

# NEWSLETTER

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# 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.

### 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.*

It is hoped data from this newly accepted project will inform the development of a national guideline for the diagnosis and management of NOE. INTEGRATE, the UK ENT trainee collaborative, will participate in this project alongside NITCAR. A Delphi process is currently underway to develop a standard case definition for NOE, with over 70 responses in the first round.

**Current planned start date:** January - February 2020

#### **Urine sample authorisation audit**, Trainee lead: Dr Sarah James

*A project assessing variation in urine sample authorisation practice in microbiology laboratories across the UK.*

This project is in a developmental stage. A subgroup of the NITCAR committee will meet with the trainee lead to assist progress.

### 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*

The findings of NAMM will be presented at both FIS and the Meningitis Research Foundation conference in November 2019.

#### **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 been written and 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)*

The paper has undergone revisions and has been resubmitted with the outcome awaited.

### Other News

- **NITCAR will be at FIS!** - Our NITCAR@FIS session is at 11:30am on Thursday 14 November where the latest updates from the necrotising otitis externa project will be presented. Our NITCAR reps will also be present at the BIA stand, so please come along and say hello.
- 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/wp/documents/>
- **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/>

**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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