

NEWSLETTER

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NITCAR

National Infection Trainee Collaborative
for Audit and Research

NITCAR is a network of UK infection trainees working together on Infection-related projects and publications.

Upcoming Projects

Necrotising Otitis Externa (NOE) project, Trainee Lead: Dr Susanne Hodgson – **NEW PROJECT**

A national prospective case series aiming to collect key epidemiological, diagnostic and management data on necrotising otitis externa in adults.

It is hoped data from this newly accepted project will inform the development of a national guideline for the diagnosis and management of NOE. A Delphi process is nearing completion to develop a standard case definition for NOE. Oxford University has agreed to sponsor this study.

Current planned start date for data collection: August 2020

Ongoing projects

National Audit of Meningitis Management (NAMM), Lead: Dr Fiona McGill

Evaluating adherence to the 2016 UK guidelines on the management of adult community-acquired meningitis

Data collection is complete. The findings of NAMM were presented at the meningitis conference and Federation of Infection Societies Conference 2019. The team are starting to begin the process of writing the manuscript.

Native Vertebral Osteomyelitis project (NVO), Trainee Leads: Drs Rachel Bousfield, Isobel Ramsay, Ben Warne

Evaluating the treatment of native vertebral osteomyelitis (NVO) nationally compared to IDSA Guidelines 2015, and investigating research gaps identified within the IDSA guidelines

Data collection is complete. Following a decision on the journal to which to submit the paper, the manuscript will be formatted and circulated around collaborators for final approval.

Complicated intra-Abdominal Infections (CABI) project, Trainee Lead: Dr Shadia Ahmed

A national audit of current practice in relation to management of complicated intra-abdominal infection (CABI)

Data collection is complete. The project is currently awaiting statistical input on revisions.

Other News

- **NITCAR at FIS –Thankyou to those who contributed to our NITCAR@FIS session**
- A standard policy on authorship of projects supported by NITCAR has been developed and can be viewed on our website at <http://nitcollaborative.org.uk/wp/documents/>
- **CALL FOR PROJECT IDEAS! - NITCAR is actively looking for new project proposals for 2020-2021.** If you have a project idea that might benefit from our multi-centre network, please get in touch with us via the contact form on our website <http://nitcollaborative.org.uk/wp/contact/>

We are keen to hear from you so please get in touch if you are interested in any of the projects listed, have an idea for a future project or would just like to know more about NITCAR!

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