

BIA Monthly Digest – 16th June 2021

News Items

BIA/RCPATH Micro/ID Workforce Survey

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for robust, appropriately staffed, infection services. In collaboration with RCPATH, the BIA has produced a workforce and workload survey in an attempt to capture the work we do as infection specialists and to identify any gaps in the workforce. Deadline has been extended to **5pm Friday 18th June**.

We would appreciate it if one member of each Trust, Pathology network or other NHS organisation could be nominated to complete and return the survey.

The link to the survey is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YMSB82C>

A pdf copy of the survey can be found [here](#) and may prove useful when seeking input from colleagues.

Please distribute to your regional network, reminding them that only ONE member of each Trust, pathology network or other NHS organisation should be nominated to complete and return this survey.

COVID-19 Therapeutics Advice & Support Group (CTAG)

BIA continues to support the work of the COVID-19 Therapeutics Advice & Support Group (CTAG). CTAG has been established by a group of Drugs and Therapeutics Committees, Area Prescribing Committees and specialists to provide advice and support in the management of COVID-19 whilst national guidelines evolve.

Its ongoing work is supported by BIA and the Royal College of Physicians through the Joint Specialist Committee on Infectious Diseases.

Please visit the [CTAG website](#) for more information.

LearnInfection a learning platform for infection trainees

LearnInfection is an online resource for infection trainees to test, learn and share knowledge on infection topics and best practice. Aimed at BIA trainees, it is available to all BIA members and can be accessed using your BIA login details.

Please take a look at <https://learn.britishinfection.org/>

Guidelines

Consultations

See [Consultations](#) page for full information of all open consultations

British Infection Association Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Enteric Fever in England

To take part in the consultation process please click on the link below to access the document

[British Infection Association Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Enteric Fever in England](#)

Click to view the [Guidance Figures](#) and [Executive Summary](#)

Please send comments to Anna Goodman Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk by **5:00pm, 30th June 2021** using the [consultation form](#)

[Published Guidelines](#)

See [Published Guidelines](#) page for full information of all guidelines published

[Clinical Infection in Practice \(CLIP\)](#)

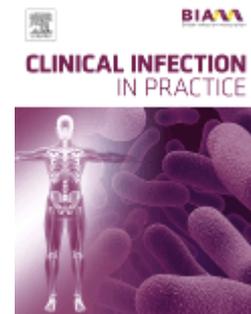
CLIP, the online BIA journal is available [here](#)

The Journal provides a forum for the advancement of knowledge and discussion of clinical infection in practice. It will embrace relevant clinical research and clinical management issues, including case reports and case series demonstrating novel or interesting findings.

The CLIP Editor in Chief is Professor Martin Wiselka supported by a distinguished Editorial team.

Visit the [Elsevier website](#) for further information

To submit an article please [click here](#).



[NITCAR Update](#)

See [BIA NITCAR](#) page for more information

Regional and supra-regional audit and research collaboratives exist to facilitate larger scale audits, service evaluations and research projects. The aim of the National Infection Trainee Collaborative for Audit and Research (NITCAR) is to facilitate such multi-centre projects within the field of infection.



CO-GENT

Clinical Outcomes in Gentamicin Prescribing and Monitoring: National Audit

A multicentre audit and service evaluation of extended-interval gentamicin prescribing and monitoring (GPM), to assess current practice, audit practice against local policies, and describe clinical outcomes using different strategies in GPM.

Sites will be invited to express interest from April 2021. Project lead: Dr Raqib Huq

Please express your interest by emailing interest@co-gent.nitcollaborative.org.uk

The Protocol is available [here](#).

We are planning to open for data collection in June 2021 and will disseminate the data collection tool to newly recruited centres in due course.

VALUE 4C

EVALUation of National Implementation of the ISARIC 4C Mortality Score in United Kingdom hospitals

This is a national project aiming to gain a greater understanding of the use of the 4C mortality score in UK hospitals.

We are recruiting sites NOW as of **3rd June 2021!**

We aim to have data collection completed by the end of August 2021- we would welcome expressions of interest ASAP!

Email us at value4c@nitcollaborative.org.uk.

Trainee Leads: Dr Andrew Blunsum, Dr Jonathan Perkins. Principal investigator: Dr Antonia Ho

If you would like further information about NITCAR, or would like to ask us a question, please go to our website - www.nitcollaborative.org.uk

Infection Events

See [Infection Events](#) page for full information

ECCMID 2021

9th - 12th July 2021

Online meeting

The 31st European Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases (ECCMID), will take place online 9 – 12 July 2021.

The usual ECCMID scientific symposia, keynote lectures, meet-the-expert sessions and educational workshops will all be present, in addition to exciting new ECCMID formats tailor-made for online delivery. Be sure to join us for the keynote fireplace discussions and online escape room, amongst other new initiatives.

Click for the [programme](#) and to [register](#)

Pre-ECCMID Days

#5 AMR (30 June)

[Pre-ECCMID Day on Antimicrobial Resistance](#)

36th BACCN Annual and 2nd Virtual Conference 2021

“Critical Care Across the World: Breaking Down Barriers”

13th – 14th September 2021

Virtual conference

Keynote Speakers

Dr Calvin Moorley, Katie Dutton and Peter Nydahl

Research Symposium (facilitated by Dr Suzanne Bench)

BACCN and ASPIH Simulation Collaboration and Poster Competition (facilitated by Colette Laws-Chapman)

Humanising Critical Care (facilitated by Kate Tantom)

“Critical Care Course Poster” Competition - New for 2021

Click for [full conference details](#) or to [register](#)

Infection Prevention 2021

27 – 29 September

ACC, Liverpool, United Kingdom | Online

Microorganisms and healthcare continually evolve, IP2021 is your best opportunity to stay up to date.

The three-day conference, will present the latest scientific evidence from around the globe to enable you to recognise, understand and address current and emerging risks.

We have provisioned for a hybrid element for 2021 to allow those who will be unable to join us physically to still enjoy the conference.

Highlights:

- World class [programme](#) including the legacy and learning from a pandemic from renowned national and international speakers
- Largest UK infection prevention [exhibition](#)
- [Call for abstracts](#) now open, for posters and presentations on the most current and critical IPC themes
- Networking opportunities
- [Opportunity to join virtually](#)

Full details and registration can be found online: <https://www.ips.uk.net/conference/>

39th Annual Meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society

7th – 9th October 2021

Ljubljana, Slovenia

The main conference theme is: Joining forces: optimising diagnosis and management of bone and joint infections.

Click to [view the programme](#)

Find more information on the conference website: [Click here](#)



FIS 2021: Federation of Infection Societies Conference 2021

The Federation of Infection Societies Conference 2021 is the largest UK infection conference that brings together delegates involved in all aspects of infection from basic science, infection prevention, antimicrobial stewardship and clinical practice.

5 November | Manchester

The face-to-face day of conference will feature the FIS plenary lectures, networking opportunities, oral papers and exhibition

8 – 9 November | Online

The 2 online days will comprise a 3-stream programme which includes sessions hosted by a broad selection of the infection community, online posters and sponsors area

Call for abstracts now open: submission deadline **Friday 27 August**

[Submit now](#)

Programme, abstract submission and registration available: <https://fitwise.eventsair.com/fis-2021/>

Workshops and Courses

See [Workshops and Courses](#) page for more information

Tuberculosis, Postgraduate Certificate (1-year Part-time Distance Learning)

This new programme will provide a comprehensive overview of Tuberculosis with an emphasis on prevention, diagnosis, and management of drug-susceptible Tuberculosis.

The programme has been developed for trainees and consultants in infection specialities and respiratory medicine; it can also be taken by nurses and public health workers, and practitioners with experience in Tuberculosis.

Next course starting in **September 2021**.

For further information [click here](#)

Advanced courses + scientific conferences

Wellcome Genome Campus Advanced Courses and Scientific Conferences is the only UK-based programme providing open postgraduate courses and conferences focused on biomedicine. We fund, develop and deliver training and conferences that span basic research, cutting-edge biomedicine, and the application of genomics in healthcare.

Please [click here](#) to view upcoming virtual courses and conferences

Vacancies

See [BIA Jobs](#) page for full information

Patient Public Voice partners - NHS England

NHS England and NHS Improvement is currently recruiting new [Patient Public Voice](#) partners to support the commissioning of specialised services. These roles are for a range of service user voices with specific health experiences to join our Programmes of Care and Clinical Reference Groups. All are strategic roles which attract an involvement payment in line with our PPV Partners policy.

Patient and public voice roles available which may be of particular interest are on:

- [Infectious Diseases CRG](#)
- [Specialised Immunology and Allergy Services CRG](#)

Full details of all the roles available and how to apply [Click Here](#). Please do take a look at the opportunities, and forward onto anyone you think may be keen to apply.

The closing date for applications is midnight on **20th June 2021**.

Consultant in Infection / Medical Microbiology / Virology

East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust

Applications are invited from existing consultants or specialist registrars who are within 6 months of CCT for a full time 11 PA replacement Consultant in Infection/Medical Microbiology/Virology post.

This is a replacement post for a medically qualified appointee to consultant level to be part of a clinical infection team comprising 6 consultants (5 medical and 1 clinical scientist) and 2 clinical fellows.

Main duties of the job

The successful candidate will become part of a cohesive consultant team who cover the entire gamut of infection diagnostics (microbiology, virology) and clinical infection services, providing a clinical, diagnostic and infection control service to community and secondary care facilities in east Kent in conjunction with infection control nurses, antimicrobial pharmacists and laboratory staff.

You will have, or will be encouraged to develop, a special interest and areas of expertise to complement the skills of the rest of the team. The philosophy of the service is to work in a collegiate fashion to provide support to colleagues and enhance the quality of clinical care.

Click for [full details and to apply](#)

Closing date: **4th July 2021**