

## Newsletter

Primary Care Research Network East Midlands and South Yorkshire

### Putting research at the heart of primary care



To those who don't know us it's time we introduced ourselves!

To those of you who do know us hello again!

WELCOME to the first edition of our Newsletter which coincides with the launch of our website: [www.pcrn-emsy.org.uk](http://www.pcrn-emsy.org.uk), where you can find out all about us and meet the team.

The purpose of this quarterly Newsletter is:

- to keep you up to date with progress of research studies which you may be participating in, or want to take part in
- funding opportunities
- forthcoming events

### Getting in Touch

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## Are you being invited to take part in all of our studies?

### If not maybe this will help .....

When we receive information about a study looking to recruit local practices we use the information that you provided when you initially sent us your Expression of Interest Form (EOI Form) and send you a 'priority' invitation to take part in this particular study.

**If your area of research has widened** since you completed the EOI Form please let us know and we can update your details so that you are included in the priority invitations for other studies.

**If you have not registered your research interests** with the Network now may be the time to do so.

## What are the advantages of registering with the network?

### Access to funding for:

- training and backfill for practice research training and accreditation
- clinical sessions for South Yorkshire

### Incentive Scheme for General Practices funded by the LNR CLRN

- Research Intensive Practice Level 1 funding
- Research as a core activity Practice Level 2 funding

All practices currently in LNR on the PCRN EMSY database will be invited to apply for this support. Written contracts will be agreed, with 50% payment at start of the contract 50% on completion, subject to delivery.

### Access to UKCRN Training

- GCP and the EU Directive in Primary Care
- Valid Informed Consent
- Randomised Controlled Trials
- Recruitment and Retention into Primary Care Studies

**For more details on funding support and training opportunities visit our website:**

[www.pcrn-emsy.org.uk](http://www.pcrn-emsy.org.uk)

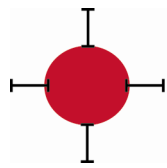
## What about Dentists, Pharmacists and other Primary Care Professionals?

We currently have some involvement with dentistry and pharmacy and one of the core aims in our Strategic Plan for 2008 – 2011 is to specifically increase the number of primary care healthcare professionals engaged in research.

### For a copy of our Strategic Plan please contact:

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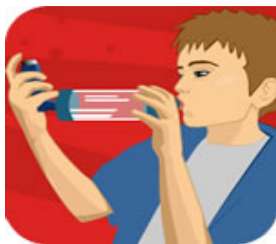
## We are now recruiting for.....



# DESCARTE

To identify which patients with sore throat may benefit from antibiotics to avoid serious complications, and the patients from whom antibiotics may be safely withheld, so reducing the uncertainty of this common dilemma for primary care prescribers.

- Funders:** Medical Research Council and NHS R & D Service Support
- Lead Researcher:** Professor Paul Little of the University of Southampton in collaboration with five other centres in Oxford, Bristol, Exeter, Cardiff and Birmingham
- Eligible practitioners:** 'low prescribers' – general practitioners and nurses who issue an immediate antibiotic prescription to less than 50% of patients who present with a sore throat
- Enrolment Period:** January 2007 to end of April 2009
- Participants:** Patients aged 16 or over presenting to primary care with a sore throat
- Training:** Provided by the PCRN EMSY Research Coordinating Centre and Hubs
- Re-imburement:** Each participating clinician will be reimbursed for their time spent/patients recruited.



## M A S C O T

### Management of Asthma in School-age Children On Therapy

- Funders:** HTA
- Chief Investigator:** Professor Warren Lenny, University Hospital of North Staffordshire
- Principal investigator:** Dr Hitesh Pandya, Consultant Paediatrician, University of Leicester
- Enrolment Period:** June 2008 to June 2010
- Participants:** Children with physician diagnosed asthma aged 6 yrs to 14 yrs 11 months  
Those requiring frequent short-acting beta2 agonist relief therapy 7 and above puffs per week  
Those with symptoms of asthma (i.e. wheeze, shortness of breath but not cough)
- Reimbursement:** Each participating clinician will be reimbursed for their time spent/patients recruited.

For further details of the above studies and a sample of the other types of studies we are supporting please visit our Research Portfolio page on our website: [www.pcrn-emsy.org.uk](http://www.pcrn-emsy.org.uk)  
For a full listing of the primary care research studies adopted by the PCRN visit the Clinical Research page of the UKCRN website under the Topic PCRN: [www.UKCRN.org.uk](http://www.UKCRN.org.uk)

## Upcoming Events

### March

Thursday 12 March 2009

### Good Clinical Practice and the EU Directive in Primary Care

Your training opportunity in primary care clinical research! The NIHR Clinical Research Network and the Primary Care Research Network East Midlands and South Yorkshire (PCRN EMSY) are offering FREE training in: Good Clinical Practice and the EU Directive in Primary Care. Can you spare the time? While you and/or your staff are attending the course the PCRN EMSY will provide backfill funding. The seminar is being held at the Leicester University, John Foster Hall, Oadby Campus, Leicester. [http://www.le.ac.uk/conferences/acc\\_jfh.html](http://www.le.ac.uk/conferences/acc_jfh.html)

The presenters, Dr Amrit Takhar and Jane Elwood, are both experienced in delivering clinical research within a practice setting and providing specialist training on GCP in primary care. Please register on the UKCRN Website <http://www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk/index.html>.

- on the home page click on the training tab at the top of the page
  - Click on "[LMS online course booking system](#)"
  - Click on [Register to use the LMS online course booking system \(for first time users\)](#)
  - For the field Network/ Organisation enter Primary Care Research Network
  - For the local Network/Organisation select PCRN East Midlands and South Yorkshire
- Once you have registered you will receive a "validation email" – you can then register on the course by following the first two steps above and then:
- Click on [Sign into the LMS online course booking system](#)
  - Click on "View the Course Directory"
  - Choose "Governance Training" and then click on GCP and the EU Directive in primary care"

### March

Tuesday 31 March 2009

### Trent Regional SAPC Meeting

**SAPC**

The Society for Academic  
Primary Care



The University of Leicester is hosting the Trent Regional SAPC Meeting at Digby Hall, Oadby, Leicester LE2 2NB. For further information please contact:

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**May**

**Wednesday - Friday 20th – 22nd 2009**

## **NIHR Mental Health Research Network Annual Conference**

The East Midlands Hub of the NIHR Mental Health Research Network will be hosting the Network's annual conference at the East Midlands Conference Centre in Nottingham. The conference will be multidisciplinary, bridging basic and clinical science through to public mental health. The focus will be to showcase high quality international research; the key to better understanding of causes and treatments of individual disorders in real life settings. This is the fourth MHRN Scientific Conference, which follows on from three successful meetings in Manchester, Newcastle and London.

The conference will be of interest to anyone who has a background or strong interest in mental health research, including academics, clinicians, allied health professionals, carers, service users, NHS research and development managers and administrators.

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Mental Health Research Network (MHRN) supports large-scale, high quality research in mental health and social care in the NHS, the results of which inform policy and practice.

The MHRN Scientific Organising Committee welcomes abstracts for poster presentations, which fit into the general theme of the 2009 conference and on research topics which are of value to carers and service users. The closing date for receipt of abstracts is 27th March 2009. For further details on the programme, registration, accommodation, social events and abstract submissions visit the MHRN website, <http://www.mhrn.info/index/about/conference.html> or contact Joanne Greenwood on 0115 82 31302 - [joanne.greenwood@nottshc.nhs.uk](mailto:joanne.greenwood@nottshc.nhs.uk)

**July**

**8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

## **SAPC Annual Conference**

Hosted by the Universities of Dundee and St Andrews on behalf of Scottish School of Primary Care the SAPC Annual Conference will be held in Dundee this year. Contact details are as follows:

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