

NEWSLETTER

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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.

This project has obtained funding from the Dunhill Medical Trust and the Mason Medical Foundation. The work will be a collaboration between Infection, ENT and Radiology specialists across all participating sites.

Current planned start date: Site Training December 2020 with recruitment initiation at all sites by March 2021. Contact IONOE@ndm.ox.ac.uk for further information and to get involved.

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

This project has completed and the manuscript is being prepared for submission

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

The NVO manuscript has undergone revisions and has been circulated to contributors for comment.

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)

This paper is undergoing revisions at the request of the intended journal, with resubmission planned for end of September 2020.

Other News

- **NITCAR will be at FIS!** - Our NITCAR@FIS session is 11:00-12:15 on Wednesday 11th November. We will focus on setting research priorities in the field of Infection.
- **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/>. The upcoming project proposals will be presented in the NITCAR session of the Autumn BIA Trainees Meeting Thursday 15th October.
- 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/documents/>

We are keen to hear from you, so please contact us 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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