

# OCDEM BULLETIN



## FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

WEEK COMMENCING 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016

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### MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

There is no Medical Grand Rounds This week

### SEMINARS

**Wednesday and Friday Seminars**

There will be no seminars this week

Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences

## Seminar



## “Personalised treatment for pancreatic cancer”



### Dr David Chang

*Senior Clinical Lecturer, Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre, University of Glasgow, and Consultant Pancreatic Surgeon, Glasgow Royal Infirmary*

Pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer related death, and is predicted to be the second within a decade. The overall five year survival is less than 5%, one of the lowest among all cancer types, and this survival rate has not changed for more than 50 years. Recent large scale genomic studies demonstrated vast inter-tumoural heterogeneity, which may have contributed to the challenges in therapeutic development. In this talk, the key results of recent genomic studies will be presented, and novel therapeutic strategies using a personalised approach will be discussed.

Twitter: [@NDSurgicalSci](https://twitter.com/NDSurgicalSci)



**Thursday 4 August 2016**

17:00—18:00

Ludwig Seminar Room  
Old Road Campus Research Building (off Roosevelt Drive)  
Headington

All members of the University and NHS clinical staff are welcome

Enquiries: [regent.lee@nds.ox.ac.uk](mailto:regent.lee@nds.ox.ac.uk)



Prof Mark McCarthy and a team of over 300 scientists have published new findings into the genetic causes of type 2 diabetes. For more information on this please see the [OCDEM Website](#)

## Calling all researchers – PPI in Research Clinics

### Would you like to talk to someone about your Patient & Public Involvement work?

Want some advice on how to do it, or simply an opportunity to talk about the practical issues you are encountering with your PPI?

Then book an appointment on one of our monthly PPI clinics in a café close to your office – email Lynne at [ppi@phc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ppi@phc.ox.ac.uk)



Date	Dept. of Psychiatry Café at Warneford Hospital	Dept. of Population Health Tulip Tree Café, Richard Doll Building	NDORMS Retreat restaurant, In the atrium area of NOC, Windmill Road
16 June 2016	1pm to 2pm	2.15pm to 3.15pm	3.30pm to 4.30pm
19 July 2016	11.30am to 12.30am	9am to 10am	10.15am to 11.15am
21 Sept 2016	3.30pm to 4.30pm	2.15pm to 3.15pm	1pm to 2pm
20 Oct 2016	9am to 10am	10.15am to 1.15am	11.30am to 12.30am
16 Nov 2016	1pm to 2pm	2.15pm to 3.15pm	3.30pm to 4.30pm
06 Dec 2016	1pm to 2pm	2.15pm to 3.15pm	3.30pm to 4.30pm

If you'd prefer a private space, rather than the café environment, please let Lynne know in time for a room to be booked.

## OCDEM HEALTH AND SAFETY INDUCTION COURSE



All new visitors/staff in the department **MUST** attend a Health and Safety Induction course run by Mrs Sandy Humphreys.

The July course will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 10:00 – 11:00 in the Lecture Theatre Middle Section

## OCDEM BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS



On Tuesday the current hot desk area outside Anna Gloyn/Leanne Hodson/Biobank offices will be refitted with new desks to allow this area to become a permanent desk area. Apologies for any noise/inconvenience whilst this work is being carried out



## IMPORTANT FINANCIAL YEAR END DATEES

The 2015/2016 Financial Year End is rapidly approaching so I would like to point out the deadlines that must be adhered to in order to meet the dates set by the University Financial Controller.

### WEEK COMMENCING 18th JULY 2016

Staff are reminded that **purchasing will shut down this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July until Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August** so please ensure you place orders in advance to ensure you have everything you need to cover this close down period. We will not be able to process orders during this period except under very, very exceptional circumstances.

## CURRENT VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT



### RESEARCH TECHNICIAN

**Grade 5: £24,298-£28,982 per annum**

We are seeking an enthusiastic Research Technician to work within a vibrant research team headed by Associate Professor Leanne Hodson and Professor Fredrik Karpe. The successful applicant will join an interdisciplinary team in the Hodson and Karpe laboratories. The successful applicant will undertake a series of projects involving *in vivo* human physiology and *in vitro* cellular studies to investigate the effects of specific nutrients on whole-body, adipose tissue and liver fat metabolism, under the supervision of Associate Professor Leanne Hodson.

The post holder will be responsible for both supporting and undertaking several key aspects of analysis from human dietary intervention studies and *in vitro* cellular studies. Although full training will be given in a variety of assays, the person appointed will be expected to work independently on most tasks or in collaboration with the support of colleagues. Methods will include the preparation and analysis of samples for Gas Chromatography (GC) and GC-Mass Spectrometry to trace stable-isotopes into various lipid pools, ultracentrifugation of lipoproteins and the analysis of intermediate metabolites, lipids and hormones, gene and protein expression analysis *in vitro* cellular studies with human cells.

Previous experience of working in a research environment, good time management and communication skills are essential for that role. Applicants will have to be able to communicate clearly within multi-disciplinary team and have basic knowledge of human physiology and metabolism.

The position is fixed term for 18 months in the first instance and funded by The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (**BBSRC**).

To apply for this role and for further details, including a job description and person specification, please click on the link below:

[https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq\\_jobspec\\_version\\_4.jobspec?p\\_id=124346](https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.jobspec?p_id=124346)

Only applications received before midday **on Monday 25th July 2016** can be considered.

Please quote ref. **124346** on all correspondence. You will be required to upload a CV and supporting statement as part of your online application.

## **CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOW IN ENDOCRINOLOGY AND METABOLISM (124010)**

**Grade : E64: £31,614 - £50,669 per annum**

Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM) has an exciting role in the Tomlinson Group for an experienced and qualified clinician to run a bespoke clinical study trialling a novel class of drug in an entirely unique clinical setting.

Your work will be focused on the clinical study that will trial a novel agent that aims to reduce the adverse metabolic effects associated with glucocorticoid use, whilst preserving their anti-inflammatory actions. The post-holder will provide oversight of the clinical activity including running insulin clamp investigations, collecting and analysing data generated from the TICS1 trail as well as presenting this data at meetings and journals. This role offers the post holder the opportunity to develop their understanding of an integrative physiological approach to clinical research and methodology within an academic research organisation conducting important research to ICH/GCP standards. The successful candidate will be required to undertake up to two clinical sessions per week.

The post would suit trainees with diabetes and endocrinology backgrounds, interested in pursuing an academic or a clinical career with an academic interest. The post includes opportunities for study for a higher degree and the opportunity to help in the development of future clinical studies.

You will be educated to MBBS level or equivalent, fully GMC registered and permitted to practice medicine in the UK (or eligible for GMC registration). You may have commenced or completed Core Medical Training or medical specialty equivalent. Excellent communication skills, immaculate attention to detail and good organisation and time management skills are essential for this post.

The post is for 24 months in the first instance, with opportunity for extension. This position is full-time, however part-time will be considered (minimum 70% FTE).

Only applications received before midday on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 can be considered.

Please quote vacancy number 124010 in all correspondence. To apply for this role and for further details, including a job description and person specification, please visit:

[https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq\\_jobspec\\_version\\_4.jobspec?p\\_id=124010](https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.jobspec?p_id=124010)

## **HEAD OF CLINICAL RESEARCH**

**Grade 10: Salary £52,219 - £60,513 with discretionary range to £66,109 per annum**

An exciting opportunity as Head of Clinical Research is available in OCDEM an internationally recognised Academic Research Organisation. The DTU forms a key part of the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology & Metabolism within the Radcliffe Department of Medicine. Reporting to the Diabetes Trials Unit (DTU) Deputy Director, the post holder will apply best practice trial management methodologies to drive and oversee the development and successful execution of world-class clinical trials, and to play a major role in the expansion and strategic development of the Unit.

DTU, a fully registered UKCRC Clinical Trials Unit, is one of only a handful of AROs worldwide that specialises in designing and performing cardiovascular outcome megatrials. Currently we are undertaking 4 such trials in 40 countries, with a dedicated regional coordinating centre in Beijing, China. The DTU also has a rapidly expanding translational research group that designs and runs early phase trials of potential new therapeutic agents and devices.

We are seeking to appoint a highly skilled, dynamic and self-motivated individual, with a proven track record of initiating, managing and delivering large-scale clinical trials. The successful candidate will demonstrate strong decision-making skills and be able to lead, motivate and manage the performance of a multidisciplinary team. They will be educated to postgraduate level, or hold equivalent experience. They will have a comprehensive and thorough understanding of clinical trial methodology, as well as the international regulatory environment. The post holder will be required to represent the Unit at the highest levels, both nationally and internationally, and must therefore possess excellent interpersonal and communications skills. They will be innovative, analytical, and display sound judgement under pressure.

Responsibilities include efficient management of trial operations, and day-to-day management of clinical and non-clinical staff. This is a fixed-term appointment for 2 years in the first instance.

The deadline for applications is midday on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016. Please quote Reference 124225 in all correspondence.

To apply for this role and for further details, including a job description and person specification, please visit:

[https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq\\_jobspec\\_version\\_4.jobspec?p\\_id=124225](https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.jobspec?p_id=124225)



### **DRWF PUMP PRIMING GRANT DEADLINE**

I am pleased to announce that information regarding our new call for applications can now be found on our website : <https://drwf.org.uk/apply-funding>.

You can apply online using our grant management system.

Please note that our deadline is **Friday, 12th August 2016**.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Research Manager, Dr Eleanor Kennedy ([eleanor.kennedy@drwf.org.uk](mailto:eleanor.kennedy@drwf.org.uk)) if you have any questions about this call.

**Sarah Brown**  
**Research Administrator**

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Dear colleague

Two sessions at the Old Road Campus have been arranged for you to learn more about your pension scheme, USS. On 1 April 2016 there was a change to how your future benefits are worked out.

Additionally, from 1 October 2016 there will be a new opportunity to save more with the help of your employer:

- Since 1 April 2016 all members became part of the USS Retirement Income Builder. Benefits continue to be worked out based on a formula that includes your salary up to the salary threshold - initially £55,000 a year;
- On 1 October 2016, the USS Investment Builder will launch. This will supplement the existing USS Retirement Income Builder.

All members have the option to contribute to the USS Investment Builder. If you pay at least 1% of your salary as an extra contribution your employer will match this. Additionally, if you earn over the salary threshold – initially £55,000 a year - you’ll automatically join the USS Investment Builder, and you and your employer will make contributions to that section in respect of salary above the threshold.

You can find out more about what’s changed already by visiting <https://forthefuture.uss.co.uk/>

If you’d like to learn more, in person... here’s your chance. Register now for the ‘USS 2016’ presentation.

The events will provide additional details around the new USS Investment Builder as well as recapping on what’s already changed. This event will be presented by Jan Killick, Head of Pensions, University of Oxford.

The presentations will be held on Friday 22 July 2016 at 11.30am and 1.30pm. During the presentation you’ll receive a plain English explanation of how the scheme works and you’ll have a chance to ask any questions.

Please register by clicking on the relevant link below. We’ll then be in touch to confirm your registration.

University of Oxford : USS 2016, Old Road Campus		
Date	Time	Venue
Fri, 22 July	11.30am	<a href="#">Richard Doll Building, Lecture Theatre</a>
Fri, 22 July	1.30pm	<a href="#">Richard Doll Building, Lecture Theatre</a>

## ATHENA SWAN INFORMATION



## OCDEM CHRISTMAS LUNCH- OXFORD SPIRES FOUR PILLARS ON ABINGDON ROAD

Dear All,

Thanks for the great response to the survey monkey about the Christmas lunch which were overwhelmingly in favour!

The date favoured from the survey is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December The location is the Oxford Spires Four Pillars on Abingdon road (which has loads of parking and is well served by buses).

Please can you e-mail me at [jonathan.hazlehurst@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jonathan.hazlehurst@queens.ox.ac.uk) to let me know your interest and get a £10 deposit to me before 21<sup>st</sup> July (a week on Thursday). Cheques can be made to University of Oxford or cash is fine. (Total cost is £18 so the balance after deposit would be £8).

I know Christmas is a long time away but we do need to get organised on this to secure an excellent venue at a good price.

Hope to see you all at what promises to be a very festive event!

Best wishes

Jon

On behalf of Athena Swan.



The **OCDEM Family Christmas event** this year will be held on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of December**. We look forward to seeing you all there and the theme of the event will be announced nearer the time.