

BIA Monthly Digest – 16th December 2020

News Items

BIA Clinical Services Committee Best Practice Standards document published

The BIA Clinical Services Committee Best Practice Standards document has now been published, with endorsement by the Royal College of Physicians.

Click [here](#) to view the document or find it on our [CSC webpage](#)

PHE COVID-19 Literature Digest

Public Health England's Literature Digest team produce a digest three times a week which summarises a selection of COVID-19 papers potentially relevant to incident stakeholders. The digest contains both peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed papers, alongside a weekly guest editor feature. Papers are categorised into seven themes:

- Immunology and serology
- Diagnostics
- Genomics
- Epidemiology and clinical
- Treatment
- Modelling
- Overviews, comments and editorials

If you would like to sign up to receive the reports (via email) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays please email the team on COVID.LitDigest@phe.gov.uk

A selection of previous Digests are available [here](#) on the Finding the evidence: Coronavirus page under the 'Keeping up to date' tab, alongside other complementary resources.

COVID-19 Therapeutics Advice & Support Group (CTAG)

BIA continues to support the work of the COVID-19 Therapeutics Advice & Support Group (CTAG). CTAG has been established by a group of Drugs and Therapeutics Committees, Area Prescribing Committees and specialists to provide advice and support in the management of COVID-19 whilst national guidelines evolve.

Its ongoing work is supported by BIA and the Royal College of Physicians through the Joint Specialist Committee on Infectious Diseases.

Please visit the [CTAG website](#) for more information.

LearnInfection a learning platform for infection trainees

LearnInfection is an online resource for infection trainees to test, learn and share knowledge on infection topics and best practice. Aimed at BIA trainees, it is available to all BIA members and can be accessed using your BIA login details.

Please take a look at <https://learn.britishinfection.org/>

BAJIR Bone and Joint Infection Registry

The BAJIR database is the UK Bone and Joint Infection Registry. It is designed to collect data on all patients with bone and joint infections in the UK.

The information will be used to better understand bone and joint infections and how best to treat them. It will also be used to assess and improve the quality of services across the NHS to achieve better outcomes for patients with these conditions.

For further information, or if you would like to join the BAJIR, visit <https://bajir.org/>.

Contact us via nhc-tr.bajir@nhs.net.



Grants

See [Grants](#) page for full information of all grants available

BIA Research Project Grants - [Applications open](#)

These awards provide consumables costs for trainees undertaking an infection-related research project in an academic centre in the UK or Ireland. It is envisaged funds would be used to support preliminary study in a field with intention of developing the work either through a research fellowship or as an independent investigator.

Type of Award: Up to three awards will be made of up to £10,000 per annum for 12 months to cover non-salary costs of research only.

Closing Date: 31 January 2021

Application Process: Complete the BIA Grant Application Form and return to BIA Scientific & Research Secretary

Tenure: 1 year

Eligibility: UK or Ireland-based clinically-qualified trainees in infection or infection-related specialities who are not in a Consultant-level post. This includes nurses, pharmacists and other patient-facing careers. All applicants must be supported by a named supervisor(s) at place on intended research.

Click [here](#) to apply

[Guidelines](#)

[Consultations](#)

See [Consultations](#) page for full information of all consultations

NHS England: proposed clinical commissioning policy on Baricitinib for use in monogenic interferonopathies for adults and children 2 years and over

We would like your feedback on a proposed clinical commissioning policy on Baricitinib for use in monogenic interferonopathies for adults and children 2 years and over. This is a new policy proposal that has been developed by NHS England and NHS Improvement.

We would like to hear your views on the policy proposition before it is considered further by NHS England.

To view the the proposed policy and other supporting documents please visit the [Consultations](#) page

What is NHS England and NHS Improvement asking you to do?

Please look at the proposed policy and give your feedback to the questions in the separate stakeholder response form (link above).

Please provide your feedback to Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk by **5pm, 20th December 2020** who will collate a BIA response.

NICE draft guideline consultation – Neonatal infection: antibiotics for prevention and treatment

This draft guideline and its supporting evidence are now out for consultation.

We ask that you submit comments on the draft guideline; it is a valuable opportunity to ensure that the guideline considers issues important to your members. The [consultation page](#) has all the information and documents you need to comment.

Please provide comments to Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk by **5pm, Sunday 3rd January 2021**, who will collate a BIA response.

Published Guidelines

See [Published Guidelines](#) page for full information of all guidelines published

Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)

CLIP, the online BIA journal is available [here](#)

The Journal provides a forum for the advancement of knowledge and discussion of clinical infection in practice. It will embrace relevant clinical research and clinical management issues, including case reports and case series demonstrating novel or interesting findings.

The **CLIP Editor in Chief is Professor Martin Wiselka** supported by a distinguished Editorial team.

Currently looking for several further Associate Editors, each expected to review and manage around 4 or 5 papers a year

Please contact martin.wiselka@uhl-tr.nhs.uk for further details.

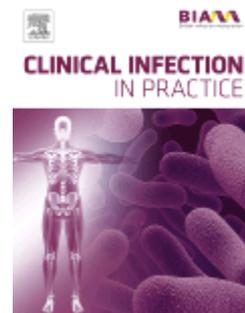
Visit the [Elsevier website](#) for further information

To submit an article please [click here](#).

NITCAR Update

See [BIA NITCAR](#) page for more information

Regional and supra-regional audit and research collaboratives exist to facilitate larger scale audits, service evaluations and research projects. The aim of the National Infection Trainee Collaborative for Audit and Research (NITCAR) is to facilitate such multi-centre projects within the field of infection.



Necrotising otitis externa

Sites have been fully recruited, and patient enrolment will begin at these sites in January 2021.

Project lead: Susanne Hodgson. Email:
interest@noe.nitcollaborative.org.uk to get involved

Visit <http://nitcollaborative.org.uk/wp/noe/> for further information.



National Audit of the Management of Encephalitis

University of Liverpool Brain Infections Group is looking for sites to contribute to its National Audit of the Management of Encephalitis. Please get in touch if you/ trainees at your hospital might be interested in supporting this work.

Our hope is to recruit at least 40 sites, please express your interest by emailing
interest@name.nitcollaborative.org.uk

For more information please see: <http://nitcollaborative.org.uk/wp/name/>

If you would like further information about NITCAR, or would like to ask us a question, please go to our website - www.nitcollaborative.org.uk

Infection Events

See [Infection Events](#) page for full information

BSCA Into Clinical Practice: Pneumonia

Friday 22nd January 2021

Conference Webinar

Registration open! To view the programme and register, please [click here](#)

This exciting one-day conference will explore the current challenges and treatment opportunities for Pneumonia. Delegates will, through plenary lectures and invited papers, learn about resistance mechanisms, clinical presentations of Pneumonia, the latest in research and development and hear about frontier and upcoming treatments.

Clinical lessons will give delegates the opportunity to hear about, share and explore real world experiences, and look at the effective application of the latest evidence-based guidelines.

For enquiries, please contact Esme Carruthers, BSAC Event Manager at Ecarruthers@bsac.org.uk

Antimicrobial Chemotherapy Virtual Conference

2nd - 3rd February 2021

Virtual Event

Held in collaboration with GARDP. For 2021, the conference collaborators are the Helmholtz Institute for Pharmaceutical Sciences (HIPS), the German Venter for Infection Control (DZIF) and the International Research Alliance for Antibiotic Discovery and Development (IRAADD) (a JPIAMR funded network).

For details and to register (free of charge), please click [here](#)

BSAC Spring Conference

29th - 30th April 2021

2021 marks 50 years of the BSAC. Join us to celebrate! Full details to follow. To register your interest, please contact [Esme Carruthers](#)

BIA Spring Trainees' Day 2021

Wednesday 19th May 2021

Manchester Conference Centre, 78 Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3BB

BIA 23rd Annual Spring Scientific Meeting 2021

Thursday 20th May 2021

Manchester Conference Centre, 78 Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3BB

39th Annual Meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society

7th – 9th October 2021

Ljubljana, Slovenia

The main conference theme is: Joining forces: optimising diagnosis and management of bone and joint infections.

Find more information on the conference website: [Click here](#)

Workshops and Courses

See [Workshops and Courses](#) page for more information

Tuberculosis, Postgraduate Certificate (1-year Part-time Distance Learning)

This new programme will provide a comprehensive overview of Tuberculosis with an emphasis on prevention, diagnosis, and management of drug-susceptible Tuberculosis.

The programme has been developed for trainees and consultants in infection specialities and respiratory medicine; it can also be taken by nurses and public health workers, and practitioners with experience in Tuberculosis.

For further information [click here](#)

Advanced courses + scientific conferences

Welcome Genome Campus Advanced Courses and Scientific Conferences is the only UK-based programme providing open postgraduate courses and conferences focused on biomedicine. We fund, develop and deliver training and conferences that span basic research, cutting-edge biomedicine, and the application of genomics in healthcare.

Please [click here](#) to view upcoming virtual courses and conferences

Vacancies

See [BIA Jobs](#) page for full information

RCPATH Consulting – Clinical Lead Vacancy

RCPATH Consulting are looking to appoint a new clinical lead in early 2021. This is a key role with oversight of requests for independent consultancy and advisory services from UK and international pathology service providers.

If you have experience in laboratory management and governance and would like to support the work of RCPATH Consulting as the clinical lead, please see

<https://www.rcpath.org/profession/rcpath-consulting.html> for the person specification and application form.

Applications should be received by **Monday 21 December 2020**, with interviews planned for late January 2021.

For further information on the role, or to discuss it with the current lead, please contact Professor Helliwell via rcpathconsulting@rcpath.org

Consultant Medical Microbiologist

These posts are for two permanent full-time (10 programmed activities per week) Consultant Medical Microbiologist to the Western Health & Social Care Trust (WHST).

This is an exciting opportunity to join an established Microbiology team that has a high clinical profile in the WHST. The successful candidate/s will join two Consultant Medical Microbiologists.

Closing date: **Thursday 31st December 2020**

Please click for [further details and to apply](#)

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