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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

[Invasive candidiasis in ICU survey](#)

Invasive candidiasis (IC) is a serious, often underdiagnosed fungal infection. Timely diagnosis and appropriate management improves outcomes. We are conducting a survey of critical care units across the UK of current practice for diagnosis and management of IC; understanding real world ICU approaches and identifying opportunities for antifungal stewardship.

ICU clinicians and microbiologists can participate by using the QR code below to access the [form](#). Please just one form per site.

For queries please contact Dr Claire McCue or Dr David Partridge.
Email(s): Claire.mccue2@nhs.scot; dpartridge@nhs.net . *On behalf of the BIA/ICS Joint Working Group*



[PET-IE UK](#)

PET-IE UK is a UK-wide multicentre audit evaluating the utilisation and clinical impact of PET/CT in the diagnosis and management of infective endocarditis (IE) and cardiac device-related infections (CIED).
Expression of interest form is [here](#).



All UK centres managing patients with suspected or confirmed IE or CIED infection are encouraged to participate. Data collection is designed to be simple and time-efficient, with each site contributing up to 15 eligible cases. Email huseyin.bilgin@uhn.nhs.uk to find out more.



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Mailing list sign-up:

<https://discussions.britishinfection.org/>

Recruitment ongoing

POET-UK

UK survey on the use of an early switch to oral antibiotics (partial oral treatment) for left-sided infective endocarditis (IE) – POET-UK

This survey is designed to evaluate current UK practice in IE management, focussing on the use of an early switch to oral antibiotics in left-sided (i.e. aortic, mitral valve) IE cases.

An early switch to oral antibiotics (two antibiotics in combination) was used in the “Partial Oral Treatment of Endocarditis (POET)” randomised controlled trial (N Engl J Med 2019;380:415-424) and included as a strategy in the European Society for Cardiology guidelines for the management of endocarditis (2023).

Although survey responses will be collected anonymously, we are hoping to aggregate the data and publish a summary of this survey.

Please email mark.campbell@ouh.nhs.uk and nicole.stoesser@ndm.ox.ac.uk if you have completed the survey and would like your name to be included as part of a group authorship listing on any outputs, and if you would be happy to be contacted about future similar opportunities. Your name will NOT be linked to any survey responses.



The survey should take about 15-20 minutes to complete, and you can save it and return to complete your answers if you are unable to fill it out in a single go.

The link for our survey is: <https://redcap.medsci.ox.ac.uk/surveys/?s=L3FDHMHAMMX8YFLL>

Thank you very much for taking the time to participate in this survey!

The POET-UK team



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Results and updates

PADL-UK Survey

PADL-UK collected data on penicillin allergy de-labelling undertaken by non-specialists, defined as clinicians who are not allergists or immunologists. The results were presented as a poster at ESCMID Global 2026 which you can see [here](#), and write up is ongoing for publication.



IONOE

This study aims to describe the demographics, clinical characteristics, surgical and medical management of prospectively identified cases of Necrotising Otitis Externa (NOE) presenting to UK NHS sites. 356 patients were recruited across 23 sites. Related work has been [published](#) and a new poster presented at ESCMID 2026 which you can view [here](#).



Di-BLOOD-UK

This survey aimed to investigate the current state of blood culture diagnostic practices in UK microbiology laboratories. Results were presented results at FIS 2024, 31 sites recruited and analysis completed. The manuscript is now [published](#) in the Journal of Hospital Infection.



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New committee positions available!

Our new committee positions are available from August 2026. Please get in touch if you would like to know more.

The positions available are:

NITCAR Secretary - Available

The Secretary supports the smooth running of the committee by organising meetings and maintaining accurate records. Responsibilities include producing minutes following meetings, arranging future meetings, and with the Chair, keeping track of project progress.

NITCAR Communications lead - Available

The Communications lead oversees NITCAR's internal and external communications. Responsibilities include producing the quarterly newsletter, preparing the NITCAR section of the BIA newsletter, monitoring committee email accounts, and distributing communications to the mailing list.

NITCAR Funding lead - Available

The Funding lead works to support the sustainability and development of NITCAR. Responsibilities include identifying and securing funding opportunities and ensuring continuity of existing funding arrangements.

How to apply?

Please fill out this [form](#) if you would like to apply to one or more of the positions available.

We are requesting that interested applicants provide us with 200 words covering i) why you would like to be part of the NITCAR committee (~50 words), and ii) why your skills and experience would make you suitable for the role? (~150 words).

NITCAR Committee Application



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NITCAR at the BIA Spring Meeting 2026

Thank you to everyone that joined us at the BIA Spring Meeting 2026, and a huge thank you to all those that presented!

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 and is a great opportunity for any interested trainees.

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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 sign up to their e-list through this [page](#).



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 to develop the project, and help you to disseminate the idea through a UK wide network of infection specialists. We'd love to hear from you.



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