



NITCAR

National Infection Trainees' Collaborative for Audit and Research

What is "NITCAR"?

NITCAR brings together infection trainees from across the UK to facilitate multi-centre audit, service evaluation and research, with the aim of improving patient care within the field of infection. All infection trainees are invited to get involved. We are keen to hear from you so please **get in touch** if you are interested in any of the projects here, have an idea for future projects or if you would just like to know more.

2nd Annual NITCAR Meeting, February 2016, Cambridge

Our second annual NITCAR meeting was a great success. The morning included thought provoking talks from Drs Estee Torok and Effrossyni Gkrania-Klotass. These were followed by an update about our first project, HOODINI by Dr Damian Mawer and the proposal of several new projects, See the following page for more details and get in touch if you would like to be involved.

Meet Our New Committee

Two years on from the first conversations about NITCAR, the time has come to form a committee. As NITCAR progresses, there will be a new website and individual email addresses for committee members; watch out for details in the next newsletter!

For now, we would like to introduce our new committee members:

- **Consultant Chair:** Dr Andrew Kirby will continue to offer oversight.
- **Trainee Chair:** Dr Sarah Drake. Sarah will be overseeing the committee and is your go-to person for general enquiries. She is assisted by Dr Anne Melhuish, the deputy trainee chair.
- **Communications Secretary:** Dr Chloe Walsh. Chloe will be keeping you up to date with what is happening at NITCAR and editing your quarterly newsletters.
- **Annual Meetings Secretary:** Dr Ben Warne. Ben will head up the organisation of our annual NITCAR meeting and our presence at other events such as the FIS conference. If you would like NITCAR at your event, contact Ben.
- **IT Secretary:** Dr Jordan Skitterall. Jordan is using his IT expertise to provide us with a new and improved website and dedicated email accounts.
- **Project Leads:** Lead trainees from each project we undertake will also be included on the committee
- **Advisory panel:** Drs Jonathan Sandoe, Damian Mawer and Fiona Byrne.

Each year at our annual meeting we will (re)elect committee members. If you are interested in getting more involved in the running of NITCAR then please consider standing for the committee next March; more details on what the roles involve is available.

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NITCAR: Projects

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Current project: HOODINI , Lead: Dr Damian Mawer

This service evaluation is NITCAR's first national project. It is seeking to answer the following questions:

- 1) What is the prevalence of hospital-onset diarrhoea in the NHS?
- 2) What can the diarrhoea be attributed to?
- 3) How are patients with hospital-onset diarrhoea being managed? Specifically, are all those who meet the national criteria for C.difficile infection testing being tested?

Twenty five acute NHS Trusts/Health Boards around the UK are involved. The first round of data collection took place in January; the second is scheduled for mid-June. Results should be available by the end of August.

Future projects

CA-UTI: *Lead trainee: Dr Sarah Drake.* The aim of this project is to survey current guidelines for catheter associated urinary tract infection and investigate the management of CA-UTI focusing on authorisation of urine samples, indication for why urine samples are sent, treatment choice and catheter management

CABI: *Lead trainee: Dr Anne Melhuish.* An audit of the management of intra-abdominal infection focussing on antibiotic choice and duration and how effective our current treatments are. Starting in August 2016 please e-mail cabi@leeds.ac.uk for more information

HCV: *Lead trainee: Dr Suzanne English.* An audit of follow-up testing (serology and PCR) following a first positive or indeterminate hepatitis C serology result.

Vertebral OM: A project assessing how this relatively rare infection is managed across the UK. More details to follow.

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March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	
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Dates for the Diary:

NITCAR at FIS: 6-8th November, EICC, Edinburgh
Next Annual Meeting: Thursday 16th March 2017, Leeds