

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.
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Ongoing Projects

CO-GENT (Clinical Outcome in Gentamicin Prescribing and Monitoring: National Audit)

Trainee Lead: Dr R Huq

A multi-centre audit and service evaluation of extended-interval gentamicin prescribing and monitoring (GPM), to assess current practice, audit practice against local policies, and describe clinical outcomes using different strategies in GPM.

This project is currently in the data collection phase and is **STILL OPEN TO RECRUITMENT until NOVEMBER 2021**.

Contact co-gent@nitcollaborative.org.uk for further information and to get involved.

Improving Outcomes in Necrotising Otitis Externa (NOE)

Trainee Lead: Dr S Hodgson

A multi-centre, U,K prospective observational study of patients with severe otitis externa and NOE

This study is currently recruiting patients and is not open to further sites.

Contact: Susanne.hodgson@spc.ox.ac.uk

VALUE-4C (EVALUation of National Implementation of the ISARIC 4C Mortality Score in United Kingdom hospitals)

Trainee Leads: Dr A Blunsum & Dr J Perkins

A two-part national project aiming to gain a greater understanding of the use of the 4C mortality score in UK hospitals

Site recruitment is completed and the project is in the data analysis stage

Contact value4c@nitcollaborative.org.uk

Update on Completed projects

Native Vertebral Osteomyelitis (NVO) Lead: Dr Rachel Bousfield – *In Press Clinical Infection in Practice*. Please click [here](#) to read

National Audit of Meningitis Management (NAMM) Lead: Dr Fiona McGill – Manuscript submitted for publication

National Audit of Encephalitis Management (NAME) – Data analysis stage

Other News

- **NITCAR will be at FIS!** - Our NITCAR@FIS session is 15:00 – 16:15 on **Monday 8th November**. This co-session with the BIA Research Committee is aimed at trainees at any stage with an interest in research. Four senior clinical academics will give a brief overview of their research interests and propose NITCAR projects they would be happy to supervise. The BIA will also launch their mentorship programme in the session.
- **CALL FOR PROJECT IDEAS!** - NITCAR is actively looking for new project proposals for 2021-22. 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/>.
- **NEW COLLABORATION** for statistical help. We are pleased to announce a partnership with HIS to offer statistical help to any trainee with an accepted NITCAR project.

Find out more at www.nitcollaborative.org.uk
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Twitter: [@NITCAR_UK](https://twitter.com/NITCAR_UK) for the latest NITCAR news

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