

BIA Monthly Digest – 20th November 2019

News Items

Indicators Advisory Committee meeting – Tuesday 3 December 2019

The public registration facility to observe the committee meeting for the Indicators Advisory Committee is now open on the NICE website. If you would like to register for this committee meeting, please do so via the following web page: <https://www.nice.org.uk/event/iac-december-2019>

NITCAR Update

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

The National Infection Trainee Collaborative for Audit and Research (NITCAR) accepted a new project, which aims to collate a dataset of necrotising otitis externa cases from across the UK. The project has now launched and is recruiting interested centres. Further information please visit <http://nitcollaborative.org.uk/wp/noe/>.

The National Audit of Meningitis Management (NAMM) initial findings were presented at FIS 2019.

The NITCAR Autumn Newsletter is [now available](#).

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

Medical Microbiology SAC: The launch of the newly revised model job descriptions

The College has now launched the revised model job descriptions and supporting documents. They are available at: <https://www.rcpath.org/profession/employing-pathologists/employing-doctors.html>

NICE guideline on diabetic foot problems: prevention and management – partial guideline update

The partial update on diabetic foot problems: prevention and management has now been published. The partial update covers diabetic foot infection and antimicrobial prescribing.

The recommendations from this guideline has been included in the NICE Pathway on diabetes which brings together everything we have said on diabetes in an interactive flowchart. There is brief information about the guideline for people using services, carers and the public at 'Information for the public'.

[Click here](#) for more information

Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)

CLIP, a new official journal of the BIA, first edition published September 2019 and available online [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](#). BIA will waive the publishing charges for the first 25 accepted papers for BIA trainee and associate members who are currently training and/or working in healthcare in the UK and Ireland.

Grants

See [Grants](#) page for full information of all grants available

All grants for 2019 have now been awarded for 2019, with the final Travel Award round closing 31st October.

Guidelines

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

Published Guidelines

Draft guidelines on pneumonia: antimicrobial prescribing

The following final guidelines have now been published:

- [Pneumonia \(community-acquired\): antimicrobial prescribing](#)
- [Pneumonia \(hospital-acquired\): antimicrobial prescribing](#)

You can also find the supporting evidence, as well as all the stakeholder comments that we received during consultation and the responses to these comments. The comments were invaluable in helping us to develop and refine the guidelines. We have also produced equality impact assessments to support the guidelines.

Consultations

TARGET Treating Your Infection Leaflet Survey

The TARGET team have recently been working with community pharmacy staff to trial the:

- [TARGET Treating Your Infection \(TYI\)– uncomplicated UTI leaflet](#) and
- [TARGET TYI – older adults UTI leaflet](#)

Findings from our evaluation in care homes and general practice, and preliminary findings from our evaluation in community pharmacy have suggested that a new leaflet combining the content of both of these could be appropriate for these settings. With this in mind, we have an initial draft of what this 'leaflet for adults with suspected UTI' could look like (attached).

Please provide your comments using the following short survey; it will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete: <https://surveys.phe.org.uk/expertconsultationUTIleaflet#>

We would appreciate your feedback by **9am Monday 25th November**.

UK SMI S 7: Gastroenteritis Under Consultation

Public Health England is seeking views on the UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations S 7, which apply to gastroenteritis.

For further information and to submit comments via the consultation form [click here](#)

This consultation closes at **5pm on 25 November 2019**

Infection Events

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

Trainee education day – IPC in specialised settings

Tuesday 26th November 2019
Manchester Conference Centre

The Healthcare Infection Society runs a structured trainee education programme specifically for medical microbiology, medical virology and infectious diseases trainees which is aligned to the RCPATH curricula. This day on IPC in specialised settings is one of the 9 trainee education days in the programme. The current programme can be viewed [here](#).

Attendance is free for HIS trainee members. [Click here to register](#).

Antibiotic Resistance and Mechanisms Workshop for Researchers

Thursday 28th – Friday 29th November 2019
Holiday Inn, Birmingham City Centre

Click to visit the [Website](#)

To view the programme and register please click on the following link to download the registration form [ARM Programme and Registration Form completed](#) registrations should be sent to dirwin@bsac.org.uk

RSPH: What is the future of water in Public Health?

Thursday 12th December, 2019
University of Sheffield, The Edge, 34 Endcliffe Crescent, Sheffield, S10 3ED

Join the Royal Society for Public Health at this one-day conference for students, health researchers and water professionals to share the latest advances in health-related water topics and network with others in the field. Topics will cover microbiology, chemical contamination, and engineering measures, and will include a mix of keynote sessions, abstract sessions and poster sessions.

All delegates will receive 5 CPD credits. Prices start from only £25.

More information and to book your place [click here](#)

BIA 4th Infection Dilemmas Day

23rd January 2020
Cotton Theatre, Manchester Conference Centre, 78 Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3BB

Chairs: Dr Hiten Thaker, Hull & Dr Stephane Paulus, Oxford

In association with BPAIIG, a mixture of difficult and challenging cases drawn from real life will be presented by experts using interactive keypad voting throughout.

Suitable for consultants and trainees with an interest in paediatric and adolescent infectious diseases.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

HIV Dilemmas Day

24th January 2020

Cotton Theatre, Manchester Conference Centre, 78 Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3BB

CPD Approval Pending (Royal College of Pathologists)

A mixture of difficult and challenging cases drawn from real life, all presented by experts using interactive keypad voting throughout.

Suitable for consultants and trainees from all specialities who look after people with HIV.

For further information and to register [click here](#)

HIS/PHE Foundation course in infection prevention and control

21st – 24th January 2020

PHE, Colindale

This four-day non-residential course, organised by HIS and Public Health England is held annually in January, is a stand-alone course, with the opportunity to learn from the leading UK experts in the field. The course will allow medical trainees, newly appointed consultants and other practitioners such as nurses and clinical scientists to gain a firm grounding in infection prevention and control.

The learning outcomes will focus on:

- Developing a sound approach to the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections (HCAI) and related issues of antimicrobial resistance (AMR)
- Learning how to develop a surveillance programme and gain knowledge of data collection, analysis and feedback to produce information for action
- Outbreaks: learning about prevention and control with emphasis on investigation and data analysis
- Learning how to use molecular typing techniques for outbreak investigation
- Introducing technical aspects of hospital hygiene eg ventilation, disinfection and sterilisation
- Understanding the basis of antimicrobial stewardship
- Covering organisational aspects of HCAI prevention and control.

Previously this course has been approved by the Royal College of Pathologists for 24 CPD credits. Accreditation will be sought for 2020.

To view the programme, find out more or register, [please click here](#).

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).

9th Advances Against Aspergillosis and Murcormycosis

Thursday 27th – Saturday 29th February 2020

Palazzo dei Congressi Lugano, Lugano, Switzerland

[AAAM2020 Programme](#)

Registration

Online registrations are now open - [click here to register](#)

For further details please [click here](#)

9th Annual Oxford Bone Infection Conference (OBIC)

26th March 2020 – 27th March 2020

Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG

Audience:

The underlying principle of OBIC is multi-disciplinary working. We invite all grades of orthopaedic and trauma surgeons, plastic surgeons, infection specialists, nursing and therapy staff and researchers to attend.

Programme:

Internationally renowned speakers will deliver state-of-the-art talks, including the prestigious Cierny-Mader lecture which is invited each year to honour 'excellence and innovation in the multidisciplinary management of bone and joint infection'.

The programme will include lectures, workshops and interactive sessions including:

- **Do's and don'ts - An (evidence based) approach to...** Diagnosis of bone and joint infection / Surgical management of prosthetic joint infection / Wound closure
- **Something understood:** Biofilm / Local antibiotics / Biomaterials and bugs
 - How I treat long bone infection
 - Rehabilitation – managing expectations
 - Engaging the research agenda
 - Trials and big data
- **Making the most of what we know:** Why bother with a BIU? / How are we GIRFTING? / Update on diagnostic criteria and standards
- **New horizons:** Bacterial metabolism and nanobubbles / Update on bacteriophages / Direct from tissue diagnostics

Call for abstracts:

We need you to share your ideas, research and clinical findings with 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.

We are also asking for challenging cases to be submitted for interactive audience discussion during the conference. These should be submitted in abstract form with a view to providing slides later.

Please submit the best and most thought-provoking abstracts you can muster – the team at OBIC will be very pleased to receive them.

There will be prizes for the best poster and oral presentations. To submit an abstract please click here: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/1599/submissions/new>

For registration information please [click here](#)

BIA 23rd Annual Spring Scientific Meeting 2020

Thursday 21st May 2020

Manchester Conference Centre, Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3BB

Further information to follow

Workshops and Courses

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

Physician Leadership and Management Skills Workshop - A Co-learning Event for Consultants and Senior Trainees at the Kings Fund

Trainee program 27th - 28th November

Consultant program 28th – 29th November

The Kings Fund, Cavendish Square, London

We are delighted to present a medical leadership for senior trainees and consultants. The course is delivered in association with the Kings Fund, and supported by an unrestricted educational grant from ViiV.

Two parallel workshops will run, in addition to co-learning sessions and social events for both groups through- out the program. With speakers from a convened faculty plus the Kings Fund, topics will include research and innovation, NHS structures, commissioning, tendering and competition, and physician leadership.

The venue is the Kings Fund, Cavendish Square, London. Accommodation is provided for those living outside London and travel expenses will be covered. The trainee program is aimed at ST5/6 doctors, and will run on 27-28th November 2019. The consultant program will run on 28th-29th November 2019, and will be suitable for consultants at any career stage who are now entering into leadership roles. The course is free to attend but subject to selective entry and places are limited.

Please contact Lucy Dobson on lucy.dobson@cwplus.org.uk for an application form.

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.

Further information visit the [QMUL website](#)

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 courses and conference

Vacancies

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

Consultant Clinical Microbiologist or Consultant Microbiologist with Infectious Diseases

Golden Jubilee National Hospital, Clydebank

NHS Golden Jubilee is growing and changing and as a result we are inviting applications for these two new roles. You will be based at the Golden Jubilee National Hospital and have responsibility for providing a clinical microbiology and infection control service.

Closing date: **Friday 29th November 2019**

For more information on these roles and to apply, please [click here](#).

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