

NEWS

BIA Spring Meeting 2017 Speakers Announced

The theme for this meeting, which takes place on 25th may 2017, is 'Finding better ways to treat infections'. The International Keynote Speaker is Prof James McCarthy, with Dr Bridget Atkins and Prof Jon Sayers announced as UK Keynote Speakers. See [BIA Spring Meeting](#) page for information.

Medical Care – the Royal College of Physicians' essential online guide to service design – is now live. If you are a medical director, clinical lead or anyone with an interest in planning services then the new Medical Care website is for you. Produced by the RCP and written by leading experts from the medical specialties, Medical Care is the essential online guide to efficient and effective design of medical services. Through the website you can:

- access comprehensive guidance on overarching themes around service design, such as person-centred care, patient safety and integrated care
- browse through specialty-specific sections and learn how to measure, deliver and maintain high-quality services
- explore the latest ideas on how to develop physicians and teams in areas such as quality improvement and medical leadership.

View the website at www.rcpmedicalcare.org.uk

SMI Quarterly Report (Summer update) now available – see [Professional Affairs Updates](#) webpage.

Recruitment to the Quality Standard Advisory Committee for Sepsis

Deadline for applications is Thursday 13 October. See [News page](#) for information.

Relocation of National Mycobacterium Reference Laboratory

The National Mycobacterium Reference Laboratory (NMRL) will be relocating from the current Queen Mary Whitechapel site in central London to the Public Health England (PHE) Colindale site in north London during October 2016. The last day the Whitechapel laboratory will receive samples for analysis will be the 14th October 2016. See [News page](#) for information.

AMPS Competencies Report

The Health Education England survey of higher education institutions about embedding national antimicrobial prescribing and stewardship competences into curricula is now available. See [Professional Affairs Updates](#) page.

New Chair for ACMSF

The Food Standards Agency is advertising for a new Chair for its Advisory Committee on the Microbiological Safety of Food. See [News page](#) for information.

NICE/GUIDELINES UPDATES

NICE Quality Standard Consultation: Vaccine uptake in under 19's

Please respond by Tuesday 27th September. See [Consultations page](#) for information.

Preventing infective endocarditis - information for the public

This publication has been amended in line with changes recently made to CG64 Prophylaxis against Infective Endocarditis. An updated version of the publication can be found here:

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/CG64/ifp/chapter/About-this-information>

Expert Advisers for the Centre for Guidelines (CfG) at NICE

The Centre for Guidelines (CfG) at NICE is establishing a panel of Expert Advisers to help improve access to expert advice during development and updating of clinical guidelines and other CfG products. We are seeking clinicians and other healthcare professionals from a variety of specialties and who are actively involved in the NHS. Closing date: Friday 7 October. See [News page](#) for information.

RECENTLY ANNOUNCED EVENTS

28 September	Antibiotic resistance and you! (BSAC/PHE)
12 October	7th Annual BHIVA conference for the management of HIV/Hepatitis co-infection (BHIVA/BVHG)
4-5 November	UKCPA Conference (Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists)
3-4 February 2017	12th Annual Fungal Update meeting (Save the date)

REMINDERS

Barnet Christie Lecture

Each year the BIA invites applications to deliver this highly prestigious lecture at the Conference of the Federation of Infection Societies. The successful applicant will be invited to give a lecture at the annual FIS conference. Doctors and scientists who have not yet reached consultant, senior lecturer or top grade scientist status are eligible to compete. In addition to presenting this BIA lecture, the award winner will receive £500 and full sponsorship to attend the FIS Conference (6-8 November, Edinburgh). Closing date for applications: 30 September. See [FIS Conference](#) page for information.

VACANCIES

Consultant in Medicine with a chosen specialty interest

Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust

60% of this position is working as an ID consultant and full member of the Infectious Disease department. See [Jobs section](#) of website for information. Closing date: 12 October.