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NITCAR News



CURRENT PROJECTS

These projects are up and running and looking to recruit more sites. If you are interested in setting up the study at your hospital, then please look at the information on the [NITCAR website](#) and get in touch with the study teams. We'd love to hear from you!

EXTEND

EXTENDED antibiotic durations compared to standard antibiotic durations for patients with complicated intra-abdominal infection

- NIHR funded, randomised clinical trial
- First site has just opened, with additional sites due to start recruitment soon
- Contact ytu-extend-trial@york.ac.uk to register your interest or visit the [EXTEND website](#) to find out more

TBM PR-IRIS

A UK-wide retrospective cohort study to analyse the incidence, risk factors and optimal management strategies for paradoxical reaction and immune reconstitution inflammatory syndrome in central nervous system tuberculosis

- See [TBM PR-IRIS webpage](#) for the study protocol and further information
- Email Emma.carter43@nhs.net to discuss signing up

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RECENT PUBLICATION

Open access

Original research

BMJ Open Clinical management of community-acquired meningitis in adults in the UK and Ireland in 2017: a retrospective cohort study on behalf of the National Infection Trainees Collaborative for Audit and Research (NITCAR)

Jayne Ellis,¹ David Harvey,² Sylviane Defres,^{3,4} Arjun Chandna,⁵ Eloisa MacLachlan,^{6,7} Tom Solomon,^{3,8} Robert S Heyderman ¹, Fiona McGill ^{3,9} on behalf of the National Audit of Meningitis Management (NAMM) group

We are extremely pleased to announce that the NAMM study into management of meningitis was published in July this year. A huge congratulations to all involved, as it was a huge collaborative effort.

It is the biggest study into meningitis in the UK to date and shows that adherence to the standards from the 2016 national guidelines is very low. The majority of cases reviewed had delays in lumbar puncture, medications and public health notification.

Can you think of ways to improve management of meningitis in your hospital?

IONOE

Excellent progress with 20 sites open and over 160 patients recruited! Recruitment will continue for another year so get in touch if you would like to get involved.

SinkBug

All sites recruited and sink sampling and data collection on-going.

NAME

Data collection is complete and the analysis and write up continues

Value 4c

Manuscript has been submitted for review, so hopefully we will have some news soon!

PROJECT UPDATES



NITCAR AT FIS 2022



We hosted an excellent session on Friday afternoon of FIS and it was great to see lots of people there. We had an interesting talk about the history and future uses of phages by Dr Giovanni Satta (UCL) as well as hearing proposals for future projects.

You can still catch the session via the Swapcard app (details emailed following registration)

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Complicated
Intra-Abdominal Infection
(cIAI) Study Day**

**15 March
2023**



The Carrieworks Theatre
3 Millennium Square
Leeds LS2 3AD

To view the full programme please visit the Extend trial website at:

<https://www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/research/trials/ytutrialsandstudies/trials/extend/>

To register for the study day, please email: ytu-extend-trial@york.ac.uk

**IMPROVING
OUTCOMES IN
NOE**

**THIRD IONOE
Collaborative
Meeting**

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday 26TH January 2023 (4pm)

For more information please visit the IONOE website at:

<https://www.expmedndm.ox.ac.uk/research/bone-infection/BoneInfection/STUDIES/ionoe>

To register for the virtual meeting, please email: michelle.kumin@ndm.ox.ac.uk

ASSOCIATE PI SCHEME



The NIHR Associate Principal Investigator (API) scheme is a 6 month practical training opportunity, providing formal recognition of engagement in research. It is aimed at people starting their research career who may not normally have the opportunity to take part in clinical research.



Many of the NITCAR affiliated studies are eligible for trainees to register with the Associate PI scheme, including EXTEND and IONOE.

The EXTEND trial is currently registered at the following sites, so if you work here, and are interested in registering for the Associate PI scheme then get in touch with the local team or the EXTEND study team to discuss!

Current EXTEND trial sites:

Macclesfield District General Hospital
St James's University Hospital
Royal Preston Hospital
Royal Gwent Hospital
Northern General Hospital
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Southmead Hospital
Royal Cornwall Hospital
St Thomas Hospital
University Hospital Coventry

Worthing Hospital
Royal Sussex County Hospital
Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Conquest Hospital
Chesterfield Royal Hospital
Manchester Royal Infirmary
Leicester Royal Infirmary
Derriford Hospital
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary
Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

FIND OUT MORE:
visit the [NIHR Associate PI Scheme Website](#)

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PROJECTS!

If you have an idea for a study then please get in touch with chair@nitcollaborative.org.uk. We can offer you help in developing the project, as well as disseminating the idea to a UK wide network of infection specialists. We'd love to hear from you.

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