

ASSIST-CKD

A programme to spread eGFR graph surveillance for the early identification, support and treatment of people with progressive chronic kidney disease

Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the first ASSIST-CKD project newsletter. We plan to issue these on a regular basis as a way of updating you all with the project's progress, sharing hints and tips from participating sites and keeping you up to date with how the project is being promoted through conferences and publications.

We also welcome feedback and hope to include a 'View from the Coalface' section in future editions where we will feature a particular site.

Project Update

We have started! The 4 renal units (5 labs) randomised to start in the first step have either finished or are just completing their final on-site IT testing, lab staff training and competency assessment, and will be commencing live reporting by the end of September.

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Wirral University Teaching Hospital
Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
NHS Lanarkshire & Monklands Hospital, Airdrie

We have been busy over the last 3 months finalising a supporting suite of materials which will be available to all sites:

- Laboratory Information Pack (Role Description, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for eGFR Graph Reporting System, User Guide and IT Specification)
- Template letter/factsheet to be issued to surrounding GP practices and CCGs notifying them that the service is due to start
- Written and YouTube Guide to interpreting eGFR graphs
- Competency assessment pack including 30 sample graphs and marking sheet

The second stage randomisation is due to take place on **12th October** at which time all the remaining sites in the project will be allocated a start date. Three further steps are planned, with sites starting in January 2016, July 2016 and January 2017. We are hoping to include 4 renal units in each of these three steps.

Meet the Team

Dr Hugh Gallagher
Clinical Project Lead



Michael Nation
Project Lead



Rowena Sampson, Project Administrator



Learning Event

SAVE THE DATE: We are holding a workshop on **30th November** in Birmingham. This will provide an opportunity to share learnings from the 1st wave sites through a mix of plenary talks, panel discussions and break out groups covering IT and software, graph reporting and sustainability. ALL sites are encouraged to send at least one representative and invites with full programme (for which we are seeking CPD approval) will be sent out shortly.

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Complementary Activity

A parallel project utilising the same intervention but with a simplified evaluation plan is soon to launch within the **East Midlands Cardiovascular Strategic Clinical Network (SCN)** incorporating Nottingham, Chesterfield and Leicester. The approach, led by Martin Cassidy, Senior QI Lead at the SCN, incorporates a simple "before and after" analysis focusing on late referral rates recorded by the Renal Registry.

- Invitation to speak at London Renal SCN Workshop 'Improving care for people with CKD' (Dr Hugh Rayner) (May 2015)
- Invitation to speak at the UK Renal Registry/Think Kidneys meeting for SCNs (Dr Hugh Gallagher) (Sept 2015)
- Article by Dr David Kennedy in the ACB Newsletter (June 2015)
- Editorial by Dr Nicki Thomas in the Journal of Community Nursing (July 2015)
- Article in St Helier Hospital Kidney Patient Association magazine (Renality) by Dr Hugh Gallagher

Please let us know if have any ideas on where we can talk about the project (locally, regionally or nationally), or if you would like us to send you any project materials (for example for your local GGG, Trust Management, or Kidney Patient Association).

Increased Funding

Due to the level of interest in the project, we have worked with the Health Foundation to allow us to take on more sites (up to 19 renal units in total), add a fourth phase to the step wedge programme and accordingly increase the project duration by a further 6 months to March 2018.

The additional sites will greatly increase our statistical power, provide excellent learnings, offer valuable reach and scale and create an even more robust evidence base to deliver 'transferability' to UK national health care providers.

Profiling

We have been raising the profile of the project over recent months through attendance at a number of conferences and providing articles for newsletters and publications as follows:

- Oral presentation at the 52nd European Renal Association-EDTA Congress (May 2015)
- Poster at the Association of Clinical Biochemistry conference (June 2015)
- Poster, Royal College of GPs conference (Oct2015)



If you have any ideas or suggestions for the newsletter, please do get in touch by emailing angelalumsdon@kidneyresearchuk.org

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