

# William Harvey Clinical Research Centre

Newsletter July 2015



## Barts Health Research Presentation evenings

The next talk will be at Barts on Thursday 13 August in the Morris Lecture Theatre. There will be two talks, as follows:

Dr Manish Saxena: 'Fitting the clinical trial around the patient'.

Dr Cecilia Gonzales Moran: 'Gum health and pregnancy complications'.

To find out more about the research evenings and to register visit:

[www.bartshealth.nhs.uk/takepart](http://www.bartshealth.nhs.uk/takepart)

## CRN North Thames Report July 2015

The CRN report has just come out. Highlights are as follows:

- Barts Health contributes 42% of commercial recruitment to CRN North Thames total.
- Barts Health contributes 27% of non-commercial recruitment.

- Barts Health recruited 2,729 patients 2015/16, Quarter 1
- Barts Health is 584 patients above 2014/15 Quarter 1 total



## Let's talk hearts

Let's talk hearts - one a series of free heart talks open to anyone interested in heart health.

The next 'Let's talk hearts' talk will be on 9th October at the Idea Whitechapel (Whitechapel library) from 3-5pm.

Speakers will be Professor Amrita Ahluwalia and Dr Daniel Jones from the William Harvey Research Institute.

For registration or to join the Let's talk hearts mailing list please email [letstalkhearts@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:letstalkhearts@qmul.ac.uk) or ring 07572 768985.

Further details in due course.

## Study update: new Endocrinology trials

We have a number of new endocrinology trials at the CRC working with Barts Consultants as Principal Investigators, as follows:

### **Professor Marta Korbonits:**

A non-interventional follow-up in patients with acromegaly previously participating in the Chiasma study (also run at the CRC). The study investigates the efficacy and safety of oral octreolin in patients with acromegaly who are currently receiving parenteral somatostatin analogs.

A dose ascending study to determine the maximum tolerated dose, safety and tolerability, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of a single dose of lanreotide PRF in patients with acromegaly previously treated and controlled with octreotide LAR.

**Dr Scott Akker:**

Scott has 2 phase 3 trials which are designed to evaluate the efficacy and safety of pasireotide in patients with acromegaly inadequately controlled with first generation somatostatin analogues.

**Professor William Drake:**

An open label study to assess the safety and efficacy of COR-003 in the treatment of endogenous Cushing's disease.

## Two important awards given to Barts CV researchers

Dr Pier Lambiase was awarded the Michael Davies Early Career Award. This is a top national award for his work into heart rhythm problems. It honours researchers who have recently established themselves as independent investigators and who have made an outstanding contribution to cardiovascular science.

At the CRC we will be working with Dr Lambiase on a new interventional Phase 3 trial investigating the effect of GS-6615 on shortening of the QT interval and the safety and tolerability in patients with Long QT-3 syndrome.

Professor Adam Timmis, Professor of Clinical Cardiology was awarded the Mackenzie Medal, the premier award in UK cardiology, for outstanding contribution to medical care. The Mackenzie Medal is awarded in recognition of outstanding service to British cardiology.

Both of these medals were awarded at the British Cardiovascular Society's annual conference.

Congratulations to both Pier and Adam!

## Barts Heart Centre: Inaugural Research Clinic

The Barts Heart Centre is planning to start a seminar series entitled “Barts Heart Centre Research Clinic”. The inaugural event is planned for 30th September 2015, 5-7pm, The Great Hall, St Bartholomew’s.

### **Purpose:**

Barts Heart Centre Research Clinics will provide clinical researchers information about research support structures available to them through the Barts Heart Centre. At the same time it provides an opportunity to learn about the obstacles (perceived or real) to clinical research and develop solutions to overcome these. Research Clinics have been set up with the aim of facilitating research and providing clinical researchers with help and support to strive towards our Barts Heart Centre Research Vision and Mission. **Vision:** Better patient care through offering every patient to be part of research; **Mission:** We will sustain and develop excellence in research, development and innovation.

### **Target audience:**

Any Barts Heart Centre staff members involved in clinical research or aiming to become involved in clinical research. Interested non-clinical academics from UCL/QMUL are welcome.

### **Format:**

Inaugural Barts Heart Centre Research Clinic (30 September 2015 5-7pm, The Great Hall, St Bartholomew's)  
Every 1-2 months thereafter.  
Each event will be summarised using a FAQ approach to build a knowledge base.

Please come along to the Inaugural event!