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RESEARCH NEWS



Congratulations to Professor Patrik Rorsman and Dr Nicola Beer who have received RDM Pump Priming funding for their project with Dr Matt Daniels of CV Medicine “Investigation of L-Type Calcium Channel Function the heart and pancreas”

MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

Thursday 19th May from 13:00 to 14:00

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

Guest Speaker – Gordon Caldwell /Intensive Care



Guest Speaker – “Ward Rounds, The Danger of the Ordinary” – Dr Gordon Caldwell , Consultant Physician , Worthing Hospital

Chair: Prof Chris Conlon

Booking: Not required

Audience: Members of the University and NHS clinical staff

SEMINARS

Wednesday Seminar

There is no Wednesday seminar this week.

Friday Seminar

This week’s Friday seminar organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty will include the following talks:

Ms Wee Suan Low “The role of dietary sugars in postprandial hepatic fatty acid synthesis and partitioning in humans”

Mr Fen-Chih Kuo – “Functional Evaluation of the human fat distribution HOXC13 gene locus”

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

Research Design Service South Central Free NIHR Fellowship Events - 7 & 10 June 2016

Are you thinking of applying to Round 10 of the NIHR Fellowship Programme (Jan 2017 deadline)? If you are, then register for our RDS South Central NIHR Fellowship events!

Two events to support applicants intending to apply for the generic NIHR Fellowship stream in January 2017 will be held in Southampton and Oxford in June 2016. Please note that the information and advice presented at both the Southampton and Oxford events will be similar, so attendees should register for only one event.

NIHR Fellowship Application Day (FAD) 2016

Time and Date: 09:30 to 16:30 on Tuesday 7 June 2016

Location: Holiday Inn, Southampton, SO15 1AG

Details: A free to attend all-day masterclass focussing on how to improve your chances of success when applying for an NIHR Fellowship <http://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/fellowship-programme.htm>
The day will consist of a range of talks and a workshop session, covering how to sell yourself and hints and tips for success, with expert advice from the funder, current funding panel members, previous successful applicants and RDS advisers. Find out more and register <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nihr-fellowship-application-day-fad-2016-tickets-24424934637>

NIHR Fellowship Session

Time and Date: 10:00 to 12:30 on Friday 10 June 2016

Location: Richard Doll Lecture Theatre, Richard Doll Building, University of Oxford, Old Road Campus, Headington, Roosevelt Drive, Oxford, OX3 7LF

Details: A free half-day session to introduce the NIHR Fellowship Programme:

<http://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/fellowship-programme.htm>

The event will cover: an overview of the NIHR Academic Fellowship Programme by Nicola Melody, Senior Programme Manager for the NIHR Trainees Coordinating Centre; the experience of applying for NIHR Academic Fellowships, by previously successful applicants; and how the RDS can help with your application.

Lunch will be provided at 12:30

This event will be followed by a further half-day workshop event on 14 September 2016.

For more information and to book your place, contact Phil Saunders on

phillip.saunders@dph.ox.ac.uk

Both events are open to any researcher, clinician and / or academic from across the South Central region (Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Oxfordshire) who is considering an NIHR Fellowship application

RDS South Central can offer free expert support and advice on all aspects of designing and developing applications for NIHR funding, including assistance with PPI please complete our online Request for Support form to gain access to our advice.

Request support Here:<https://owa.nexus.ox.ac.uk/owa/redirect.aspx?SURL=do7KAQJjdd1gl09ntS4e-Bh907cnJfnpd3lRag8MvAtFCXnEek3TCGgAdAB0AHAAOgAvAC8AdwB3AHcALgByAGQAcwAtAHMAYwAuAG4AaQBoAHIALgBhAGMALgB1AGsALwByAGUAcQB1AGUAcwB0AC0AcwB1AHAACABvAHIAAAvAA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.rds-sc.nihr.ac.uk%2frequest-support%2f>

Best regards,

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Big Healthcare Challenges in chronic disease

Big Challenges need Big Ideas



Wednesday 6th July 2016

12.00pm - 6.30pm

Venue: Saïd Business School, University of Oxford

[Click here](#) to reserve your free place.

The 4th Annual Oxford Technology Showcase focuses on the Big Healthcare Challenges in chronic disease. An increase in our life expectancy means that more of us have to deal with lifelong health conditions that can debilitate and incur cost. The 2016 Isis Innovation, Oxford AHSN and BRC Technology Showcase, will highlight the most exciting commercial and innovative opportunities and projects in this field. Oxford University, the Oxford Academic Health Science Network and the NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre will co-host and partner for the event. We are pleased to receive industrial sponsorship from Triteq Ltd.

The event theme is chronic disease and four areas will be covered including:

Diabetes and obesity

Cognitive health (neurodegenerative)

Cardiovascular and stroke

Ageing and frailty

For further details and to view the programme, please click on the link below:

<http://isis-innovation.com/isis-news/events/big-healthcare-challenges-chronic-disease/>

Our partners for the event this year:


National Institute for
Health Research


Oxford
Biomedical
Research
Centre


Oxford
Academic Health
Science Network


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Health Research*

NIHR HTA Programme bulletin - May 2016



View the latest message from Professor Hywel Williams, Director of HTA Programme.

[Latest news](#)



New titles in *Health Technology Assessment*
To read the latest publications in the NIHR journal, *Health Technology Assessment*, please visit the [NIHR Journals Library](#).



Side effects of statins investigated in new trial

The Statin: Web-based Investigation of Side Effects (Statin WISE) trial, funded by the NIHR, aims to determine whether muscle pain symptoms occurring during statin use are caused by the drug. It will use a bespoke mobile smartphone app to record whether muscle pains are more common in patients taking statins, compared to those taking a placebo. Read the news item on [our website](#).

Latest funding opportunities

Commissioned funding stream

We currently have a number of funding opportunities available in the areas of evidence synthesis and primary research. For more details and to apply please visit the [HTA Commissioned webpage](#).

Researcher-led funding stream

Applications in any clinical research area using any of the study designs described on our [remit page](#) can be submitted on an ongoing basis. For more details and to apply, please visit the [HTA researcher-led webpage](#).

Proposed research areas for HTA

Interested in finding out what areas the HTA programme is considering including in its next commissioned funding round, July 2016, view a full list on the [Proposed research areas](#) for HTA commissioned calls page.

Have your say...

Why not [become a reviewer](#)? Our reviewers are extremely important to us, and help to ensure that we only fund the most relevant research that is focused on the needs of patients and the public.



What should we research next?

Topic suggestions in all areas are always welcome and our [website](#) offers support and guidance on how to make an effective research suggestion.



Useful information

Guidance pack- methods for clinical trials

The [MRC Network of Hubs for Trials Methodology Research](#) has recently updated the [Guidance Pack](#). New guidance includes recommendations for maximising the impact of qualitative research in feasibility studies and issues to consider during the design of surgical trials.

The Guidance pack resource contains outputs from various HTMR Network funded initiatives. Many of these recommendations are also linked to from the NIHR CT toolkit.

More news!

Read more news from the [HTA Programme](#).



Hints and tips

For information on what types of studies we fund, visit our [remit page](#).

Public Involvement Virtual Involvement Network Recruitment

We are currently seeking fifteen members for our newly formed Public Involvement Virtual Involvement Network (PIVIN). Closing date for applications **Friday 3 June 2016**. More details and an application form can be found on [our website](#).

Trials change Lives

[Listen to Hywel's podcast](#) on the importance of clinical trials, part of the MRC Network for hubs for Trials Methodology Research, Trials Change Lives initiative. Launched in 2014, the Trials Change Lives initiative is a collaboration between the Network and colleagues in Queen's University Belfast to celebrate the impact of clinical trials on healthcare research and treatment. [Find out more](#).

OSCHR Board Industry Vacancy

A vacancy is available for an independent member (industry) of the board of the Office

for Strategic Coordination of Health Research. Further details and an application pack are available on [our website](#).



Big Data, Ethics and the Market

Monday 20 June 2016, 09:00 – 17:30, St Anne's College, Oxford

The translation of genomic medicine from basic research into medical practice involves partnership of public sector and private companies. Recent empirical research demonstrates that public attitudes towards commercial interests in healthcare are, at best, hesitant. Importantly these attitudes involve significant ethical and conceptual claims and presuppositions about the ethics of markets and the relationship between markets and other areas of value, specifically health and health care.

The Centre for Personalised Medicine and the Ethox Centre of the University of Oxford are hosting a conference that will explore how a publicly funded healthcare system can optimise partnerships with the commercial sector in using data to improve patient outcomes, whilst maintaining its central principles of patient care.

The event will be introduced by Peter Donnelly (Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, University of Oxford).

Confirmed speakers include Adrian Walsh (School of Humanities, University of New England, Australia), Natalie Banner (Wellcome Trust), Steve Sturdy (School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh), Mark Bale (Genomics England), Sir Rory Collins (UK Biobank) and Gil McVean (Big Data Institute, University of Oxford).

Please register [here](#). Registration fee: £100 (students: £50). Student bursaries are available. Please contact cpm@well.ox.ac.uk by Friday 6 June for more information prior to registration.