

February 2025

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

CRE-DITS

CRE-DITS is a UK-wide multicentre audit aiming to describe the laboratory testing practises and resistance profiles of carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CRE) to new and older antimicrobials among multiple NHS Trusts in the United Kingdom. Findings will help to better understand the epidemiology and laboratory testing of CRE in the UK, as well as create a national CRE antibiogram, which is currently lacking from the ESPAUR report.

- **Recruitment is ongoing, open to expressions of interest.**
- Each project site is expect to contribute 50-250 CRE isolates
- Over 20 sites recruited so far
- Contact ioannis.baltas.20@ucl.ac.uk or visit [CRE-DITS](#) to find out more

TRIC-MAN

TRIC-MAN is a national audit of antimicrobial stewardship and resistance in critical care units across the UK. It will be run by the Trainee Research in Intensive Care (TRIC) Network and is endorsed by NITCAR.



- National UK-wide audit
- **Recruitment ongoing, open to expressions of interest**
- Study conducted over a two-week period in March/April 2025.
- Sign-up via the [TRIC Network](#).



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2025 Committee:

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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, open to expressions of interest.**
- One nominated individual per NHS Trust will retrospectively identify 15 patients
- Contact salvage@uhcw.nhs.uk to get involved or visit [SALVAGE](#) to find out more

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.

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
- Over 480 participants have been recruited.
- **Recruitment ongoing**
- Contact ytu-extend-trial@york.ac.uk or visit [EXTEND – Health Sciences, University of York](#)



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Recruitment completed

[IONOE](#)

Only 1 site left to follow up

[SinkBug](#)

Manuscript in revision stage

[NAME](#)

Manuscript in revision stage

[CO-GENT](#)

Data analysis ongoing, presented results at FIS 2024

[Di-BLOOD-UK](#)

Presented results at FIS 2024, write-up ongoing

[TBM PR - IRIS](#)

Over 250 data entries so far; presented preliminary data at FIS 2024 and presenting at ESCMID.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PROJECTS!

If you have an idea for a study then please get in touch via **comms@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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Call for expressions of interest: funding lead

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 the funding lead position for 2025 then please get in touch via comms@nitcollaborative.org.uk.



Other news

NITCAR at FIS 2024

Thank you to everyone that joined us in Liverpool at the FIS 2024 conference. It was a brilliant session with a great turnout, showcasing speakers from across a number of the NITCAR projects. Our project leads delivered updates on progress and findings from their studies, prompting very interesting questions from the attendees - we hope to see you again next year!



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 Early Career Researchers

The BIA Early Career Researchers is a group and initiative looking to help those considering or starting their career in Research. Look out for more information on the [BIA website](#) and get in touch!



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