

BIA Monthly Digest – 15th June 2022

News Items

BRITMIC Network - Talk on LVAD infections

BRITMIC (British Transplant ID, Mycology and Infection in the Immune Compromise) Network has been set up to bring together those interested in these niches of infection. We are supported by the BIA.



We have a great speaker scheduled on **Thursday 16th June at 17:30** on Teams with Deeksha Jandhyala (Transplant ID expert from Pennsylvania) who will speak about LVAD infections.

Please join or pass the details on to anyone interested, and email Sara Murthy s.murthy1@nhs.net to sign up to the Network and get on the mailing list. We are scheduling a mix of case discussions, talks, educational sessions and research networking

Please visit <https://www.britishinfection.org/events/workshops-courses> for the link to join

HLH MDT Survey

Haemophagocytic lymphocytosis (HLH) is a severe hyperinflammatory syndrome most commonly triggered by infection that causes significant morbidity and mortality. HLH is considered rare but is probably under-recognised; outcomes are improved by timely recognition and treatment. NHSE have recently approved anakinra for use in HLH.

The aim of this survey is to gauge the availability of and structure of general and specialist services for the care of patients with HLH across the UK.

Please would you consider completing the survey on the link below, this should take approximately 10 minutes.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HLHMDT2022>

Thank you very much for your participation.

if you would like to know more about HLH and hyperinflammation please join our network - we meet virtually for an hour every two months www.hihasc.org

Rachel Tattersall

Co-Chair of HiHASC (Hyperinflammation + HLH Across Speciality Collaboration - www.hihasc.org)

OPAT survey

Our pharmacy team in Erasmus Medical Center has started a research project on OPAT and the implementation of OPAT. We hope you are able to help us with our research.

To investigate the degree of implementation of Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT) worldwide we would be very happy if your members could fill out this short survey:

<https://erasmusmcsurvey.erasmusmc.nl/apotheek/ls/index.php/749732?lang=en>

OPAT is the administration of intravenous antimicrobials without an overnight stay.

There is a high variability in implementation and structures of OPAT all across the world. Your participation in the survey will help to better understand the ways OPAT is implemented or the

obstacles for not using OPAT, furthermore we can learn from each other's best-practices. Please fill out your contact information at the end of the survey in order to receive the results of the survey.

We would really appreciate your time completing the survey and sharing with your networks.

On behalf of the OPAT research team,

Prof. dr. B.C.P. Koch. hospital pharmacist/clinical pharmacologist at Erasmus Medical Center, the Netherlands

Resources

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/>

Guidelines

Consultations

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

Consultation on BTS Bronchiectasis Quality Standards

The draft BTS Quality Standard for Bronchiectasis is now available for public consultation until 20 June 2022.

The draft statement can be found [here](#).

Please return comments on the form provided [here](#) to miguel.souto@brit-thoracic.org.uk by **5pm on 20 June 2022**

Topic engagement on the NICE urinary tract infections in adults (update) quality standard

Your response to the topic engagement exercise on the above would be greatly appreciated. The topic overview published describes core elements of the quality standard and we are inviting you to tell us what you consider to be the 5 key areas for quality improvement in this area.

Please note this is not a consultation on the draft quality standard; this will take place September/October 2022.

To submit your suggested 5 key areas for quality improvement please visit the topic webpage:

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-qs10161/consultation/html-content>

Responses must be submitted to QStopicengagement@nice.org.uk by **5pm on Friday 17 June 2022**.

UK SMI S 11: red or painful eye

Your comments are requested on the following document.

To take part in the consultation please go to the relevant page by clicking on the link below, where you can access the document in HTML and consultation form.

[UK SMI S11: Red or painful eye](#)

To access the document in PDF, click on the link below:

[UK SMI S11: Red or painful eye](#)

The consultation period has been extended. Please send comments by **midday on 30 June 2022** using the consultation form provided on the website.

Published Guidelines

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

Grants

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

Federation of Infection Societies (FIS) Conference Bursaries – advanced notice

The BIA is providing up to 8 bursaries to support registration and travel to the FIS Conference 2022 to eligible applicants whose abstract is already accepted. Accommodation costs may also be included, up to the £1000 grant limit.

FIS Bursaries will be assessed by the Scientific and Research Committee and awarded according to pre-determined criteria that include:

- 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.
- Acceptance of an abstract for an oral or poster presentation at the conference
- Potential benefit to the applicant from attending the conference

As acceptance of an abstract is one of the criteria, **applications open Tuesday 19th July and close 5pm Tuesday 9th August 2022**

FIS / HIS 2022 early bird registration closes 1st September 2022

To apply, please forward by e-mail to [Dr Chris Chiu, BIA Scientific & Research Secretary](#)

- A cover letter/email summarising the potential impact and case for support
- Name of conference
- Accepted abstract
- Letter of acceptance
- 2-page C.V.

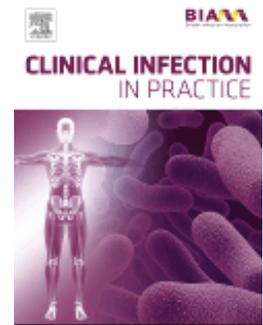
Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)

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.

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.

All trainees and associate members of BIA are invited to participate in NITCAR studies and are encouraged to sign up to the NITCAR mailing list to keep up to date with new projects and updates (<http://nitcollaborative.org.uk/wp/contact/>)

SINKBUG - CALL FOR PARTICIPATING SITES AND CO-INVESTIGATORS!

Antimicrobial resistance gene and pathogen burden in sinks in UK hospitals and associations with healthcare-associated infections, sink design and sink usage: a multi-centre prospective sampling study (The "SinkBug" Project).

We are seeking expressions for interest for participation in this study with a plan to finalise the network of participating sites and provide training for the study in the final quarter of 2022. The sink sampling period is planned for early 2023.

Please express your interest by emailing nicole.stoesser@ndm.ox.ac.uk

Ongoing projects

Check out our [website](#) for updates on all other projects

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

Follow us on Twitter @NITCAR_UK



NITCAR

National Infection Teams Collaborative
for Audit and Research

Infection Events

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

Don't panic! 2022

23rd June 2022

Virtual

The [Don't Panic! conference](#) on 23 June **will take place online via Zoom** rather than in Manchester due to the planned national rail strikes.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the Don't panic! conference! This annual event takes a practical approach to current infection control issues and will be of interest to microbiologists, infection control practitioners, public health staff and biomedical scientists working in this area.

[This year's programme](#) includes sessions on

- The old foes haven't disappeared...
- Lessons for IPC in communicating risk
- New/updated guidelines review
- Lessons from the pandemic

This event is of interest to microbiologists, infection control practitioners, public health staff and biomedical scientists.

[Register now!](#)

UK Clinical Vaccine Network Annual Conference

Thursday 30th June 2022

Royal College of Physicians, London

It is with great excitement that we can announce this year's Clinical Vaccine Network Conference will be held in person at the Royal College of Physicians, London.

Hosted on the 30th June, this event will cover a wide spectrum of issues in vaccine development, presentations on the latest research, and the future of vaccines.

Whilst this conference will be made available to join virtually, we thoroughly recommend attending in person to not miss out on this excellent networking opportunity. There will be an array of UK healthcare professionals, and other relevant decision makers who have a specific interest in vaccine intervention in the patient pathway.

UK CVN Organisers:

- Dr Claire Waddington, Cambridge
- Dr Rajeka Lazarus, Bristol
- Dr Susanne Hodgson, Oxford

Programme highlights:

- Reflections on the COVID-19 vaccine roll out - Dame Emily Lawson DBE, Chief Commercial Officer, NHSE
- Barriers to uptake of vaccination in pregnancy – Dr Heather Bailey, Lecturer in Infectious Disease Epidemiology, UCL

- Group B strep vaccine development and plans for challenge model – Professor Kirsty Le Doare, St Georges Hospital, London
- What's new for vaccines in... E. coli, RSV, Herpes Zoster
- Clinical cases... and lots more

Abstract submission open for acceptance as virtual and onsite posters. Closing date is 20th May 2022.

If you have any queries, or would like to enquire about sponsorship of this event, please contact: hayley@pagemedical.co.uk

[Click here to register now](#)

ISSSI 2022

Perth, Australia

28th - 31st August 2022

It is a pleasure to invite you to participate in the 19th International Symposium on Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Infections, which will be held on 28 – 31 August 2022 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre in Perth, Australia.

ISSSI 2022 will cover many interdisciplinary subjects regarding staphylococci and staphylococcal infections. Sessions will be presented by the world's leading experts in each of the research fields. Oral and poster sessions will be an integral part of the program as well, and all delegates are invited to submit abstracts.

Click to [register your interest](#)

24th Annual Conference of the ESCV

7th – 10th September 2022

Manchester

The 24th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Clinical Virology (ESCV) will take place from 7-10 September 2022 in Manchester, United Kingdom.

ESCV 2022 will be the society's first in-person annual meeting since the pandemic began, presenting an outstanding and balanced programme covering the most recent discoveries, innovations and state-of-the-art updates on current areas of interest to virologists.

Late-breaking abstract submission is open, and now accepting new categories such as Monkeypox. We invite you to take an active role at ESCV 2022 and share your findings with the European clinical virology community before the deadline.

Late-Breaking Abstract Submission Deadlines:

Oral Abstracts: 27 June 2022

Poster Abstracts: 25 July 2022

We look forward to welcoming you to ESCV 2022!

[GO TO ESCV 2022 WEBSITE](#)

40th Annual Meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society

8 Sep 2022 – 10 Sep 2022

Graz, Austria

We are pleased to announce the 40th Annual Meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society, which will take place in Graz, Austria, 8-10 September 2022.

The main conference theme is: *Walking along the razor's edge... Challenges and limits in treatment of bone and joint infection*

The programme topics are:

- Bacteriophage therapy
- Definition and diagnostic criteria for PJI
- Fracture-related infection: management strategies
- Native Osteomyelitis
- Optimising post-operative antibiotic therapy
- Periprosthetic joint infection of the upper extremity
- Polymicrobial BJI
- Spinal implanted related infections
- Treatment strategies for hip PJI

Early Registration Deadline: Before 1 July 2022

Find more information on the conference website: <https://ebjis2022.org/>

We hope the scientific programme will be of value to increase your knowledge, improve your future clinical work and build your friendships in the Society.

ESCMID Conference: 13th International Meeting on Microbial Epidemiological Markers (IMMEM XIII)

14th Sep 2022 – 17th Sep 2022

Bath

Establishing whole genome sequencing at the core of epidemiological surveillance

- Platforms for genome-based typing and epidemiology
- Incorporating new data types for real-time, genome-based surveillance
- Genome-based nomenclature
- Zoonosis, intensive food production and One Health
- Genomic epidemiology of neglected pathogens
- Genomic sequencing in LMIC
- The promise of long read sequencing
- Plasmid biology 2.0
- Lessons learned from COVID-19
- Metagenomics and Public Health

[View the programme](#)

[Register now](#) for a reduced fee, until 31st May 2022



FIS / HIS International 2022

London 22- 23 September

Virtual 26 September

We are thrilled to invite you to join the Healthcare Infection Society, the British Infection Association, and the Microbiology Society at [FIS/HIS International 2022](#).

FIS (the Federation of Infection Societies) is an annual conference which delivers a programme of infection-focused science sessions. The event is organised in collaboration with >20 learned societies, groups and organisations who are concerned with infection prevention and control (IPC), infectious diseases, clinical microbiology, and biomedical science.

In 2022 the three-day event will deliver four parallel sessions daily and be hosted by the Healthcare Infection Society, and we are delighted to announce the [programme](#).

Call for abstracts

Delegates are encouraged to submit an abstract for presentation at FIS/HIS International 2022 as either an oral communication (during the free paper sessions on Friday 23 September), as a poster, or both.

Authors can indicate their preferred topic and method of presentation during the online submission process. All abstracts are reviewed by a panel following submission and a decision will be made as to whether to offer an oral or poster communication slot. The presenting author will be notified of the presentation format at the abstract acceptance notification stage. The decision of the panel is final.

Submission procedure

The abstract submission process for FIS/HIS 2022 is via an online submission portal only.

The **deadline for abstract submission is 1 July 2022 at 23:59 BST**. Please note that this is the final deadline date and there will not be a call for late-breaking abstracts.

Guidelines

It is imperative that authors read the [guidelines](#) before online abstract submission as abstracts which do not adhere to the guidelines will not be reviewed.

Full abstract details can be found [here](#)

Registration

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[Register here](#)

Early bird registration deadline: **1st September 2022**

BIA Autumn Trainees Day

Wednesday 9th November 2022

Please join us in Birmingham for the Autumn Trainees' Day, providing trainees with the opportunity to hear lectures on topical issues given by a range of experts, as well as providing a chance to network and contribute to debate.

Further information to follow.

5th Infection Dilemmas Day - Neurological Infections

Thursday 10th November 2022

The Studio, Birmingham

To register please click here: <https://hartleytaylor.co.uk/biac-home/>

ICC 2022

Perth, Australia

27th - 30th November 2022

32nd International Congress of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy, Perth Western Australia.

Further details to follow at [32nd ICC 2022 - 32nd ICC 2022 \(32icc.org\)](https://32icc.org)

Click to [register your interest](#)

Workshops and Courses

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

HTD Centenary Seminars

HTD is sharing learning about clinical management of tropical medicine and imported and emerging infections to celebrate 100 years.

On the fourth Thurs each month 6-7pm in 2022 we'll share learning on:

- Fever in returning traveller
- Malaria and babesia
- Endemic mycoses and cryptococcosis
- Infectious & Tropical histopathology

The next HTD Centenary seminar is on **Emerging arbovirology** on 23 June at 6-7pm.

[Register for future meetings and view content from previous meetings.](#)

CPD accreditation requested. Free to health care professionals.

RCP Education: Long-term programmes

Are you looking for professional development? Our long-term programmes are open for applications:

- **MSc in Medical Education**

The MSc in Medical Education has been designed by the RCP and UCL, designed for doctors wishing to develop their roles as educators.

Applications close on 30 June 2022, apply now: www.rcp.ac.uk/msc-medical-education

- **Emerging Women Leaders Programme**

The Emerging Women Leaders Programme is a development programme designed specifically to address the under-representation of women in leadership roles within the RCP and the wider medical profession.

Applications for the 22/23 cohort are now open, with funded places available. If you have any queries, please contact WomenInMedicine@rcp.ac.uk

Apply now: www.rcp.ac.uk/ewl

- **RCP's six-step course for the new consultant**

The RCP's six-step course for the new consultant includes six contact days and is aimed at those stepping into a consultant role, including post CESR SAS doctors. The programme has been designed by a team consisting of senior clinicians and new consultants, and includes patient representation.

Applications for the 22/23 cohort are now open, and are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Apply now: <https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/rcp-s-six-step-course-new-consultant>

- **International senior clinical leadership programme**

This 5-day residential programme, delivered by Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and the RCP, is aimed at aspiring clinical leaders or those who are already in leadership positions within their organisations.

Register your interest now: <https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/international-senior-clinical-leadership-programme>

Advanced courses + scientific conferences

Wellcome 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

Consultant Medical Microbiologist, Torbay Hospital

A newly created Full-time or part-time post for one permanent Consultant Microbiologist plus. Applicants with dual accreditation in Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases are also welcome to apply, where there will be further opportunities to expand clinical services if required.

Applications are also welcome for a fully accredited Clinical Scientist. The post is full time with a 10 PA allocation and A rating (8%) for Out of Hours work but consideration would be given for either part time or job share.

Closing date: 7th July 2022

[View full information and apply](#)

Clinical Leadership Roles in Specialised Services

We are seeking individuals from a broad range of clinical disciplines and backgrounds, who can bring fresh thinking and innovative ideas, informed by recent experience of clinical delivery in NHS Specialised healthcare.

Whilst prior national experience is not required, we want individuals who are keen and ready to take on these roles. You will be able to demonstrate leadership of change and a commitment to working collaboratively.

Find out more information about the roles on offer and how to apply here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/spec-services/npc-crg/clinical-leadership-review/>

The closing date for applications is **27 June 2022**

Kind regards,
Specialised Commissioning
NHS England and NHS Improvement

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