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NITCAR News

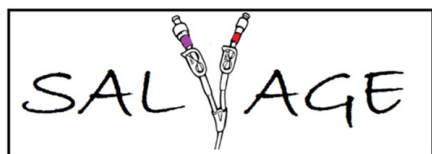
Project updates

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! Project leads frequently offer opportunities for authorship of published work where appropriate.

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 ongoing.**
- 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 2024, over 400 participants 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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Newsletter Highlights

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2024/25 Committee:

Expressions of interest

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Recruitment ongoing

Di-BLOOD-UK

This survey aims to investigate the current state of blood culture diagnostic practices in UK microbiology laboratories. The objective is to identify areas for potential improvement in diagnostic protocols. We encourage any microbiology and/or infectious diseases trainee to take part in this survey under the supervision and guidance of a Consultant Microbiologist. Please fill out the survey [here](#).

- National survey
- **Data collection ongoing**
- Contact vanesa.antonvazquez@stgeorges.nhs.uk and/or tim.planche@nhs.net for more information or visit [di-blood-uk](#).

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
- Over 250 data entries so far
- **Recruitment ongoing**
- Contact emma.carter43@nhs.net to register interest or visit [TBM PR-IRIS](#) for further information.

NORTH

The NORTH study is a national UK-wide retrospective case series on the management of disseminated NON-tubeRculous mycobacTerial infection in adults living with HIV. Data will be collected on adults living with HIV with disseminated NTM infection in the last 10 years, with one year of documented post-antibiotic cessation follow up.

- National UK-wide retrospective case series
- **Recruitment ongoing, open to expressions of interest from new sites**
- If you are interested in taking part in the NORTH study or want to hear more about it please contact the project lead, Cristina Fernandez, on Cristina.fernandez2@mft.nhs.uk.



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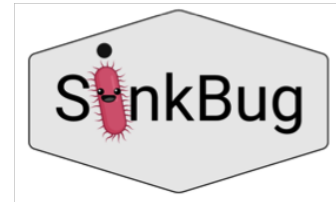
IONOE

Study is progressing well with follow up currently in progress and due to continue until November 2024.



SinkBug

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



NAME

The write-up is complete and a manuscript has been submitted.

CO-GENT

Statistical analysis is ongoing and the team will share some of their results at FIS 2024.

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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Upcoming events



NITCAR at FIS 2024

Join us in Liverpool at the [Federation of Infection Societies 2024](#) conference, hosted this year by the Healthcare Infection Society who are partnering with the British Infection Society to develop the programme. On **Thursday 21st November**, we are hosting our own session from **10:45**. We will have exciting updates from our projects, as well as new projects to get involved in. We would love to see you there!



NIHR Associate Principal Investigator (API) 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.

BIA Autumn Trainees Meeting

The BIA Autumn Trainees Meeting 2024 will take place at the Showroom Workstation in Sheffield on the 3rd of October 2024. Look out for more information on the [BIA website](#).

Call for expressions of interest: new committee positions

If you are an enthusiastic healthcare professional with an interest in infectious diseases, we'd love to hear from you. Anyone who is interested in taking up a NITCAR committee position for 2024/2025 then please get in touch via comms@nitcollaborative.org.uk. We have a variety of positions available for you to get involved in.



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