

Inside RESEARCH

Welcome to the February 2019 edition of *Inside Research*

This newsletter is for Research Champions and non-research staff working at Leicester's Hospitals. We hope that you find the content informative and share it among your colleagues. Why? Because the evidence is clear that research active Trusts have better patient outcomes, so all staff have a part to play in ensuring that high quality research is delivered and we can live up to our mission statement of providing ***Caring at its Best***.

If you would like to provide feedback on the newsletter, please contact our Research Communications Manager, [Rachael Dowling](#) or call extension 4971.



Research champions in the news!



Together magazine featured an article on the research champions in our rapid access chest pain clinic team at Glenfield. You can read the article in the Winter 2018 edition [here](#).



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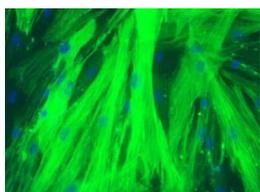
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Research champions forum

We held our first research champions forum on Wednesday 27 February. A lively discussion was had about the new CQC well-led research questions, raising awareness and how to encourage others to be research champions. We'd love to hear your thoughts, so please contact Sally Batham on x7558 or look out for our next meeting date.

Leicester's Research in the news

Asthma pill targets airway muscles to decrease attacks



Researchers at Glenfield Hospital have shown that the asthma drug Fevipiprant reduces smooth muscle in the airway lining, which could help reduce asthma attacks. Phase III trials are coming to an end and if successful could be available in severe asthma clinics within a year. [Read more here.](#)

This was covered on BBC East Midlands Today, Sky News online, Yahoo! and BBC Radio Leicester (among others).

World-first clinical trial to test personalised treatments for mesothelioma



The first ever trial into delivering personalised treatments for this aggressive form of lung cancer, caused by asbestos exposure, has opened at the HOPE clinical trials facility at Leicester Royal Infirmary. [Read more here.](#)

This story was covered by BBC East Midlands Today and BBC Radio Leicester (among others).

Genetic risk for atypical heart attack in women identified



A team led by Dr David Adlam has found a common genetic factor that confers a significant risk of a spontaneous coronary artery dissection (SCAD) in women. SCAD mostly affects young to middle-aged women who appear to be in apparently good health. The ultimate goal is to be able to better understand the cause and best treatment for this condition. [Read more here.](#)

This story was reported in the Leicester Mercury, on BBC East Midlands Today and on BBC Radio Leicester (among others).

New specialist nurse-led service halves pneumonia death rates through prompt diagnosis and treatment Five year study concludes thousands of lives could be saved every year [Read more here](#)

This story was reported in the Nursing Times and on BBC Radio Leicester