

NEWS

NICE are considering appraisal of bezlotoxumab for preventing recurrent Clostridium difficile infection ID1068.

Up to 2 representatives from BIA are invited to attend their scoping workshop in central London on **Tuesday 17th January at 2pm**. If you are interested in attending please email anna.goodman@gstt.nhs.uk before **19th December** with your name, email address, job title and contact number.

Also, please reply if you have consultation comments and in particular views on the following questions:

Do you consider bezlotoxumab to be innovative in its potential to make a significant and substantial impact on health-related benefits and how it might improve the way that current need is met (is this a 'step-change' in the management of the condition)?

Do you consider that the use of bezlotoxumab can result in any potential significant and substantial health-related benefits that are unlikely to be included in the QALY calculation?

Please identify the nature of the data which you understand to be available to enable the Appraisal Committee to take account of these benefits.

NHS England has announced the funding of a major extension to the national HIV prevention programme

led by Public Health England with the aim of supporting those most at risk and reducing the incidence of HIV infection. The new HIV initiative follows the recent Court of Appeal ruling that NHS England, alongside local authorities, has the power, although not the obligation, to fund the provision of anti-retroviral drugs for the prevention of HIV, known as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). See [NHS England website](#)

Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Training Fellowship (Health Priorities in Resource-Limited Settings) Clinical Infection, Microbiology & Immunology

The University of Liverpool and Liverpool School of Tropical medicine seek applications from medical or veterinary graduates for their 9th annual cohort of Clinical PhD studentships, commencing 1 September 2017 and funded by the Wellcome Trust. Closing date: 13 January 2017. See [Jobs page](#)

New reports from the RCP

[*Being a junior doctor: Experiences from the front line*](#)

[*Keeping medicine brilliant: Improving working conditions in the acute setting*](#)

SMI V 11: HIV screening and confirmation (Reissued November 2016)

See [PHE website](#)

NICE guideline on HIV testing: increasing uptake among people who may have undiagnosed HIV

This final guideline has now been published on the [NICE website](#)

OOPE opportunity

PHE has funded trainees in Microbiology or Micro/ID for short-term secondments; there is now funding available for short and long-term out of programme experiences in public health facilities. Applicants are currently being sought for a suitably senior (post FRCPath part II) Microbiology, Micro/ID trainee for a 12-18 month OOPE in Lao PDR. [Click for information.](#)

H C Roscoe grant for research into the common cold or other viral diseases

This grant is open for applications until **3rd March 2017**. See [Grants page](#) for information.

Graham Bull prize in clinical science and Goulstonian Lectureship

Applications are invited by **31st March 2017**. See [RCP website](#) for information.

Help required with survey on social media in healthcare

PhD student in the Netherlands is requesting help in the form of completing an online questionnaire. [Click for further details.](#)

RECENTLY ANNOUNCED EVENTS

15 March 2017	TB in 2017: Turning the Tide? (London)
19 March 2017	BSMM Scientific Meeting (Birmingham)
22-23 March 2017	Infectious and Global Nephrology course (London)
16 May 2017	6 th World Congress on Leishmaniasis (Spain)
17-19 May 2017	Applied Bioinformatics & Public Health Microbiology (Cambridge)