• Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA)
• Development of working relationships with other professional Bodies
• Department of Health
• Membership of the Association of British Health-Care Industries (ABHI).

• Representation of Barema on the Association of Anaesthetists Safety Committee, providing a continuous link with evolving matters of interest to both parties in the interest of safety of patients, users and others.

• Regular links with senior persons from the Medicinal and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)

• Barema is a member of Eurom VI