

# NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 2021



# 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

### Currently Recruiting

#### **National Audit of the Management of Encephalitis (NAME)**, Lead: Dr Amanda Fitzgerald

*Evaluating adherence to the 2012 UK guidelines on the management of both adult and paediatric encephalitis.*

**Current planned start date:** Already in progress. Recruitment will be ongoing till May 2021, if you are interested in joining this project please contact [interest@name.nitcollaborative.org.uk](mailto:interest@name.nitcollaborative.org.uk)

#### **Gentamicin Prescribing and Monitoring (GPM)**, Lead: Dr Raqib Huq

*A multicentre audit and service evaluation of extended-interval gentamicin prescribing and monitoring*

This multi-centre project aims to audit current practice against local policies and describe clinical outcomes using different strategies in GPM.

**Current planned start date:** May 2021. Please register interest in this project by contacting [interest@gpm.nitcollaborative.org.uk](mailto:interest@gpm.nitcollaborative.org.uk)

### 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*

This project has completed and the NVO manuscript has undergone revisions and has been circulated to contributors for comment.

#### **Necrotising Otitis Externa (NOE) project**, Trainee Lead: Dr Susanne Hodgson

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

This study has fully recruited, and patient enrolment is in progress. Please contact [interest@noe.nitcollaborative.org.uk](mailto:interest@noe.nitcollaborative.org.uk) for further details

### Other News

- **Read the latest publication from the completed NITCAR project** - Complicated intra-ABdominal Infections (CABI) project [here](#)
- **NITCAR will be at the (virtual) BIA Spring Trainees Meeting** – Join us for the AGM at the lunchtime session [Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May](#).
- **CALL FOR PROJECT IDEAS!** - NITCAR is actively looking for new project proposals for 2021-2022. 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 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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