

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2021



NITCAR

National Infection Trainee Collaborative
for Audit and Research

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

Currently Recruiting

National Audit of the Management of Encephalitis (NAME), Lead: Dr Amanda Fitzgerald

Evaluating adherence to the 2012 UK guidelines on the management of both adult and paediatric encephalitis.

Current planned start date: Already in progress. Recruitment will be ongoing till May 2021, if you are interested in joining this project please contact interest@name.nitcollaborative.org.uk

Gentamicin Prescribing and Monitoring (GPM), Lead: Dr Raqib Huq

A multicentre audit and service evaluation of extended-interval gentamicin prescribing and monitoring

This multi-centre project aims to audit current practice against local policies and describe clinical outcomes using different strategies in GPM.

Current planned start date: May 2021. Please register interest in this project by contacting interest@gpm.nitcollaborative.org.uk

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

This project has completed and the NVO manuscript has undergone revisions and has been circulated to contributors for comment.

Necrotising Otitis Externa (NOE) project, Trainee Lead: Dr Susanne Hodgson

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

This study has fully recruited, and patient enrolment is in progress. Please contact interest@noe.nitcollaborative.org.uk for further details

Other News

- **Read the latest publication from the completed NITCAR project** - Complicated intra-ABdominal Infections (CABI) project [here](#)
- **NITCAR will be at the (virtual) BIA Spring Trainees Meeting** – Join us for the AGM at the lunchtime session [Wednesday 19th May](#).
- **CALL FOR PROJECT IDEAS!** - NITCAR is actively looking for new project proposals for 2021-2022. 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/>.

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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