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News



CRASH-3 team honoured

Congratulations to everyone at Salford Royal working on the CRASH-3 trial, who have been awarded a shield to mark recruiting 150 patients. It's a big challenge to recruit severely injured and unwell patients within a Major Trauma Centre's Emergency Department but the Acute Research Delivery Team has worked closely with Emergency Medicine Consultants, Nurses and Advanced Practitioners as well as colleagues in Anaesthesia, Critical Care and Neurosurgery to reach this important study milestone.

The trial is assessing the effect of tranexamic acid on risk of death or disability in patients with traumatic brain injury (TBI). TBI can cause bleeding in the brain. If left to continue, it can create pressure that can lead to further damage that will result in death or permanent disability. By conducting this trial we are collecting important evidence to help determine if tranexamic acid is an effective treatment for patients with TBI. It is an international study aiming to randomise 13,000 patients worldwide and Emergency Medicine Consultant Professor Fiona Lecky is the Principal Investigator at Salford Royal.

European Parliament hears about intestinal failure

Professor Simon Lal recently visited the European Parliament to speak about best practice in intestinal failure. He is part of a multi-national steering group aiming to ensure that high standard intestinal failure care is a priority in European healthcare systems and was invited to speak in Brussels to provide an example of best practice. He outlined approaches to service delivery, alongside clinical data and patient stories, to demonstrate Salford's international excellence in this field.

Dermatology research shortlisted for award

Well done to Professor Richard Warren, Honorary Consultant Dermatologist at Salford Royal, who leads the METOP team researching the use of methotrexate in clinical dermatology. The work has been shortlisted for the prestigious Lancet research award, which recognises outstanding research contributing to excellent patient care.

The winner will be announced at the Royal College of Physicians Excellence in Patient Care Awards on 29 May.

Salford Royal's MY-IBD Portal Team has been shortlisted in the category of Patient-centred Care, supporting a personalised and coordinated approach to care while the team behind the 100,000 Genomes Project – Genomics England's clinical and science team – is shortlisted in the Innovation section.

Ibex award for Kirstine

The British Dietetic Association – the professional body for UK Dietitians - has awarded Kirstine Farrer its Ibex Award for her significant contributions to the profession. Kirstine's nomination was made by the Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition Group of the British Dietetic Association and supported by Joanna Instone, Head of External Affairs for England and Wales.

Ibex Award winners must have demonstrated a personal commitment and significant contributions to the profession of dietetics over a minimum of five years; actively participated in the work of the Association at a regional, branch or specialist group level; worked to promote the highest standards in the science and practice of dietetics; and overall given outstanding service to the profession.

Kirstine is a Consultant Dietitian specialising in intestinal failure, short bowel syndrome and Home Parenteral Nutrition at Salford Royal's Intestinal Failure Unit. She is the BDA representative on NHSE clinical working group for intestinal failure and is on the committee for the British Intestinal Failure Alliance. She chairs Salford Royal nutrition steering group and Salford's Malnutrition Taskforce and has been instrumental in the development of the nutrition support team, while being professional lead for the dietetic team across the Trust. She will be formally presented with the award at the BDA Awards and Honours Dinner in June.

Day Unit and Admissions Lounge teams are Research Stars of the Month

Well done and thank you to our Research Stars of the Month – all the staff in the day unit and admissions lounge. Despite a very busy workload, they have embraced research so that we are now highly successful at offering surgical patients the chance to participate in anaesthetic and surgical trials. Their nomination says they are a delight to work with, have made our research nurses feel very welcome and have really gone the extra mile to support patients so they have the opportunity to contribute to new and improved treatments and care.

It's fantastic to hear the many stories of staff working so hard to make a difference to research and patient care within research. Please keep sending your nomination(s) each month to both Senior Clinical Research Nurse Manager [Vikki O'Loughlin](#) and Engagement in Research Manager [Jess Zadik](#) with the name of the person or team and a short paragraph explaining why their work should be recognised.

Fantastic fundraisers do it again

Our hard-working runners and bakers have been piling up the pounds for good causes again, with several charities feeling the benefit.

We were delighted to welcome Eliza and her mum Jenny Mather from Bolton Smiley Faces group to Summerfield House to raise awareness of Down's syndrome. We'd raised £90 for the group with our bake off in the run up to Christmas and while handing it over managed to raise an extra £41 with a small bake sale on the day.

It was cakes all round again when the Acute Research Delivery Team took on the bake off challenge to support colleagues Angiy Michael and Kathryn Cawley, who are both taking part in a series of big runs for charity. [Angiy](#) is supporting Cancer Research UK and [Kathryn](#) is raising funds for Diabetes UK. The bake-off raised £80 to be split between the two funds.

An Easter raffle organised by Marie Greenhalgh raised £60 for [Centrepoint](#), a charity that supports homeless young people in Manchester. This takes the total raised through these regular raffles to £1,002 since the nursing team moved to Summerfield House.

Well done to all those organising these events and thanks to everyone who chips in to support them.

Skin expert to give inaugural lecture

Two of our most recently appointed Professors are to give their inaugural lectures at The University of

Manchester.

Professor Richard Warren will look back on his career to date on Wednesday 23 May – [register here](#). He is an Honorary Consultant Dermatologist at Salford Royal and Professor of Dermatology and Therapeutics at The University of Manchester. His main area of interest is in the treatment of severe inflammatory skin disease, especially psoriasis.

A date will be announced later for Professor Rachel Watson's lecture. She is Professor of Cutaneous Science at The University of Manchester and works with the Dermatopharmacology Unit at Salford Royal on research into the mechanisms behind skin ageing as well as on programmes to aid the repair of damaged skin.

Awards

- [European Society of Intensive Care Medicine Awards](#) – deadline 1 May
- [Nursing Times Awards](#) – deadline 4 May
- [HSJ Awards](#) – deadline 31 May

Governance



Working with radioactive substances?

New guidance has been issued on submitting research applications to the Administration of Radioactive Substances Advisory Committee. If you are working with radioactive substances, please make sure you are following the most up to date advice [here](#).

Engagement



Research is good for patients, staff and the Trust

Research staff will be highlighting the benefits of research with awareness events to mark International Clinical Trials Day. This is the annual day commemorating James Lind's 1747 trial into treatments for scurvy.

We will be having stalls at the Royal Oldham, Fairfield General, North Manchester General and Rochdale Infirmary on Friday 18 May and at Salford Royal on Monday 21 May (10.30am-1.30pm). Staff will be explaining how research active Trusts have better patient outcomes, as well as talking to colleagues about the benefits of a career in research and its value to the Trust.

Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help on the stalls – we know from past experience that it is a lot of fun as well as a chance to share the many positives of research.

Funding



Clinician Scientist Award

The [NIHR Clinician Scientist Award](#) (NIHR-CS) is a post-doctoral research training fellowship of up to five years to develop skills in research. This award is designed to provide personal support for the applicant through buying out their salary costs and meeting the cost of a research project or programme that is appropriate as a training vehicle.

It is expected that applicants will either hold a conventional National Training Number (NTN) in their chosen speciality or have already obtained CCT. Round 18 is now open for applications and will close at 1pm on 9 May.

Research for Patient Benefit

The NIHR is inviting applications for its [Research for Patient Benefit](#) programme. It is looking for research proposals that are concerned with the day-to-day practice of health service staff, and which have the potential

to have an impact on the health or wellbeing of patients and users of the NHS.

The programme aims to fund high quality quantitative and qualitative research with a clear trajectory to patient benefit. It particularly encourages applications that have a strong element of interaction with patients and the public, and which have been conceived in association with a relevant group of service users. The Research Design Service North West has a [free advice session](#) on developing applications for this funding stream at The University of Manchester on 28 June. Applications close on 18 July.

NIHR calls

New opportunities in the Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation programme include:

- [Neurodegenerative disorders](#) (closing date 21 August)
- [Type 2 diabetes](#) (closing date 21 August)
- [Improving safety and efficacy through targeted drug delivery](#) (closing date 21 August)

Latest calls in the Health Technology Assessment programme include:

- [Surgery for early osteoarthritis](#) (closing date 24 May)
- [Active case finding of coeliac disease](#) (closing date 30 May)
- [The cost-effectiveness of venous thromboembolism risk assessment tools for hospital inpatients](#) (closing date 30 May)
- [Extended duration haemodialysis](#) (closing date 26 September)

Visit the [NIHR website](#) for details of all current funding and support calls.

Training



Research placements at Manchester BRC

The NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre, in partnership with Corridor Manchester and Health Innovation Manchester, is offering the chance to experience what research is like through short, flexible 4-6 week taster placements. It also offers employers backfill funding to release participants from work for the duration.

The placements have been designed for nurses, midwives, pharmacists and all allied healthcare professionals including physiotherapists, audiologists and dietitians. They will have the opportunity to:

- Kick start a career or further study in a clinical research environment
- Work closely with clinical academics in delivering a short research project
- Learn more about how research is conducted within the NHS

No previous research experience is required and priority is given to people currently employed by an NHS Trust in Greater Manchester. The application deadline is 8 May – [more here](#).

MRes in experimental medicine

A newly developed Master of Research degree in experimental medicine is now open for applications at The University of Manchester, as part of capacity building linked to the NIHR Biomedical Research Centre. There are opportunities in [cancer](#), [respiratory](#), [dermatology](#), [musculoskeletal](#) and [hearing health](#).

Clinical Research Network courses

The dates for Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and GCP refresher courses for 2018 are available on [our website](#). If your certification is due to expire, please use [this link](#) to confirm your place.

Maternal medicine symposium

Improving outcomes for pregnant women with underlying medical conditions will be the focus of this Royal

College of Physicians of Edinburgh event at The University of Manchester on 20 June. Professor Catherine Nelson-Piercy, Consultant Obstetric Physician at Imperial College, will be the keynote speaker.

If you would like to submit an abstract, the deadline is 4 May – these can be a maternal medicine case, audit or research project related to maternal medicine. Abstracts should be emailed to RCPEManchester@rcpe.ac.uk and there is more about the symposium [here](#).

Clinical trials training for investigators

This course at the University of Liverpool is aimed at health and research professionals, particularly those aiming to become Chief Investigators. The programme includes trial design, trial conduct, recruitment of trial participants, public and patient involvement, analysis and reporting, and health economics.

The course runs from 24-28 September – booking details [here](#).

Events



[Forging New Links: Cellular and Developmental Systems](#). Consultants who want to develop new research connections in these areas can explore options with scientists from The University of Manchester Cellular and Developmental Systems research domain. It's on 26 June, 12.30-5pm, at the Core Technology Facility, Manchester.

[Infection, Immunity, Inflammation and Repair Networking Meeting](#). This event will consider ways in which research in these areas could be developed and identify opportunities for collaborative funding applications. It's on Wednesday 27 June at the Core Technology Facility, Grafton Street, Manchester.

Staff updates



Vacancies

- [Junior Clinical Fellow \(ENT\)](#) (closes 23 April).
- [Consultant Neuropathologist](#) (closes 4 May).

This list of vacancies now incorporates roles across the Northern Care Alliance. Please visit the [NHS Jobs](#) website for all internal or external vacancies.

Congratulations and thanks

- Well done to Verity Longley, who won the prize for best oral presentation at the Society for Research in Rehabilitation conference in February. Verity is a PhD student, funded by an NIHR CLAHRC Dementia PhD studentship, and her presentation was on 'Stroke and pre-existing cognitive impairment: A qualitative study of clinicians' experiences'.
- Congratulations to Dr Tina Chrysochou and Professor Phil Kalra, who have contributed a chapter on renovascular hypertension to [Vascular Surgery: Cases, Questions and Commentaries](#), published by Springer and edited by George Geroulakios and Bauer Sumpio. Congratulations also to Professor Ariane Herrick, who has contributed a chapter on Raynaud's phenomenon to the same book.

Publications



Journals, articles, newsletters and blogs

- Susan Shelmerdine, John Hutchinson, Safa Al-Sarraj, Nat Cary, Tim Dawson, Daniel Du Plessis, Paul Ince, Siobhan McLaughlin, Liina Palm, Colin Smith, Thomas Jacques, et al: [British Neuropathological Society and International Society of Forensic Radiology and Imaging expert consensus statement for post-](#)

[mortem neurological imaging](#) (Neuropathology and Applied Neurobiology).

- David Thompson, Sarah O'Brien, Anne Kennedy, Anne Rogers, Peter Whorwell, Karina Lovell, Gerry Richardson, David Reeves, Peter Bower, Carolyn Chew-Graham, Elaine Harkness, Paula Beech: [A randomised controlled trial, cost-effectiveness and process evaluation of the implementation of self-management for chronic gastrointestinal disorders in primary care, and linked projects on identification and risk assessment](#) (Europe PMC).
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- Zsolt Zador, Andrew King, Nophar Geifman: [New drug candidates for treatment of atypical meningiomas: An integrated approach using gene expression signatures for drug repurposing](#) (PLOS One).
- Mohammed Sheikh, Daniel Horner: [Does intravenous vitamin C improve mortality in patients with severe sepsis?](#) (Emergency Medicine Journal).
- Elliott Bertram-Ralph, Daniel Horner: [Can induced hypertension improve outcome following acute traumatic spinal cord injury?](#) (Emergency Medicine Journal).
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- Michael Hughes, Andrew Tracey, Monica Bhushan, Kuntal Chakravarty, Christopher Denton, Shirish Dubey, Serena Guiducci, Lindsay Muir, Voon Ong, Louise Parker, John Pauling, Athiveeraramapandian Prabu, Christine Rogers, Christopher Roberts, Ariane Herrick: [Reliability of digital ulcer definitions as proposed by the UK Scleroderma Study Group: A challenge for clinical trial design](#) (Journal of Scleroderma and Related Disorders).
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- Verity Longley, Sarah Peters, Caroline Swarbrick, Audrey Bowen: [What influences decisions about ongoing stroke rehabilitation for patients with pre-existing dementia or cognitive impairment? A qualitative study](#) (Clinical Rehabilitation).
- Anant Tambe, Shrijit Panikkar, Paul Millner, Athanasios Tsirikos: [Current concepts in the surgical management of adolescent idiopathic scoliosis](#) (Bone and Joint Journal).

- Kelly Chatten, Huw Purssell, Ashwini Banerjee, Stephanie Soteriadou, Yeng Ang: [Glasgow Blatchford Score and risk stratifications in acute upper gastrointestinal bleed: Can we extend this to 2 for urgent outpatient management?](#) (Clinical Medicine).
- Michael Edmonds, Harvey Bodansky, Andrew Boulton, Paul Chadwick, Cuong Dang, Ryan D'Costa, Satyan Rajbhandari, Marissa Carter, et al: [Multicenter, randomized, controlled, observer-blinded study of a nitric oxide generating treatment in foot ulcers of patients with diabetes – ProNOx1 study](#) (Wound Repair and Regeneration).
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