

## **UK DCTN GP Fellowships**

**Since 2012, 6 GPs have benefitted from this award, including:**

### **Fiona Collier UK DCTN GP Fellow 2013**

“As an experienced GP and GPWSI Dermatology, with over 19 years in the same Practice, I started to do some simple research on Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS), after noticing that the condition was very common but poorly understood. However, I was frustrated at my lack of research skills and basic statistical knowledge, and felt I needed to collaborate with others interested in the same field to produce more meaningful results. The UK DCTN GP Fellowship has enabled me to receive formal and informal training in all aspects of research methods, from critically appraising published articles to attending meetings where researchers discuss how to address a particular research question. I joined a group preparing guidelines for the British Association of Dermatologists on HS, which involved assessing the evidence in a way I would not previously have been able to do. The UK DCTN also arranged for me to take part in a research priority setting partnership, set up by the James Lind Alliance to identify the most important aspects of HS for future research. I feel that research awareness is something that is valuable at all stages in a medical career, and offers a solution to mid-career stagnation.”

### **Dr Emma Le Roux UK DCTN GP Fellow 2016**

Emma is a practising mid-career GP with an interest in Dermatology. The Fellowship award in 2016, provided her with new skills in critical appraisal of research studies and knowledge of the processes and collaborations that are needed in national dermatological trials. It also inspired her to pursue a research career alongside her clinical work; Emma has since secured an NIHR In-Practice Fellowship at the Centre for Academic Primary Care, Bristol University and has been recruited by the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) to be 'Clinical Champion for Dermatology'. The aim of this role is to raise the profile of Dermatology in Primary Care, and to develop a programme of practical support and educational resources to frontline healthcare professionals in managing patients with skin problems. This is a brilliant initiative by the RCGP to raise the profile of Dermatology in primary care and Emma is certain that her participation in the UK DCTN fellowship has helped her achieve this new role.