

OCDEM BULLETIN



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RESEARCH NEWS



Associate Professor Leanne Hodson has been awarded funding from the BBSRC for her project “**The effect of high fat vs high sugar diet on liver fat accumulation and metabolism**”

MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

Thursday 18th March from 13:00 to 14:00

John Radcliffe Academic (Lecture Theatre 1), Headington OX3 9DU



Combined Medical-Surgical Grand Round

Diabetes, Multidisciplinary Foot Team “**A step in the right direction: improving diabetic foot disease**”, Dr Jodie Buckingham, Dr Garry Tan, Prof Linda Hands and Dr Constantine Loizou

Chair: Prof Sir Peter J Ratcliffe FRS

Booking: Not required

Audience: Members of the University and NHS clinical staff

SEMINARS

There is no Wednesday seminar this week as the OCDEM Management Board is meeting

OCDEM FRIDAY SEMINAR

This week’s Friday seminar organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty will A **BRC Update on the Translational Genetics and Genomics Group (TGGG) subtheme** by Associate Professor Katharine Owen”

The talk will begin promptly at 1pm in the Robert Turner Lecture Theatre and sandwiches for those attending will be available from 12:45

FINANCE INFORMATION

Policy on payment terms is changing

In March 2016, the university policy on payment terms is changing. Standard payment terms for trade suppliers will now be 30 days rather than 'end of the month following'. This decision is primarily based on feedback from departments, and brings the University into line with other HE institutions. It is anticipated that in making this change departments will receive less contact from suppliers chasing payment, as payment terms will be in line with sector norms. From Tuesday 1 March 2016, all new trade suppliers will be automatically set up with payment terms of 30 days, and those suppliers with terms currently exceeding 30 days will be amended during March.

During the remainder of FY15/16, those trade suppliers with payment terms less than 30 days will also be reviewed, with a view to adopting standard payment terms where possible. Divisional Financial Controllers will be assuring this review, and may need to consult with departments regarding the circumstances of particular suppliers.

Update details for non US dollar cheque-paid overseas suppliers

If you pay an overseas supplier by cheque in a currency that is not US dollars, please remember that Payments team policy changed at the beginning of 2016: it is now only possible to pay overseas suppliers into a bank account. Most departments have not been affected, but if you do have an overseas supplier that you pay by cheque, please request their bank details on company headed paper and forward this to the **Rachel Mullins** for onward transmission to the payments team for entry into Oracle. Payments will be made by electronic transfer directly to their bank account.

Research study: Do you have IBS? Would you like to participate in our Mindfulness for IBS course?

We are offering a mindfulness course for IBS and are looking for women with IBS (aged 18-65) to participate. Mindfulness for IBS is a new mindfulness course specifically for people with irritable bowel syndrome. The course consists of 6 x 2 hour group sessions over the course of 6-7 weeks at the Oxford Mindfulness Centre. During the course you will develop awareness of your mind and body through the cultivation of mindful awareness. The aim of the course is to reduce the symptoms of IBS and help you increase your mental and physical wellbeing.

Study Participation: The course is provided at no cost to you as participant

Part of participating in this research study involves coming to 3 assessment visits at the Department of Experimental psychology and completing 4-8 online questionnaires before, during and after the course. Each assessment visit takes between 1 and 1.5 hours, each questionnaire takes between 30 and 45 minutes.

Dates and Registration: To find out more about the study, when the courses take place and to register, please contact Julia Henrich via email Julia.Henrich@psy.ox.ac.uk. You can also sign up here <http://limesurvey.msd.ox.ac.uk/index.php/476452/lang-en>.

REC: South Central – Oxford A, Ref.:15/SC/0618

Call for BRC posters for BioTrinity 2016

Dear all,

The Oxford AHSN has invited NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre to submit posters for the innovation poster showcase. Thirteen slots are available on 26 April and a further 13 on 27 April. The poster showcase runs from 11.30-13.30 each day. Free tickets available to poster presenters. For further information and to book your slot contact megan.turmezei@oxfordahsn.org. **Application deadline: 18 March.**

Please note the NIHR branding guidance applies to any posters submitted from the BRC , please contact cora.reilly-mcgeown@ouh.nhs.uk for any branding queries/approvals for posters.

Rachel Montgomery
BRC Project Officer
Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust



MAINTENANCE

MGI are proposing to carry out repairs to AHU2 on Tuesday 15th . They will be signing in here at 8am but will then be on site to start the works.

Can you please let your staff know that they may experience less than ideal temperature and a lack of air flow potentially for the whole day.

Many Thanks

Steven Cunningham

Mechanical Estates Manager



Sign up for an innovative Digital Health Networking event at Oxford

You are invited to participate in an exciting new networking event at the University of Oxford in the fast moving field of Digital Health.

- Pose questions to Oxford University academics and clinicians
- Focussed, 1 hour meetings with like-minded scientists
- A chance to forge new connections and collaborations

When? 20th June, Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford

How does it work?

Step 1: Companies can participate by **submitting questions** for academics to answer.

These questions can be as specific or as general as you like and can relate to your technology needs. There is no set list of topics. The aim is for industry inspire the agenda.

Step 2: Oxford's Scientists can then **sign up** to answer one or more of the questions.

The questions will be visible to the full breadth of Oxford's academic and clinical research community

Step 3: An email update will be sent out. Each questions will form the basis for face to face, 60 minute meetings.

These meeting will be focussed, non-confidential discussions around the chosen topic.

Step 4: The day will conclude with an informal networking session with refreshments provided.

To find out more please contact either Chandra.Ramanujan@innovation.ox.ac.uk or Oliver.Voss@medsci.ox.ac.uk Further details of past and future AIM days [click here](#)

THINK BIG. KEEP IT SIMPLE. GET RELIABLE ANSWERS

Designing and Running Streamlined Randomized Trials

Are you planning or running a randomized trial?

On this course, you will learn how to design and run streamlined, efficient trials to provide reliable answers which change practice.

The program will address:

- **streamlining** key aspects of study design,
- **practicalities** of running trials,
- **efficient** fulfilment of regulatory requirements,
- **appropriate** data analysis and reporting.

This course is aimed at current or potential trial investigators and senior trial managers.

We anticipate obtaining 15 CPD points.

The course is run by highly experienced clinical trialists, senior trial managers and statisticians who have run successful large trials including the:

- **Heart Protection Study:** 20,000 - high vascular risk
- **SEARCH:** 12,000 - prior vascular disease
- **ACST trials:** 5000 - asymptomatic carotid stenosis
- **3-C study:** 900 - undergoing kidney transplantation
- **SHARP:** 9500 - chronic kidney disease (18 countries)
- **HPS2-THRIVE:** 25,000 - high vascular risk (UK, Scandinavia, China)
- **REVEAL:** 30,000 - high vascular risk (10 countries, ongoing)

hps3-TIMI55
REVEAL
Randomised Evaluation of the Effects of Ancestrin on Lipid Modification

SHARP
STUDY OF HEART AND
RENAL PROTECTION

ASCEND
A Study of Cardiovascular Control in Diabetes



Study of the Effectiveness of Additional Procedures to Colored and Doppler
SEARCH

hps2
THRIVE



ATLAS
ADVANTAGE TAVI - Aortic Aortic Valve Intervention

ISIS

**Asymptomatic Carotid
Surgery Trial (ACST-2)**

11-13 April 2016

Location

Jesus College, Ship Street Centre, Ship Street, Oxford. OX1 3DW

Find out more

Course program, faculty list and further details:

www.ndph.ox.ac.uk/trials-course

shortcourses@ndph.ox.ac.uk



Nuffield Department of
Population Health

Clinical Trial Service Unit &
Epidemiological Studies Unit

**DESIGNING AND RUNNING STREAMLINED RANDOMIZED TRIALS
HOW TO CONDUCT TRIALS WHICH PRODUCE RELIABLE ANSWERS**

*Clinical Trial Service Unit and Epidemiological Studies Unit,
Nuffield Department of Population Health, University of Oxford*

Draft program

Monday 11th April 2016

- 12.00-12.45 *Lunch*
- 12.45-13.00 *Welcome*
- 13.00-15.00 *Lecture: Choosing the research question*
Workshop: Identify an appropriate primary outcome and plausible treatment effect
- 15.00-16.45 *Lecture: Sample size*
Workshop: Identify an appropriate sample size
Tea
- 17.00-17.45 *Lecture: Trial design*
- 17:45-18.00 *Lecture: Patient and public involvement*

Tuesday 12th April 2016

- 9.00-10.30 *Lecture: Streamlined recruitment methods*
Workshop: Specify inclusion criteria and an outline recruitment plan
- 10.30-11.15 *Lecture: Randomization methods*
Workshop: Specify an appropriate randomization method
Coffee
- 11.30-12.30 *Lecture: Data-collection methods including electronic data capture and laboratory systems*
- 12.30-13.00 *Lecture: Effective monitoring*
Lunch
- 13.45-14.45 *Lecture: Completeness of follow-up and adherence to study treatment*
Workshop: Anticipate the loss of adherence and develop mitigation strategies
- 14.45-15.15 *Lecture: Event processing and adjudication (including use of routine data sources)*
- 15.15-15.45 *Lecture: Pharmacovigilance and regulatory requirements*
Tea
- 16.15-17.30 *Workshop: Build remaining trial protocol*
- 17.30-18.30 *Individual sessions with a senior faculty member to discuss specific projects*
(15 minutes per delegate)

Wednesday 13th April 2016

- 9.00-10.30 *Protocol presentations: Delegates present and critique the protocols*
- 10.30-11.00 *Lecture: The data monitoring committee*
Coffee
- 11.15-12.45 *Lecture: Analysis and dissemination of results*
Workshop: Draft an outline data analysis plan
- 12.45-13.00 *Closing remarks*
Lunch

In each workshop, delegates will work together in small groups on a pre-specified trial scenario aiming to build a study protocol by completion of the course.



Daffodil Walk

2pm-5pm 3rd April 2016



If you love daffodils, beautiful gardens and a lovely day out, then come along for a pleasant walk through the grounds of

Adwell House • Thame



Registered Charity Number 111944



For more information log on to

www.sobellhouse.org

or call 01865 857007

April 25th 13.00: Yoga!



We have provisionally booked Sue Baldwin, a Dru Yoga teacher to run a session of gentle yoga session focusing on relieving tension and relaxing muscles of the neck, shoulders and spine especially useful if you do a lot of desk based work! No special equipment required just loose clothing, and exercises can be done sitting. The session will end with a short relaxation.

There will be a small charge for Sue's time and the more people who attend the lower the cost. Please would you let us know if you would like to book a place and once we have numbers we will see if it is worth confirming with Sue. Please email louise.dennis@ocdem.ox.ac.uk or diana.mantripp@ocdem.ox.ac.uk

Following on from the successful Mardi Gras cake event organised by Julie Adam last year the Athena Swan team are holding a Easter Cake Parade on Wednesday 23rd March.



Easter Cake Parade

To celebrate Easter and raise some money for Sobell House - lets get baking!

Wednesday 23rd March 2016 in Lecture Theatre at 10:30am

Hope to see you all there with loads of yummy cakes!!



Journal Review

READING PAPERS BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT
GENERIC RESEARCH SKILLS TRAINING

Date: Tuesday 22nd March 2016
Venue: Middle Lecture Theatre
Time: 1-2 pm

Compulsory OCDEM generic
research skills training
session for Students.

Event open to Postdoctoral
Research Assistants and
Research Assistants

To sign up contact
graduate.studies@ocdem.ox.ac.uk
by Monday 14th March 2016

