

BIA Monthly Digest – 18th December 2018

News Items

NITCAR Update

NITCAR's latest project – The NAMM (national audit of meningitis management) project will be recruiting new sites until the end of the year, get in touch if you are interested.

See [NITCAR](#) page

UK SMI Re-issued.

[SMI TP 3: Agglutination test for Salmonella species](#) , [review of users' comments](#) (REISSUED)

[SMI TP 19: indole test](#) , [review of users' comments](#) (REISSUED)

[SMI TP 21: motility test](#) , [review of users' comments](#) (REISSUED)

[SMI TP 24: ONPG \(Beta-Galactosidase\) test](#) , [review of users' comments](#) (REISSUED)

[SMI TP 25: optochin test](#) , [review of users' comments](#) (REISSUED)

Comments that have been received as part of the consultation process for the development of the UK SMIs 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.

Your attention is drawn to the [terms of use](#) of the website, which you must read before accessing the documents.

In cases of difficulties please contact the Standards Unit (standards@phe.gov.uk).

Rapid Tests for Group A Streptococcal infections in people with a sore throat

The final scope and final assessment protocol for the assessment of **Rapid Tests for Group A Streptococcal infections in people with a sore throat** have been published on NICE website.

Please follow this link to the topic webpage: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-dg10025>

Documents are accessible via the 'project documents' tab.

Please note, this is just for information and you do not need to comment at this point.

NICE antimicrobial resistance impact report

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence ([NICE](#)) has published [a new impact report](#) on antimicrobial resistance (AMR). This focuses on how NICE's evidence-based guidance can change prescribing practice to help slow the emergence of AMR and ensure that antimicrobials remain effective treatments for managing infections.

This is the 6th in a series of impact reports which look at how NICE's evidence-based guidance is being used in priority areas of the health and care system. Our impact reports are based on data from national audits, reports, survey and indicator frameworks that show the uptake of our guidance and quality statement measures. You can access all of our impact reports on the [NICE website](#).

If you require further information or have any questions, please get in touch with Setal.Bachelard@nice.org.uk

Reminders

BMA Foundation Grants – open for applications 1st January 2019 - see [Grants](#) page

Current Consultations

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

[UK SMI V 28: investigation of cytomegalovirus infection](#) (UNDER CONSULTATION)

Please send comments by **27th December 2018 5:00pm** using the consultation form provided on the website.

[Updated Good Practice Recommendations for outpatient parenteral antimicrobial therapy \(OPAT\) in adults and children in the UK](#)

The draft Updated Good Practice Recommendations for outpatient parenteral antimicrobial therapy (OPAT) in adults and children in the UK is now available for public consultation. This document has been prepared by a sub-committee of the OPAT Standing Committee, led by Dr Ann Chapman, in line with the BSAC's policy for Guideline production.

The draft document and response form are available to download from: <http://e-opat.com/publications/>

Your input will significantly enhance this document. Please return your comments to chorner@bsac.org.uk by 5pm, Wednesday 9th January 2019.

Digest Only

Global Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Mucormycosis: An initiative of the ECMM in cooperation with ESCMID/EFISG and MSG ERC

We invite you to carefully read the draft and to address any opportunities to improve the guidance document.

Document attached to digest distribution email.

Please provide comments or approval to Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk by 2nd January 2019

Recently Announced Events

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

3rd Infection Dilemmas Day

Thursday 24th January 2019

Manchester Conference Centre, Sackville Street, Manchester M1 3BB

Register here: <https://hartleytaylor.co.uk/BIA6/>

12th BIA HIV Dilemmas Day

Friday 25th January 2019

Manchester Conference Centre, Sackville Street, Manchester M1 3BB

Register here: <https://hartleytaylor.co.uk/BIA5/>

Early bird rate open until 17th December 2018

8th Annual Oxford Bone Infection Conference

Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd March 2019

Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

We need you to share your ideas, research and clinical findings and present these to your peers either as a selected oral presentation or selected poster. These can be any projects related to the field of bone and joint infection whether lab based or clinical.

For more information on the submission of abstracts and to register visit:

<https://hartleytaylor.co.uk/OBIO/>

37th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases

Abstract Submission and Travel Award Application for ESPID 2019 is now open.

[Review the topics](#) and [submit your abstract](#) by January 15, 2019.

You can also apply for the [ESPID Annual Meeting Travel Award](#) and receive a travel grant for the 2019 Meeting. Applications will be accepted until January 16, 2019.

19th International Congress on Infectious Diseases (ICID), Kuala Lumpur

February 20th – 23rd, 2020

The ISID will hold its next International Congress on Infectious Diseases (19th ICID) in Kuala Lumpur from 20-23 February 2020, <https://icid.isid.org>, in partnership with the Malaysian Society for Infectious Diseases and Chemotherapy (MSIDC).

Working Groups

[Join the Food Standards Agency's expert committees and help us ensure food safety](#)

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) is recruiting for 40 new experts, including microbiologists, to join its Scientific Advisory Committees. Experts will have a unique role in helping to ensure the regulation for food safety continues to be informed by the best independent scientific advice after the UK leaves the EU.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 4th January 2019**. Interviews will take place in February 2019.

Visit the FSA SAC [recruitment page](#) for more information on the roles and how to apply. For any further queries, please email SACrecruitment@food.gov.uk or call 020 7276 8912.

Vacancies

See [Jobs](#) page for full information

Associate Professor/Professor of Infectious Diseases, Sydney. Closing date: 13th January 2019.

Liverpool PHD Programme Fellowship Posts. Closing date 18th January 2019.

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