

UK DCTN SpR Fellowships

Since 2007, 29 dermatology trainees have benefitted from this award, including:

Dr John Ingram UK DCTN SpR Fellow 2007

Dr Ingram undertook a number of activities including joining the STOP GAP Trial Steering Committee and undertaking development of the NICE guidelines for alitretinoin. He is now a Senior Lecturer and Consultant Dermatologist in Cardiff and has held an NISCHR Fellowship to undertake research in Hidradenitis Suppurativa having led a Priority Setting Partnership in this area. Dr Ingram is continuing his research interests in this area having recently secured funding from the NIHR for the THESEUS study which will investigate the best treatment options for HS when first line therapies fail. He is currently dermatology lead for Wales on the NISCHR CRC and from 2019 will become editor of the British Journal of Dermatology.

Dr Rosalind Simpson UK DCTN SpR Fellow 2009

As part of her SpR Fellowship award Dr Simpson joined a project on erosive lichen planus and was awarded an NIHR Fellowship on aspects of erosive lichen planus of the vulva. This work included developing outcome measures for the condition and an RCT investigating systemic treatments for patients who do not respond to first line therapy – the hELP trial. Maintaining an interest in vulval disorders, Dr Simpson has recently helped to deliver a Priority Setting Partnership on Lichen Sclerosus (LS). Now a Consultant Dermatologist based in Nottingham, she is moving this work forwards and leading an international collaboration on developing core outcome measures for LS.

Dr Rubeta Matin UK DCTN SpR Fellow 2010

With an interest in non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC), Dr Matin (now a Consultant Dermatologist in Oxford) was involved in the development and validation of the SPOT study looking at SCC prevention in high risk organ transplant patients. She was also involved in a Cochrane Systematic Review on Bowens Disease and a Cochrane DTA review of diagnostic tests in skin cancer. She has been a key figure in getting the UK DCTN Trainee Group established and is now chair of the UK DCTN Trial Generation and Prioritisation Panel. Rubeta is heavily involved in a number of NMSC projects including a database study on DFSP, the SCART study of ART for high-risk NMSC patients and OASIS – a feasibility project investigating infections rates following surgical removal of ulcerated tumours.

Dr Antonia Lloyd Lavery UK DCTN Fellow 2014

Having developed an interest in inflammatory skin disease, particularly atopic eczema, during previous laboratory and clinical trial research, Dr Lloyd-Lavery was involved in multiple Annual Evidence Based Updates on eczema. Amongst other things, she also undertook work to help with establishing clinical practice for the treatment of bullous pemphigoid to help inform the impact that the results of the BLISTER study will have on clinical practice. Now an Consultant Dermatologist, she is continuing links with the UK DCTN as an active member of the Trial Generation and Prioritisation Panel and is involved in the Blistering Skin Disorders Priority Setting Partnership.

Dr Aaron Wernham UK DCTN Fellow 2016

Dr Wernham undertook a number of activities as part of his award with us including an annual evidence based update on eczema (treatment and prevention) and the critical appraisal of the CRONOS study. He is co-investigator on a UK DCTN study in development investigating the role of prophylactic antibiotics in reducing the risk of wound infection following excision of ulcerated skin cancers (the PAUSE study) and the corresponding feasibility project OASIS. Keen to see more trainees actively involved in research, Dr Wernham has established an active trainee research environment in Birmingham.