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RESEARCH UPDATE

PRIORITY STUDY

ASCEND (A Study of Cardiovascular Events in Diabetes)

A mail-based, multi-centre, randomised controlled trial which aims to demonstrate whether aspirin and/or omega-3 fatty acids reduce the risk of cardiovascular events in individuals with diabetes and whether such benefits outweigh any potential risks.

Although the study has reached the original target of 10,000 patients it was decided to increase the target to 13,000 -15,000 to improve statistical power and extend the end date until December 2010. With your help we can provide reliable answers to these important questions.

Open in all PCRN N&Y areas

(NIHR ID: 2257)

This issue includes a selection of:

- **Studies currently open**
- **Studies opening soon**
- **Studies recently closed**

For more information about any of the studies included in this booklet please contact the PCRN N&Y office on 01642 615600 or email: enquiries@nyren.co.uk

Studies currently open

3C — Cough Complications Cohort

The study will assess complications for the commonest respiratory infection that we see in practice to determine if adverse outcome (subsequent diagnosis of pneumonia) following presentation in primary care with a cough and a diagnosis of suspected acute lower respiratory tract infection (LRTI) can be predicted from clinical and personal characteristics.

You can register your interest by contacting us or see the [3C Study website](#) for more information.

This study is **open to recruitment in all PCRN N&Y areas.**

(NIHR ID: 7674)

Exploring the integration between community pharmacists and general practitioners: a novel application of social network analysis

Attention has only recently started to shift from the application of social network analysis to the study of multi-disciplinary working in health care teams. Research from Australia, examining rural GPs support networks and GPs collaborative workings with other health care professionals, has been some of the first to adopt a network approach for the study of health care professional relations. A recent Service Delivery and Organisation Programme (SDO) project also indicates the importance of research in the area of health care professional networks.

This study will explore the emerging and novel application of this approach and has the potential to greatly widen current understanding of how GPs and pharmacists work together in order to inform and ensure that future policy decisions related to collaborative multi-disciplinary working are sound and evidence based. **Open in West Yorkshire.**

(NIHR ID: 8324)

Studies opening soon

(DRN 489) SICA-HF (Diabetic Screening): *investigating co-morbidities aggravating heart failure.* Diabetes Mellitus type 2 (DM2) is a major contributory factor in the morbidity and mortality of patients with Chronic Heart Failure (CHF). This observational study is a screening exercise among patients with DM2 to determine the prevalence of undiagnosed CHF or other cardiac dysfunction in this group of patients. The study should open in **Hull and East Riding PCTs** later in the Autumn.
(NIHR CRN ID: 8994)

Analysis of Physical Activity (PA) in the Development of Motor Neurone Disease

The study aims to assess if participation in a high level of physical activity in the past is associated with an increased risk of developing Motor Neurone Disease. The study will use a valid adulthood research-administered questionnaire to retrospectively evaluate PA as a risk factor for MND. Control subjects will be sought within **West Yorkshire and North East Yorkshire & North Lincolnshire areas.**

Studies recently closed

Aesops: *the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of opportunistic screening & stepped care interventions for older alcohol users in primary care.* This study closed on 31st October 2010. **Thank you to all who took part** in the successful recruitment to target. The results will be written up over the next few months and we will inform interested parties of the outcome in a future newsletter.

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