

BIA Monthly Digest – 15th November 2016

NEWS

World Antibiotics Awareness Week

Takes place this week, 14-20 November, with European Antibiotics Awareness Day on 18th November. You are encouraged to become an Antibiotics Guardian. Resources are available to help promote the importance of appropriate use of antibiotics.

See [BIA webpage](#)

BIA Newsletter

The Winter 2016 BIA newsletter was published on 31st October.

See [Newsletter page](#)

BIA Infection Dilemmas

A mixture of difficult and challenging cases are drawn from real life, all presented by experts using interactive key pad voting throughout. Cases will be presented for discussion from ID specialists dealing with a variety of immunocompromised patients, returning travellers and patients with unexplained PUO. The meeting is chaired by Prof Martin Wiselka and Prof David Dockrell, and takes place on 26th January 2017.

See [BIA webpage](#)

Judicial Ruling on Prep (Pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV)

On 10th November 2016 the Court of Appeal ruled that NHS England has responsibility for funding Prep for prevention of HIV infection in those at high risk of the disease.

See [BIA webpage](#) for more information and related links.

Sepsis Scoping Report

We are pleased to let you know that Professor Dean and Julie Screatton's work exploring the current state of sepsis education and training for healthcare staff across England is now available to access on the [HEE website](#) and the [BIA Updates page](#)

Joint NICE/NHS England consultation on changes to the Technology Appraisals and Highly Specialised Technologies programmes

This consultation is available via the [NICE website](#) and will run until **Friday 13 January 2017**.

Please respond by **11th January** and inform BIA@Hartleytaylor.co.uk to receive a CPD certificate.

CPD certificate for commenting on a consultation

If you are commenting on any consultation as an individual or on behalf of another organisation such as RCPATH and you belong to the BIA please do copy your form to BIA@Hartleytaylor.co.uk. You will receive a CPD certificate for commenting on a consultation and we will incorporate your individual/other organisation response into the response of the BIA.

UK National Screening Committee consultation: Screening for Group B Streptococcus in pregnancy

This consultation is open until **27th January 2017**.

See [Consultations page](#)

TARGET webinar series: How to optimise antibiotic prescribing in primary care

PHE and BSAC, working with primary care colleagues, have developed a series of 7 free TARGET antibiotics webinars highlighting key easy actions to help improve antibiotic prescribing.

There is an option to take part in live Q&A sessions, where you can receive CPD points. Although the webinars have started, the programme continues until December.

- No.1 02/11/16 Introductory case studies
- No.2 09/11/16 Assessing the need for antibiotics
- No.3 16/11/16 Managing patient expectations
- No.4 23/11/16 Back-up prescriptions
- No.5 30/11/16 Prescribing in UTI
- No.6 07/12/16 Antibiotics for children
- No.7 14/12/16 Common practice approach

See [TARGET website](#)

SMI TP 40: Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionisation - time of flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF MS) test procedure

This UK SMI has recently been issued; see [PHE webpage](#)

NICE committee member to develop guidelines on public health

NICE is looking for a health economist with experience of expert committee work in a relevant setting and an understanding of the social, political, economic and professional influences on NICE. Further details are available on the [NICE website](#). The deadline for applications is **01/12/16 at 17:00**.

Guidance documents withdrawn from UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations (SMIs)

Eight Clinical Related Guidance documents have been WITHDRAWN from UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations (SMIs). These are:

- G2: microbiological investigations of patients with acute lymphadenopathy and fever
- G3: Chlamydial zoonotic infections
- G4: Investigation of viral encephalitis and meningitis
- G5: Investigation of hepatitis
- G6: Investigation of vesicular rashes
- G7: Investigation of red rash
- G8: Respiratory viruses
- G9: Investigation of specimens for ectoparasites

This is due to the expansion of the Virology UK SMI templates to allow more information to be included in the documents and the continuing work on the User Manual.

See [PHE website](#) for further information

[UK SMI U 1: National user manual template](#) (ISSUED)

Comments that have been received as part of the consultation process for the development of the UK SMI can be seen in the associated [review of users' comments](#) document. Anyone who does not want their comment(s) to be in the RUC document should let the Standards Unit know.

RECENTLY ANNOUNCED EVENTS

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| 16 Nov 2016 | Transforming the face of sexual health services; London |
| 26 Jan 2017 | BIA Infection Dilemmas day; Manchester |
| 30 Jan 2017 | RIPL Trainee Day; Porton Down |
| 9 Feb 2017 | Priorities for the health and social care workforce and Health Education England: recruitment, leadership and the impact of Brexit on the NHS; London |
| 22 Feb 2017 | Zika virus conference; Washington DC |
| 13 Mar 2017 | TB is changing; Oxford |
| 16 Mar 2017 | Medicine 2017: RCP Annual Conference |
| 20/21 Mar 2017 | Superbugs & Superdrugs; Oxford |

Further details of these and other infection-related events can be found on the website's [Events section](#)

