

September 2023

NITCAR News

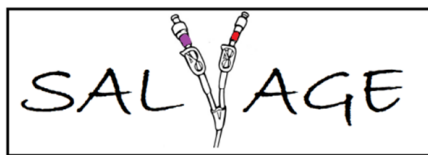
Project updates

Many of the projects are looking to recruit more sites. If you're interested in setting up the study at your hospital, then please visit the [NITCAR website](#) for more information and get in touch with the study teams!

Recruitment ongoing

SALVAGE

SALVAGE is a UK-wide, retrospective audit assessing the management of central venous catheter infections, identification of organisms responsible for CVC infections, and investigation into the presence and implementation of catheter related bloodstream infections guidelines within secondary care NHS settings.



- **Recruitment** is planned for **January 2024**
- One nominated individual per NHS Trust will retrospectively identify 15 patients for inclusion
- Contact salvage@uhcw.nhs.uk to get involved or visit [SALVAGE](#) to find out more

EXTEND

The EXTEND trial is comparing a fixed, extended duration of 28 days antibiotics vs standard antibiotic treatment for patients with complicated intra-abdominal infection.



- NIHR funded, randomised clinical trial
- As of July 2023, 120 patients have been recruited
- **Recruitment ongoing**
- Contact ytu-extend-trial@york.ac.uk to register interest or visit [EXTEND – Health Sciences, University of York](#) to find out more



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TBM PR - IRIS

TBM PR - IRIS is 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.

- Retrospective cohort study
- As of August 2023, there are 17 participating centres
- **Recruitment ongoing**
- Contact cristina.fernandez2@mft.nhs.uk to register interest or visit [TBM PR-IRIS](#) for further information

Recruitment completed

IONOE

Study is progressing well with 25 sites open currently. The last volunteer will be recruited by 25th December this year.

SinkBug

Currently closed to further site participation – all samples have been collected and data analysis is ongoing.

NAME

Data collection is complete and the analysis and write up is ongoing.

CO-GENT

Study is ongoing and we are awaiting an update from the team.



BIA's 25th Annual meeting and Spring Trainee Day



A huge thank you to all our presenters at the trainee day where NITCAR hosted excellent presentations from Dr Price; who highlighted trainee opportunities in the NIHR Clinical Research Network, Dr Locke; who provided us with insights into the Associate PI scheme, and Dr Newport; who gave an introduction to the SALVAGE project.



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Upcoming events

NITCAR at FIS 2023



Join us in Edinburgh at the [Federation of Infection Societies 2023](#) conference, hosted this year by the Microbiology Society. On **Tuesday 14th November**, we are hosting our own session from **10:30 - 12:00**. We will have exciting new updates from our projects, in addition to engaging presentations covering new approaches to collaborative research projects. We would love to see you there!

BIA Autumn Trainees Meeting

Now open for registration. Hosted at The Showroom Workstation in Sheffield, 4th October.

The day will provide trainees with the opportunity to hear lectures on topical issues given by a range of experts, as well as providing a chance to network and contribute to debate.



NIHR Associate Principal Investigator (API) Scheme

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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!



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Our committee members 2023

We'd like to welcome our new (and returning) 2023 committee of enthusiastic healthcare professionals with an interest in infectious diseases!

Katie Drury NITCAR Chair

Infectious diseases Specialist Trainee, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Ashleigh Hale NITCAR Vice-chair

Clinical Scientist (HSST Microbiology), University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust

Andrew Kirby Consultant chair

Associate Clinical Professor and Consultant Microbiologist, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Aimee Serisier Academic meeting lead

Junior Clinical Fellow, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Jonathan Cattrall Communications lead

Internal Medicine Trainee/ Academic Clinical Fellow, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

Ronak Shah IT lead

Internal Medicine Trainee, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

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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