

## **UK DCTN Nurse Fellowships**

**Since 2010, thirteen nurses have benefitted from this award, (see full listing in the table on page 2), including:**

### **Jane Grundy 2010 UK DCTN Nurse Fellow**

Following my involvement in the Softened water eczema trial as a Research Nurse I was privileged to be awarded the UK DCTN Nursing Prize in 2010. I joined the SpR fellowship prize winners and spent three days at the Dermatology Trials Network base in Nottingham. The trial managers were all very friendly and welcoming and gave us an insight into all the current trials running at the network. We gained useful and practical information into running randomised controlled trials from conception to completion. We also spent a half day with Prof Hywel Williams developing our critical appraisal skills. This has led to an ongoing learning programme organised by the Professor who provides targeted reading for critical appraisal followed by a telephone conference discussion. Winning the prize has given me a unique opportunity to develop my critical appraisal skills and an in depth knowledge of the research process, which I am now able to use within my own work environment. I would recommend any nurse working within dermatology to apply for this very unique and prestigious award.

### **Angela Steen 2011 UK DCTN Nurse Fellow**

I have really enjoyed my time spent at Nottingham and have learnt a great deal during the duration of my award. I have been working in dermatology for 20 years now and winning the award gave me a new path to explore within my current role. There have been times when I have been out of my comfort zone but I think that is a good thing and have gained from this. The research nurses in Nottingham have given me some great tips on how I can manage studies within a smaller centre and I have incorporated these into my practice. The whole team at Nottingham are enthusiastic and motivated which rubs off on us when we have our visits and send us back to our clinical areas with renewed enthusiasm. I have always been an advocate of research taking place in normal clinical practice so I will continue to fly the research flag in North Wales and ensure our dermatology patients in District General Hospitals have the same access to studies as those in academic centres to improve outcomes for all.

### **Kathy Radley 2016 UK DCTN Nurse Fellow**

In addition to the core activities of the award, Kathy became involved in the Steering Committee of the Hyperhidrosis Priority Setting Partnership. She has commented that the award has contributed very much to her professional development in both her clinical and academic roles. A keen advocate of other nurses applying for this award, you can see Kathy speaking about her experiences at <https://youtu.be/TWULQ8aCPHA> . Kathy is continuing her links with the UK DCTN by joining the Trial Generation and Prioritisation Panel and becoming a mentor for future UK DCTN Nurse Fellows.

*Kathy said: "I have very much enjoyed the opportunities the fellowship has given me over the last two years and this has contributed very much to my professional development in both my clinical and academic roles. I will advocate nurses to apply for the prize – I have lost count of the number of times I have said to colleagues in many departments to consider applying!"*

**Full listing of UK DCTN Nurse Fellows**

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|------|---|------|-------------------------------|
| 2008 | Fiona Cowdell (Bournemouth)                               | 2009 | Gemma Minifie (London)        |
| 2010 | Jane Grundy (Portsmouth)                                  | 2011 | Angela Steen (North Wales)    |
| 2012 | Liza Mitchell (London)                                    | 2013 | Kelly Amor (Staffordshire)    |
| 2014 | Susan Tyler-Murphy (Brighton)<br>(withdrawn)              | 2015 | Melanie Westmoreland (Oxford) |
| 2016 | Kathy Radley (Hertfordshire)<br>Charlotte Walker (London) | 2017 | Tessa Garland (London)        |
| 2018 | Nicola Lancaster (Barnsley)                               | 2019 | Alison Lowe (Brighton)        |