

# NEWSLETTER

## SUMMER 2019

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



National Infection Trainee Collaborative  
for Audit and Research

### 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.*

This project will involve close working with INTEGRATE, the UK ENT trainee collaborative, allowing a multidisciplinary approach. It is hoped data from this work will inform the development of a national guideline for the diagnosis and management of NOE. A Delphi process is currently underway to establish a standard case definition for NOE to be used in the study.

**Current planned start date:** January 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 remains in the development phase, with protocol writing currently underway.

### 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*

Data collection is complete and analysis of the results is beginning.

**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*

A first draft of the manuscript is being internally reviewed, aiming to circulate to contributors by the end of August 2019.

**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 manuscript has undergone revisions following feedback and is due to be submitted.

### Other News

- Congratulations to **Dr Damian Mawer and NITCAR contributors** on the publication of our first project in the Journal of Hospital Infection - "Cross-sectional study of the prevalence, causes and management of hospital-onset diarrhoea". A huge amount of effort and commitment has gone into this piece of work - well done!
- A standard policy on authorship of projects supported by NITCAR is in the process of being developed and will hopefully be available shortly. If you have any comments about authorship or what you would like to see on the policy, please contact us at the email addresses below.

**We are keen to hear from you so please get in touch 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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