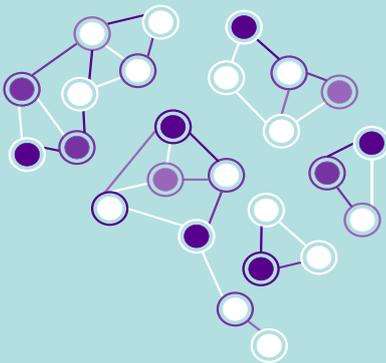


# Patient Inspired Innovation

**Welcome** to the issue 2 of the NIHR Brain Injury MedTech Co-operative newsletter. In this edition, find out more about the commencement and launch of the Brain Injury MedTech Co-operative (MIC) and other events that may be of interest.

## About us

The MIC is one of eleven national Med-Tech and In Vitro Diagnostic Co-operatives (MICs) funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).



The MIC works with patients, carers, academics, clinicians and industry to develop new medical devices, healthcare technologies and technology-dependent interventions to improve treatment and quality of life for patients with brain injuries.

## Get Involved!

The MIC has developed a volunteer register for patients and carers to assist in the advance of healthcare technologies. For more information, please visit our website:

<http://www.brainmic.nihr.ac.uk/rhite>

## Important:

To unsubscribe from RHITE and this newsletter please send us an email to: [involve@brainmic.org](mailto:involve@brainmic.org)

## New opportunity to take part to research

At Oxford Heartbeat, a UK-based company specialising in medical technology for cardiac surgeries, they are developing a novel software to be used in the pre-operative planning of stenting procedures that are used to treat common cardiovascular disease like aneurysms.

The primary incentive behind this technology is the improvement of outcomes and treatment experiences for patients. To this end, Oxford Heartbeat is keen to work closely with the patient community on enhancing their product in a way that best serves patients needs.

To this purpose, they are looking for two patients advisors to join their Patient Advisory Group (PAG), which currently consists of three members. Both candidates must have a personal history of neurovascular or aortic stenting procedures. The PAG meeting will take place the last week of August.

## How to join and requisites

As Patient Advisor, your role will involve using your patient experience and insight to inform our research and additional enhancement of the software. The initiative requires long-term commitment to the role both in terms of time (attendance at two group meetings per year and responsiveness to out-of-meeting activities) and giving group related work the priority it requires to be successful.

Honorarium payment will be awarded for the time and help, and travel costs to and from meetings will also be reimbursed.

For further information or to apply, please send a brief patient profile describing your eligibility to [legal@oxfordheartbeat.com](mailto:legal@oxfordheartbeat.com).

Company website: <https://www.oxfordheartbeat.com/>

## GET INVOLVED!

## Would you like to tell us your story?

The NIHR Brain Injury MIC is keen on engaging with patients and carers and we would love to hearing from you about your experience and let others patients and carers know about it on our Newsletter.

If you wish to share your story and ideas about research, please write to: [involve@brainmic.org](mailto:involve@brainmic.org)

We will be happy to chat with you and share your story!

## Series: The Brain Injury MIC presents its Theme Leaders

### Dr Andrew Bateman & Neuropsychological Rehabilitation Theme



As you may be aware, the work of the NIHR Brain Injury MIC is divided into eleven themes led by internationally renowned experts in their respective field and this month we are delighted to introduce to you our Neuropsychological Theme Leader, Dr Andrew Bateman.

Andrew is Head of Neurorehabilitation services in Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust. Since 2002 he has been Clinical Manager at Oliver Zangwill Centre for Neuropsychological Rehabilitation where he is based and he is affiliated lecturer in the Department of Psychiatry in Cambridge. He is also President of the Society for Research in Rehabilitation, a scholarly society that aims to promote excellence in rehabilitation research.

Dr Bateman has published research on a wide range of aspects of brain injury rehabilitation including exercise, cognitive neuropsychology, psychometrics, and rehabilitation service development.

#### The Brain Injury MIC & the Neuropsychological Rehabilitation Theme

Brain Injury is the leading cause of death and disability worldwide. Between 1.0 - 1.4 million people attend hospital in the UK annually with a head injury and of these approximately 135,000 are admitted to hospital.

Rehabilitation involves a collaboration between survivors and professionals - working together to overcome disadvantage caused by brain injury to optimise participation in daily life. The prevalence of brain injury among people of working age makes the goal of return to work a key priority. Returning to work helps people to achieve the well recognised benefits that concern both psychological wellbeing and economics.

The overarching work of Dr Bateman and the Brain Injury MIC is to provide resources that enables assessment and targeted intervention to help people overcome these challenges.

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#### DO YOU KNOW ABOUT UKABIF?

Dr Andrew Bateman is Chair of the United Kingdom Acquired Brain Injury Forum, a national membership organization and charity that aims to provide a route for lobbying, continuing professional development and networking for people working in the brain injury sector.

To fulfil this role, UKABIF is committed to organize annual conferences and workshops, and they are very active on Social Media to raise awareness and influence policy and commissioners.

#### UKABIF CAMPAIGNS

Watch here the video of MP Chris Bryant at the House of Commons held on 21st February 2018:

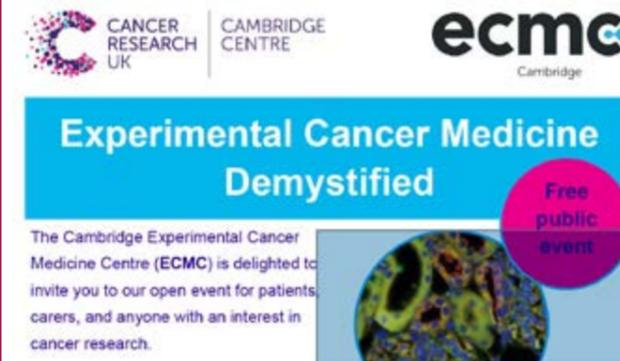
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For more information about UKABIF, visit the website:  
<https://www.ukabif.org.uk/>

## Other news...

### EVENT: Experimental Cancer Medicine Demystified (ECMD)

A free-to-attend event for patients, carers and anyone interested to learn more about cancer research



The Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre (ECMD) initiative was jointly launched in 2007 by Cancer Research UK, the National Institute for Health Research in England and the Departments of Health for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and it is now a network made up of Centres across the UK - both adult and paediatric.

The ECDM Network brings together expertise from across the Centres with the aim of supporting pioneering, early-stage clinical trials and translation of scientific discoveries into new cancer treatments for patients.

The Cambridge Experimental Cancer Medicine has organized an open event for patients, carers, and anyone with an interest in cancer research which will include:

- Talks from researchers, nurses, allied health professionals, and patients
- Hands-on demonstrations
- Stands, including MacMillan and Maggie's Wallace

Registration required on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or email to [emma.cutting@addenbrookes.nhs.uk](mailto:emma.cutting@addenbrookes.nhs.uk)

Friday 28 September 2018, 10:30 -16:30 (registration from 09:45)

Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute, University of Cambridge, Robinson Way, CB2 0RE

## The new General Data Protection Regulation applied to RHITE

As anticipated in the last Newsletter (Issue 1, May 2018), the GDPR is Europe's new framework for data protection laws is replacing the previous 1995 data protection directive, which current UK law is based upon, and it has come into force on 25th May 2018.

#### RHITE - The Register of Healthcare Involvement and Technology Evaluation

You will be pleased to know that the NIHR Brain Injury MedTech Co-operative is fully compliant with the obligations set out by the new regulations in term of explicit consent for RHITE.

When you register to RHITE all personal information is processed and stored according to the new GDPR and will not be passed onto any third party unless required by law. Your name and contact details will be kept confidential and only used for correspondence related to ORION (the hosting platform) and other related administrative tasks. The information provided will be stored securely, will only be used for the purposes indicated on the form and will not affect your care in any way.

If you would like your name to be removed from RHITE at any point, please contact us via email at:

[info@brainmic.org](mailto:info@brainmic.org)