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News



Professorships for expert staff

Consultant Gastroenterologist Yeng Ang has been awarded a Chair by The University of Manchester, to mark the academic and research programme he is leading. Professor Ang, who has worked at Salford Royal since 2012, is an expert in Upper GI conditions. He collaborates nationally and internationally on research around the management of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease, Barrett's oesophagus, cancer prevention, and early detection, treatment and improved survival for Upper GI cancers. [Read more.](#)

Consultant Urological Surgeon David Shackley has been awarded an Honorary Clinical Chair by Manchester Academic Health Science Centre. Professor Shackley has worked at Salford Royal since 2005 and his main interests are renal cancer, medical education and healthcare management. He is currently the Medical Director of Greater Manchester Cancer and has an active role in quality improvement projects at Salford Royal. His recent research includes several papers on centralising specialist cancer surgery services.

Professor Federico Roncaroli, has also been awarded a Chair by The University of Manchester. He moved to Manchester in August 2015 to join Salford Royal and the University as clinical academic neuropathologist. After taking over the role of director of the Manchester Brain Bank, based in the Clinical Sciences Building at Salford Royal, he has been awarded a Chair in clinical neuropathology. In addition to brain banking, his research focusses on tumours of the central nervous system and pituitary gland.

Congratulations also go to Dr Andrea Murray, a Research Fellow working on systemic sclerosis at Salford Royal, who has been promoted to Senior Research Fellow at The University of Manchester.

Outstanding work brings medal

Dental health expert Professor Cynthia Pine has been awarded a prestigious medal in recognition of her research to improve children's dental health.

Professor Pine was announced as the winner of the 2018 EW Borrow Memorial Award at the [International Association for Dental Research's](#) meeting in London. Sponsored by the Borrow Foundation, the award recognises her outstanding contribution to preventing tooth decay in children. Her work has aimed to reduce health inequalities and she has worked with disadvantaged communities nationally and internationally. [Read more.](#)

Alliance leads way on HiSLAC

Well done and thank you to all the consultants and associate specialists who completed the fifth and final HiSLAC (High-Intensity Specialist Led Acute Care) survey to help create a nationwide 'snapshot' of specialist

intensity and 7-day services. We had 267 surveys completed at Salford Royal and 157 across the Pennine Acute sites, together making the Northern Care Alliance the highest recruiter in England to this important study this year.

Altogether, more than 14,200 consultants and associate specialists completed the final survey. HiSLAC is looking to determine whether having more specialists in hospitals at weekends will improve outcomes for patients admitted as medical emergencies. Its final report is due out next year.

Research Stars of the Month

Because of holidays, July's and August's Research Stars of the Month will be announced in September's Bulletin. 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.

CRN Awards open for nominations

Nominations are now open for the 2018 Greater Manchester Clinical Research Awards.

They are designed to recognise hard-working and high-achieving researchers, research teams, R&D departments and other research support functions. This year's awards are in association with [Sanofi](#), sponsors of the Research Team of the Year category.

There are [10 categories](#), the awards are open to all people/teams who receive NIHR funding and/or support Portfolio studies and entries must relate to achievements and successes made since April 2017.

We very much encourage nominations for staff here - please discuss these with your line manager where appropriate and also send your nominations to [Jess Zadik](#), Engagement in Research Manager by Friday 17 August so that she can coordinate entries where needed.

Finalists will be invited to a ceremony at the Radisson Blu hotel in Manchester on 22 November.

- Please look out on our [intranet](#) for details of the Northern Care Alliance Staff Awards, which are due to be announced in the next few days.
- [Health Business Awards](#) (entries close 12 October).

Light device is effective ulcer treatment

A new device developed by Salford Royal's rheumatology researchers and the Medical Physics department has been hailed as a possible breakthrough for treating chronic ulcers. Dr Michael Hughes and colleagues in the rheumatology department and at The University of Manchester, worked with Dr Stuart Watson, Nahzli Mir and Steven Bibby on the device which combines infrared, red and ultraviolet light. It was tested on finger ulcers caused by systemic sclerosis in a trial funded by Arthritis Research UK - after treatment, there was an average 83 per cent improvement in the ulcers, with no side-effects reported by the eight participants.

The team is now planning to test the device on diabetic ulcers too. [Read more.](#)

Forum place for data champions

Well done to Stephanie Lee and colleagues from the Acute Research delivery Team working on the [RESTART trial](#) into intracerebral haemorrhage. They have been chosen as this major study's Data Champions for their provision of good quality data, excellent communication and recruitment throughout the trial. In recognition of their efforts, the team has been awarded a place at the UK Stroke Forum in Telford in December.

Digital health drop-in

Want to try out exciting future health technology? Staff can drop in to Salford Royal's Digital Experience Centre on a Tuesday or Thursday between 4pm and 6pm to see how future technology, such as virtual robotic

consultation devices, could help us improve patient care. The Digital Experience Centre, Ground Floor Mayo Building (previously seminar room 3 & 4) offers the chance to find out how to operate test robots and connect to a practice lab in the US to bring alive the experience. [Find out more](#).

Have your say on malnutrition research

Salford Royal is a partner in the James Lind Alliance survey on malnutrition and nutritional screening, which launched earlier this summer. The Priority Setting Partnership survey is asking what questions should be answered by research and is inviting anyone with experience of malnutrition as a patient, carer or health care professional to give their views before 30 September. More [here](#).

Engagement



Research in spotlight at open days

This year, the [Northern Care Alliance](#) is holding open days at all five care organisations and we're planning to have research stalls at each of them. The dates for your diary are:

- Fairfield General – 17 September, 2-4pm, in the Auditorium at the Education Centre
- The Royal Oldham – 19 September, 10am-noon, at the Main Entrance
- Rochdale Infirmary – 20 September, 2-4pm, at the Main Entrance
- North Manchester General – 28 September, 10am-noon, in the Postgraduate Education Centre
- Salford Royal – 2 October, 10am-noon, in Frank Rifkin Lecture Theatre

Getting your message across

If you need advice with patient and public involvement in your research or are concerned about recruiting enough participants to your study, our Engagement team can offer practical help and advice.

[Citizen Scientist](#), which is part of R&I, can provide information to more than 3,000 people who have asked to be kept informed about opportunities to take part in research – as patients or healthy volunteers. Studies can be promoted via its website, newsletters and social media, providing a quick and easy way to reach potential participants.

For advice on PPI and engagement contact [Engagement in Research Manager Jess Zadik](#) or to get your research opportunity promoted on Citizen Scientist, contact info@citizenscientist.org.uk

Funding



Integrated Clinical Academic bridging scheme

Nurses, midwives, AHPs, pharmacists and healthcare scientists who have completed a masters level degree or PhD (or are about to do so) and want to undertake a PhD or post-doctorate level Fellowship could be eligible for the HEE/NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic bridging scheme. This offers a 12-month post-doctoral programme with an individual award of up to £34,000 and up to £10,000 for the six-month pre-doctoral programme. It is envisaged that the award will make a contribution towards salary backfill costs, training modules, travel expenses and access to high quality academic mentorship.

Awardees will be released for 50 per cent of their contracted hours to focus on the development of their research career and work towards a successful NIHR fellowship application. The closing date for applications is 17 September and there are more details [here](#).

Understanding disease clustering

This joint call between the Medical Research Council and the National Institute for Health Research is looking for projects on disease clustering in multimorbidity in the UK. Awards of up to £600,000 are available for up to

three years and applications are encouraged from cross-disciplinary and cross-institutional teams to develop research in this important field. The call closes on 9 October. [Read more.](#)

Research for Patient Benefit

The NIHR is inviting applications 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.

Applications close on 21 November – [more here.](#)

Other NIHR calls

- The researcher-led stream of the [Public Health Research](#) programme includes calls for research into complex health and care needs in older people and into brain tumours. The deadline is 13 November.
- Latest Health Technology Assessment programme calls include research into [perceptual disorders following stroke](#), [identification of older patients likely to need enhanced care on discharge from hospital](#), [recurrent intra-articular corticosteroid injections in osteoarthritis](#) and [oral nutritional interventions for malnourished frail elderly people](#). Deadlines vary.
- [Cochrane Incentive Awards](#) are small payments offered to Cochrane Review Groups for preparing key new or updated Cochrane reviews by agreed dates. They are intended to be applied at the discretion of Co-ordinating Editors in ways that will facilitate and possibly accelerate activity that is already planned or underway. The deadline for applications is 28 September.
- [Digital technologies to improve health and care](#). Applications that span the remit of more than one of the NIHR programmes are eligible for this call, although this isn't a requirement. The deadline is 6 November.

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

Gastroenterology opportunities

The charity Guts UK has announced a number of funding opportunities.

- [Guts UK/BSG Trainee Awards](#) are funded by the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) and Guts UK for trainees or trainee research networks who want carry out research or audit/quality improvement projects. The deadline is 10 September.
- [Guts UK Development Grants](#) are available for established clinicians and investigators who want to do translational and/or proof of concept research on any aspect of gastroenterology/hepatology. The deadline is 3 September.
- [Guts UK Amelie Waring Fellowship](#) is for research on pancreatic inflammation or injury. The deadline is 8 October.
- [Guts UK/Olympus Fellowship](#) is for endoscopy research on one or more of the [top 10 research priorities in Barrett's Oesophagus and Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease \(GORD\)](#) – the authors for this include Professor Shaheen Hamdy, Professor John McLaughlin and Professor Yeng Ang from Salford Royal. The deadline is 8 October.

Training



Brush up your IT skills

The Academic IT team within Research & Innovation will run several short IT courses over the coming

months. The first courses planned for October are Introduction to Excel and Further Excel. The training events are aimed at staff working within or connected to research across the Northern Care Alliance. The 1½ hour courses will take a practical approach to learning the features of Excel in order to manage research data and processes. Please see the links below for further details, and to book your place.

- [Introduction to Excel, 2 October, 1-2.30pm](#)
- [Further Excel for data management, 11 October, 10.30am-noon](#)

Take 5 to find out about research

A five-slide, five-minute introduction to research is now available on Salford Royal's intranet. The presentation, put together by Senior Clinical Research Nurse Manager Wendy Osborne, is designed to raise the profile of research with colleagues who aren't yet aware of its key role within the Trust and the wider NHS. You can access the presentation, along with other Take 5 learning packages, on the home page of the [intranet](#) (centre panel).

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.

The CRN also runs courses on informed consent, communication and consent in paediatric settings, informed consent in adults lacking capacity, research practitioner essentials and working in the CRN. [More here](#).

Events



Robotics@Manchester workshop. This new initiative aims to bring together the University of Manchester's diverse activity in robotics research. The workshop for UoM staff will include brief presentations from academics involved in robotics research from across the University and group discussions. It's on 6 September, 1-5pm, at Sackville Street Building. For information, contact the [Manchester Informatics team](#).

[Prevention better than cure?](#) The fourth in the NIHR Manchester BRC's themed discussion and networking events will be an opportunity to discuss and develop understanding around risk factors influencing disease occurrence and re-occurrence. It's on 17 September, 9am-1pm, at the Nowgen Centre, Manchester.

[ECO: Digital Health in the North](#). Academic Science Health Network partners in the North are collaborating on this event to showcase new technology systems and apps, and to discuss how these can be adopted into practice. It's on 26 September, 9.30am-2pm, at King's House Conference Centre, Manchester.

[Greater Manchester Cancer Conference](#). This one day conference will underline the benefits of cancer services, research and education working together. It will focus around Greater Manchester patient outcomes and explore key improvements made and continuing challenges. It's on 26 November at Old Trafford. The deadline for abstracts is 30 September.

Musculoskeletal Disorders Networking event. This meeting hosted by the NIHR CRN: Greater Manchester will include an update from the CRN, and presentations relating to topics associated with MSK research in Greater Manchester. It's on 14 January, 1.30-3.30pm, at the CRN: Greater Manchester, 2nd Floor, CityLabs, Manchester.

Staff updates



Vacancies

- [Senior Clinical Fellow – Emergency Assessment Unit](#) (closes 16 August)

- [Clinical Fellow \(Post Foundation Training Level, FY2\)](#) (closes 16 August)
- [Consultant haematologist](#) (closes 7 September)
- [Mohs surgeon consultant](#) (closes 6 November)

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

- Congratulations to Senior Research Nurse Jo Osman, who has successfully completed an MA in Health Care Ethics and Law at The University of Manchester while working full time at Salford Royal's photobiology unit. Jo completed modules and assignments in philosophical bioethics, medico-legal problems, international Issues in health care law and ethics, ethics, genetics and genomics, and research ethics.
- Well done to Research Assistant Anya Francis who has raised £210 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association by taking part in the Total Warrior – Lakes 10km race with obstacles. You can still donate via her [JustGiving page](#).
- Congratulations to Dr Alex Oldroyd, who has been awarded a Clinical Research Fellowship from Arthritis Research UK for his PhD, which will investigate developing new myositis disease activity measurements using accelerometers and patient reported outcomes.

Publications



Journals, articles, newsletters and blogs

- Rosa Parisi, Roger Webb, Elise Kleyn, Matthew Carr, Nav Kapur, Christopher Griffiths, Darren Ashcroft: [Psychiatric morbidity and suicidal behaviour in psoriasis: A primary care cohort study](#) (British Journal of Dermatology).
- Raja Hussain, Amit Herwadkar, Kyri Paroutoglou, James Lilleker: [Neurogenic pulmonary oedema complicating a lateral medullary infarct](#) (BMJ Case Reports).
- Ashley Bond, Antje Teubner, Michael Taylor, Cathy Cawley, Jacqui Varden, Arun Abraham, Paul Chadwick, Mattias Soop, Gordon Carlson, Simon Lal: [Catheter-related infections in patients with acute type II intestinal failure admitted to an national centre: Incidence and outcomes](#) (Clinical Nutrition).
- Andrew Tomkins, Chitra Babu, Amit Herwadkar, Rekha Siripurapu, David McKee: [Varicella zoster virus cerebral aneurysmal vasculopathy presenting in a newly-diagnosed HIV-positive patient](#) (International Journal of STD and AIDS).
- Aikaterini Mandaltsi, Andrii Grytsan, Aghogho Odudu, Jacek Kadziela, Paul Morris, Adam Witowski, Timothy Ellam, Philip Kalra, Alberto Marzo: [Non-invasive stenotic renal artery haemodynamics by in silico medicine](#) (Frontiers in Physiology).
- Marco Lenti, Scott Levison, Elena Eliadou, Robert Willert, Karen Kemp, Catherine Stansfield, Arash Assadsangabi, Jimmy Limdi, Christian Selinger, et al: [A real-world, long-term experience on effectiveness and safety of vedolizumab in adult patients with inflammatory bowel disease: The Cross Pennine study](#) (Digestive and Liver Disease).
- Sophie Twelves, Alshimaa Mostafa, Nick Dand, Richard Warren, Andrew Wright, Christopher Griffiths, Francesca Capon, et al: [Clinical and genetic differences between pustular psoriasis subtypes](#) (The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology).
- Philip Kalra, Alexandru Burlacu, Charles Ferro, Adrian Covic: [Which anticoagulants should be used for stroke prevention in non-valvular atrial fibrillation and severe chronic kidney disease?](#) (Current Opinion in Nephrology and Hypertension).

- Peter Smith, Cecile Tawadros, Nicholas Fletcher, Christopher Betts: [A method for securing the temporary lead\(s\) in sacral nerve stimulation](#) (RCS Annals).
- Richard Kift, Lesley Rhodes, Mark Farrar, Ann Webb: [Is sunlight exposure enough to avoid wintertime vitamin D deficiency in United Kingdom population groups?](#) (International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health).
- Roisin Borrill, Edmund Cheesman, Stavros Stivaros, Ian Kamaly-Asl, Kanna Gnanalingham, John-Paul Kilday: [Papillary craniopharyngioma in a 4-year-old girl with BRAF V600E mutation: A case report and review of the literature](#) (Child's Nervous System).
- James Lilleker: [Advances in the early diagnosis and therapy of inclusion body myositis](#) (Current Opinion in Rheumatology).
- Zenas Yiu, Darren Ashcroft, Ian Evans, Kathleen McElhone, Mark Lunt, Catherine Smith, Shernaz Walton, Ruth Murphy, Nicholas Reynolds, Anthony Ormerod, Christopher Griffiths, Richard Warren: [Infliximab is associated with an increased risk of serious infection in patients with psoriasis in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland: Results from the British Association of Dermatologists Biologic Interventions Register \(BADBIR\)](#) (British Journal of Dermatology).
- Charlie Sewalt, Eveline Wiegers, Esmee Venema, Fiona Lecky, Stephanie Schuit, Dennis Den Hartog, Hester Lingsma: [The volume-outcome relationship in severely injured patients: A systematic review and meta-analysis](#) (Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery).
- Sofia Skampardoni, Dimitrios Poulidakos, Marek Malik, Darren Green, Philip Kalra: [The potential of electrocardiography for cardiac risk prediction in chronic and end-stage kidney disease](#) (Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation).
- Janusz Jankowski, John de Caestecker, Sharon Love, Gavin Reilly, Peter Watson, Scott Sanders, Yeng Ang, Bashir Rameh, Howard Smart, Paul Moayyedi, et al: [Esomeprazole and aspirin in Barrett's oesophagus \(AspECT\): A randomised factorial trial](#) (Lancet).
- Sorrel Burden, Matthew Hemstock, Michael Taylor, Antje Teubner, Neil Roskell, Alasdair MacCulloch, Arun Abraham, Simon Lal: [The impact of home parenteral nutrition on the burden of disease including morbidity, mortality and rate of hospitalisations](#) (Clinical Nutrition).

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