

# NEWSLETTER

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NITCAR is a network of UK infection trainees working together on infection related projects and publications.

### Upcoming Projects

#### **Necrotising Otitis Externa (NOE) project**, Trainee Lead: Dr Susanne Hodgson – **NEW PROJECT**

*A national prospective case series aiming to collect key epidemiological, diagnostic and management data on necrotising otitis externa in adults.*

This project has obtained funding from the Dunhill Medical Trust and the Mason Medical Foundation. The work will be a collaboration between Infection, ENT and Radiology specialists across all participating sites.

**Current planned start date:** Site Training December 2020 with recruitment initiation at all sites by March 2021. Contact [IONOE@ndm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:IONOE@ndm.ox.ac.uk) for further information and to get involved.

### Ongoing projects

#### **National Audit of Meningitis Management (NAMM)**, Lead: Dr Fiona McGill

*Evaluating adherence to the 2016 UK guidelines on the management of adult community-acquired meningitis*

This project has completed and the manuscript is being prepared for submission

#### **Native Vertebral Osteomyelitis project (NVO)**, Trainee Leads: Drs Rachel Bousfield, Isobel Ramsay, Ben Warne

*Evaluating the treatment of native vertebral osteomyelitis (NVO) nationally compared to IDSA Guidelines 2015, and investigating research gaps identified within the IDSA guidelines*

The NVO manuscript has undergone revisions and has been circulated to contributors for comment.

#### **Complicated intra-ABdominal Infections (CABI) project**, Trainee Lead: Dr Shadia Ahmed

*A national audit of current practice in relation to management of complicated intra-abdominal infection (CABI)*

This paper is undergoing revisions at the request of the intended journal, with resubmission planned for end of September 2020.

### Other News

- **NITCAR will be at FIS!** - Our NITCAR@FIS session is 11:00-12:15 on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. We will focus on setting research priorities in the field of Infection. Come and join the debate!
- **CALL FOR PROJECT IDEAS!** - NITCAR is actively looking for new project proposals for 2020-2021. If you have a project idea that might benefit from our multi-centre network, please get in touch with us via the contact form on our website <http://nitcollaborative.org.uk/wp/contact/>. The upcoming project proposals will be presented in the NITCAR session of the Autumn BIA Trainees Meeting Thursday 15th October.
- A standard policy on authorship of projects supported by NITCAR has been developed and can be viewed on our website at <http://nitcollaborative.org.uk/documents/>

**We are keen to hear from you, so please contact us if you are interested in any of the projects listed, have an idea for a future project or would just like to know more about NITCAR!**

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