

Clinical Surgery NEWS

Edinburgh School of Surgery Day 2020

Friday 20th November

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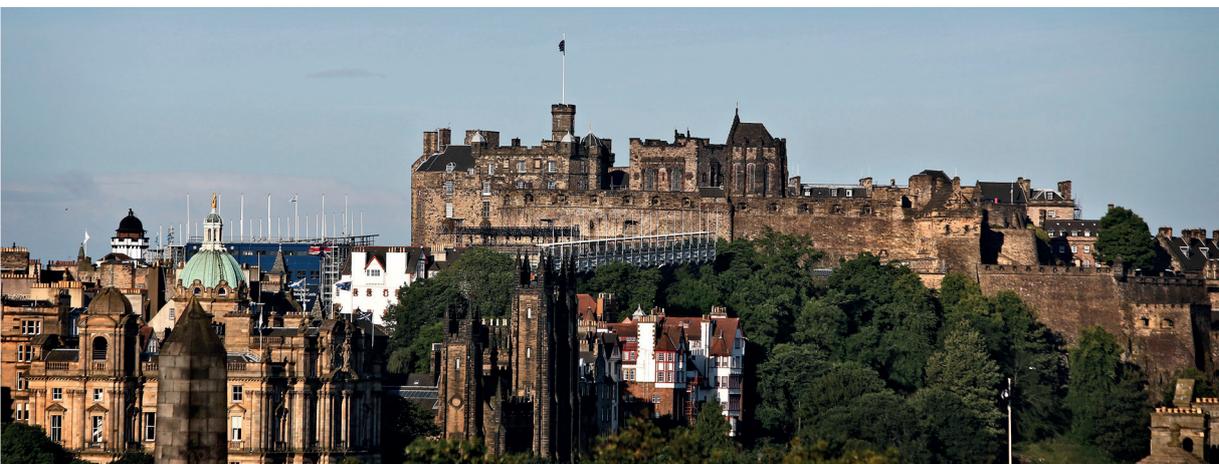
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Save the Date for the 2020 School of Surgery Day!

*Full details including the final programme and guest speakers will
be available shortly.*

**Abstract submission for academic medals - deadline
5pm, 6th November 2020**

Chiene Medal: abstracts should be based on clinical or laboratory-based projects undertaken within the Edinburgh 'School of Surgery'. Those selected for an oral presentation will compete for a Chiene Medal.

Clinical Prize: an opportunity for trainees to present some clinical research projects or interesting case reviews. Those selected for an oral presentation will compete for a Clinical prize.

Professor Kenneth CH Fearon Memorial Medal – The prize will be awarded to the surgeon in training or consultant within 1 year of appointment and working in South East Scotland, who in the opinion of the judging panel has published the most outstanding contribution as a single paper in the broad field of surgery in the calendar year preceding the award in a peer-reviewed journal. It is anticipated that the member be the first author of the publication or will have made a very significant contribution to the

publication. The publication must be related to the broad field of surgery and its subspecialties and can include basic science, translational or clinical work published in the year preceding the date of the School of Surgery Day. For example, papers considered for the 2020 School of Surgery Day meeting must have been published in a journal dated between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019.

For full details of this prize and a submission form to apply, please email Susan Keggie (s.keggie@ed.ac.uk)

Abstracts should be no more than 400 words and must be emailed to Susan Keggie (s.keggie@ed.ac.uk) by 5pm, Friday November 6th 2020. (Abstracts received after this date will not be considered)

Academic medals are open to all surgeons in training.

Medical students are welcome to attend the presentations

Please note: should Covid-19 restrictions prevent the meeting being held in Symposium Hall, an alternative online event will be arranged.



Recent Grant Awards

Buckley L, Ogunbayo OA, Aftab C, Tufail-Hanif U, & Ellis H

A preliminary study to identify factors that predict academic attainment in case-based discussion board assessments in online distance-learning programmes, and participants' perception of assessment value.

Principal's Teaching Award Scheme (PTAS), £1250
2020-2021

Harrison E, et al

Clinical Characterisation of COVID-19 admitted to hospitals in the United Kingdom

DHSC: £85,000

April-September 2020

Harrison E, et al

ISARIC Clinical Characterisation Protocol UK (CCP-UK) – a companion study for patients with Cancer and COVID-19 (CCP-CANCER-UK)

DHSC/UKRI Covid-19 Rapid Response: £317,158

01/08/20 - 31/07/21

Harrison E, et al

ISARIC 2.0: Pre-positioned Epidemic-Response Clinical Trial Protocols

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

May-September 2020

Harrison E, et al

Development and evaluation of a tool for predicting risk of short-term adverse outcomes due to COVID-19 in the general UK population

NIHR
18/05/2020 - 18/05/2022

Harrison E, et al

CO-CIN Scotland: Near real-time analysis and reporting of the clinical characteristics of patients admitted to hospital with SARS-CoV-2 infection

CSO: £297,000

Harrison E, et al

Post-hospitalisation (P-Hosp) COVID-19 study: a national consortium to understand and improve long-term health outcomes

UKRI

01/07/2020 - 31/12/2021

News Round-Up

News from the Mole Group

Alastair Hayes was awarded his PhD, "Metabolic regulators of inflammation in acute pancreatitis", supervised by Professor Damian Mole and funded by the Amelie Waring Fellowship from the Pancreatic Society of GB&I and GutsUK. Alastair has resumed higher surgical training and continues to make a contribution to the Mole group research programme.

Lucile Neyton from the Mole group was awarded her PhD "Stratification of patient subgroups using high-dimensional and time-series observations", funded by the MRC Doctoral Training Programme in Precision Medicine. Lucile has been offered a prestigious post-doc in Carolynn Calfee's group at UC San Francisco. Before she takes that up, Lucile is applying the techniques that she developed during her PhD using patient data from acute pancreatitis to identify endotypes in the ISARIC4 COVID-19 patient cohort.

William Cambridge has joined the Mole team to develop the first descriptive analysis of the RESORP Cohort (Resolution of Organ injury in Acute Pancreatitis) that completed recruitment slightly earlier than planned due to COVID-19 (!) but still has a strong and highly phenotyped longitudinal study of the legacy of organ dysfunction in acute pancreatitis.

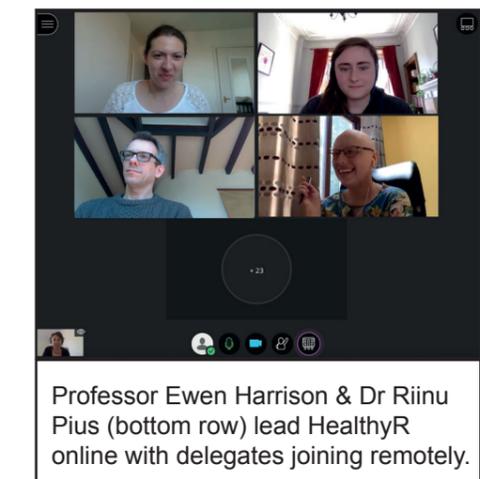
Alexander Walker, who came to Edinburgh to the Mole lab to gain additional academic training as an ACF from the Cambridge Deanery, has successfully been appointed to the prestigious Wellcome Trust-funded ECAT Fellowship scheme here in Edinburgh.

HealthyR moves online...and into print!

Due to the Covid19 lockdown, the fully booked May HealthyR course could not go ahead as planned. The programme team quickly adapted the content and format, moving the course online.



Despite a few early technical glitches, the new format including small group break-out sessions, proved successful and we hope to offer this format again in the future to widen access.



As well as embracing the online format, the HealthyR team also have a new book coming out later in the autumn. *R for Health Data Science* includes everything a healthcare professional needs to go from R novice to R guru.

The print edition will be out later in the year, but the online edition is already available [here](#).

Personal Promotions & Appointments

Mr Richard Skipworth

Congratulations to Richard Skipworth who has been appointed Honorary Reader.



Dr Katie Shaw



Congratulations to Dr Katie Shaw who has been appointed Senior Lecturer.

Professor Stephen Wigmore

Professor Stephen Wigmore has been appointed Treasurer of the BJS Society and Co-Convenor of the Athena Swan Programme for the College of Medicine.



MD Success for Michael Ramage

Congratulations to Michael Ramage who was awarded his MD earlier in the summer. Michael's project, *A Critical Assessment Of Computed Tomography As A Valid Means Of Muscular Body Composition Analysis In Cancer Cachexia*, was supervised by Professor Kenneth Fearon, Mr Richard Skipworth and Professor Stephen Wigmore.

EUSA Teaching Awards 2020

Congratulations to members of the Edinburgh Surgery Online team for their nominations in this year's Edinburgh University Students Association Teaching Awards.



Supervisor of the Year: Louise Buckley & Heather Ellis.

Personal Tutor of the Year: Heather Ellis & Chantelle Aftab

Outstanding Support Staff: Karen Muir

New Members of Staff

Karen Muir

Karen joined Edinburgh Surgery Online in February 2020 as a part-time administrator for the ChM in Clinical Ophthalmology and MSc in Primary Care Ophthalmology programmes. As well as administering the Ophthalmology programmes, Karen also administers, and manages, the Dermatology and Ophthalmology MBChB modules.



Ed Gamble



Ed joined the Edinburgh Surgery Online as a Programme Administrator for the MSc in Surgical Sciences in March 2020. Prior to this role, Ed worked as Student Service

Administrator at the Medical School at the University of Nottingham and as a Data Analyst at Experian PLC. Preceding this Ed is a MSc International Relations graduate from the University of Nottingham (2015) and completed a Human Resource Management undergraduate degree from Keele University (2014)

Haitham Mahdi

Haitham has joined the ENT department as a Research Fellow, working with Ian Nixon.



Sponsored by the British Council of Egypt, Haitham is investigating the role of immunofluorescence in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma and the role it plays in the diagnosis and detection of human cancer cells.

PURE Publication Deposits In Clinical Surgery

The Research Excellence Framework planned for 2021 has been delayed. The full announcement on the impact of Covid19 on the REF2021 is available [here](#)

However, publications should still continue to be deposited in PURE within 3 months of acceptance.

PURE arrangements in Clinical Surgery

Susan Keggie and Murray Brittan are now handling publication deposits in PURE.

As soon as you receive notification of a manuscript being accepted for publication, please forward the acceptance email together with the finally accepted author version to our new PURE email address

Pure.clinsurg@ed.ac.uk

All manuscripts must be deposited in PURE within **3 months of acceptance**.

Any publications not deposited in PURE within 3 months of acceptance will not be eligible for the REF.

A full set of FAQs on PURE can be found in the July 2019 edition of this newsletter which can be accessed [here](#).

Funding Opportunities



The [University Research Support Office](#) (ERO) has a wealth of resources available for those seeking funding. There are some funding calls highlighted below, but for full and regular updates, subscribe to their [blog](#) to receive all the latest information and funding round deadlines.

They have also put together dedicated information relating to funding for Covid19

research which is available [here](#).

MRC: Clinical Academic Research Partnerships round 3

Deadline: 29 October 2020

Budget: £6M will support 20-25 awards, which will cover 20-50% of the applicant's basic salary and consumables costs.

Support for research-qualified, consultant-level healthcare professionals to take part in collaborative, high-quality research partnerships with groups and centres of biomedical and health research excellence. Applicants should not currently be undertaking substantial research activity (e.g. >=1 PA of research time).

UKRI Responsive-mode calls

UKRI Research Councils, including the Medical Research Council (MRC) have a range of open research calls and fellowships (also known as responsive mode), which can be used to fund projects of all sizes, from smaller-scale scoping studies to large programmes and centres. Further information on the Researcher-led funding opportunities at the MRC can be found [here](#).

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Future Events

Save the Date for the 8th International Meeting of the World Society of Emergency Medicine - October 2021



It is our great pleasure to announce that the Department of Clinical Surgery of the University of Edinburgh is hosting the 8th International Meeting of the World Society of Emergency Surgery (WSES), at the McEwan Hall, for the 28th of September to the 1st of October 2021. We look forward to welcoming emergency/trauma/general surgeons from around the world and the UK

Items of News to Share?

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