

# Chronic Diseases Cluster & Theme Networking Events

## 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Attendees

First Name	Surname	Organisation	Bio	Morning Session
Ioannis	Akoumianakis	CVM	Medical graduate working on the metabolic aspects of cardiovascular disease with special focus on the regulation of vascular redox state in diabetes and obesity, and the role of adipose tissue in this regulation	MM&LTC
Mahesh	Appari	University of Oxford	Postdoc	Obesity
Anastasia	Arvaniti	OCDEM	I am working on Bile acids and their role in NAFLD and HCC development.	Diabetes
Bahaa	Atallah	NDCN	Medicine and Cognitive Neuroscience	Neurology
Kate	Attfield	RDM		Neurology
Ying	Bai	University of Oxford	I am a final year DPhil student studying the function of ARL15 and its role in adipogenesis	Obesity
Clare	Bankhead	NDPCHS	Big data, epidemiology, chronic diseases	MM&LTC
Stuart	Bell	OH NHS Found. Trust		MM&LTC
Derrick	Bennett	NDPH	I am interested in the primary and secondary prevention of chronic diseases such as stroke, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases	MM&LTC
Rachel	Besser	OUP		Diabetes

Prachi	Bhatnagar	NDPH	I am interested in preventing obesity and chronic diseases. I'm working on the Better basket project to help develop an intervention to help people use online supermarkets to buy healthier food.	Obesity
Ilaria	Bonaventura	OCDEM	I am a medicine student from Italy. I am attending as observer in OCDEM.	Diabetes
Louise	Bowman	NDPH		
Jenny	Brooks	NDPCHS	Research assistant on diet and obesity projects	Obesity
Emily	Butcher	EP		Neurology
Ailsa	Butler	NDPCHS	I am post-doctoral researcher working for the Health Behaviours Research Group on a systematic review of weight regain after intentional weight loss and its impact on cardiovascular and other health outcomes. My background is in epidemiology, infecti	Obesity
Rimu	Byadya	NDPCHS	I am working on a review which is looking at weight loss with behavioural weight management programmes and weight regain and associated cardiometabolic outcomes. I am very interested to get more insights on obesity.	Obesity
Zam	Cader	NDCN		Neurology
Benjamin	Cairns	NDPH	Statistical epidemiologist with an interest in cardiovascular epidemiology, multimorbidity, and population health data science	MM&LTC
Dexter	Canoy	George Institute	My research interests are in cardiovascular and metabolic conditions, including multimorbidity patterns and trajectories, and the underlying determinants of these patterns.	MM&LTC
James	Cantley	DPAG	Insulin secretion/beta cell function.	Diabetes
Davide	Carone	RDM	recovery from stroke	Neurology
Jennifer	Carter	CTSU	Risk factors for CVD	Obesity
Brigid	Carter	OCDEM		Obesity
Mei Sum	Chan	NDPH	Involved in interdisciplinary multimorbidity research in UCL for the past 4 years, currently researching biological age as a precursor of multimorbidity	MM&LTC
Peter	Chan	NDPH	I am an epidemiologist by training and my work focuses on understanding the cardio-respiratory health effects of environmental risk factors, particularly air pollution. I am also interested in obesity and multi-morbidity epidemiology.	Obesity
Jane	Cheeseman	OCDEM	metabolic studies fat biopsies	Obesity

Zhefan	Chen	NDCN		Neurology
Satyan	Chintawar	NDCN	My major interest is in the utility of human induced pluripotent stem cell for neuroscience drug discovery.	Neurology
Matthew	Chun	University of Oxford		MM&LTC
Thomas	Clague	OCDEM	I manage the BRC core laboratory in OCDEM that provides support for work under BRC-supported themes	Diabetes
Philip	Clarke	NDPH	Health Economics - Research interests include developing methods to value the benefits of improving access to health care, health inequalities and the use of simulation models in health economic evaluation	Obesity
Robert	Clarke	NDPH		MM&LTC
Linda	Cobiac	NDPH		Obesity
Ruth	Coleman	DTU	Background in statistics, research area: diabetes, cardiovascular disease risk, clinical trials.	Diabetes
Navin	Cooray	University of Oxford	Signal processing and machine learning in healthcare.	Neurology
Emma	Copland	George Institute		MM&LTC
Alix	Covenant	NDPCHS	Although currently working on a smoking study, my primary interest is obesity. Following my degree worked as a health trainer encouraging healthy lifestyles, primarily related to diet. I now would like to be more involved in research into obesity.	Obesity
Rachel	Craven-Todd	OCDEM	I work within the Clinical Research Unit in OCDEM undertaking studies within diabetes and metabolism	Diabetes
Maarten	De Vos	IBME - Engineering	<a href="https://cibim.eng.ox.ac.uk">https://cibim.eng.ox.ac.uk</a>	Neurology
Nele	Demeyere	EP	Stroke Association lecturer, interested in post stroke cognitive trajectories	Neurology
Niall	Dempster	University of Oxford		Obesity
Louise	Dennis	OCDEM		Obesity
Aiden	Doherty	BDI	Clinical phenotyping in large scale datasets	Obesity
Pamela	Dyson	OCDEM	I have worked in dietary research for over 30 years and am based in OCDEM. My main interests are in the delivery of diabetes dietary education, behavioural aspects of lifestyle change and weight management. I have a particular interest in establishin	Obesity
Melanie	Fleming	NDCN	My research is about techniques for improving motor rehabilitation after stroke and brain injury	Neurology

Rachel	Franklin	OCDEM	I lead a team of Research Nurses within hte Clinical Research Unit at the Churchill Hospital. We undertake studies within the areas of diabetes and metabolism	Diabetes
Elena	Gangitano	OCDEM	MD, registrar in Endocrinology	MM&LTC
James	Garrard	OUH	Stroke clinical research fellow, trainee geriatrician. Researching in stroke currently in AVIC looking at novel MRI features in stroke, hoping to do DPhil in next years.	Neurology
Anna	Gloyn	OCDEM	Diabetes, genetics, islets	Diabetes
Louisa	Gnatiuc	NDPH	Natural history of disease, novel disease models, population health	Diabetes
Raph	Goldacre	NDPH	Based in the Oxford Big Data Institute, working with record-linked routine health data to examine patterns in cause-specific hospitalisation and mortality in England.	MM&LTC
Michael	Gray	IBME - Engineering	My background is in acoustics and ultrasonics, with recent emphasis of the use of ultrasound for targeted drug delivery.	Obesity
Jane	Green	NDPH	Epidemiology of chronic disease- Million Women Study cohort and electronic health data	Neurology
Alexander	Green	NDS	Autonomic Neuromodulation	Neurology
Valentina	Greto	NDM		Obesity
Bernard	Gudgin	PPI	PPI input to many projects	Diabetes
Claudia	Guida	OCDEM		Diabetes
Kathy	Hall	OUH NHS Found. Trust		MM&LTC
Julia	Hamer-Hunt	PPI		Obesity
Georgina	Harmer	NDPCHS	Newly appointed as a Research Assistant in the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Helath Sciences. Currently carrying out a project on tracking the Respiratory Exchange Ratio during different dietary interventions.	Obesity
Charlie	Harper	NDPCHS	Electronic Health Records	MM&LTC
Richie	Harrington			Obesity
Jamie	Hartmann-Boyce	NDPCHS	I work for the health behaviours team, focussing on obesity and tobacco control. My particular interests lie in evidence synthesis (both quantitative and qualitative).	Obesity
Michelle	Haylock	OCDEM		Obesity
Christine	Hewitt	OH NHS Found. Trust		MM&LTC
Emily	Hinson	WIN	Studying motor learning after stroke	Neurology

Julia	Hippisley-Cox	NDPCHS	Risk prediction, drug safety, analysis of electronic nhs data	MM&LTC
Jennifer	Hirst	NDPCHS	I am a primary care researcher working on the NewKI chronic kidney disease study following up participants from GP surgeries in the Thames Valley.	MM&LTC
Idy	Ho	NDCN	Pain research	Neurology
Richard	Hobbs	NDPCHS	My research interests focus on cardiovascular epidemiology and clinical trials, especially relating to vascular and stroke risk, and heart failure.	MM&LTC
Yongzhi	Huang	NDS	My research interests center around the brain function related to anesthesia, chronic pain and consciousness. One of my current research is using multiple neurophysiological technologies to understand the changes in the brain under general anesthesia	Neurology
Masud	Husain	NDCN	Neurology	Neurology
Andri	Iona	NDPH	I hold an MSc in Medical Statistics and currently undertaking my DPhil in Population Health. My research focus is on investigating the association of general and central adiposity with chronic disease in Chinese adults.	MM&LTC
Nicholas	Irving	ON	Neurology Theme Liaison Contact. I'm also support promoting translational opportunities across all areas of Oxford Neuroscience from basic science to experimental medicine.	Neurology
Jane	Itzhaki	OMH	I am the Research Facilitator for Oxford Metabolic Health, an initiative that aims to bring together researchers from across the University with an interest in any aspect of metabolism. We run a number of events including with BRC researchers.	Diabetes
Susan	Jebb	NDPCHS	A nutrition scientist with research focused on how what we eat affects the risk of gaining weight or becoming obese and the interventions associated with this as well as how scientific evidence is translated in policy and practice.	Obesity
Cheng	Jiang	NDCN	We are focusing on PD biomarker discovery and detection, aiming for early diagnosis	Neurology
Heidi	Johansen-Berg	WIN	Brain imaging; clinical neurosciences; stroke rehabilitation	Neurology
Paul	Johnson	NDS		Diabetes
Alexander	Jones	Dept. of Paediatrics	Early origins of cardiometabolic disease and targeted prevention strategies in children	Obesity

Mohd	Karim	NDPH	Clinician-scientist interested to apply methods for causal inferences in cardio-metabolic diseases	Diabetes
Fredrik	Karpe	OCDEM	Obesity Theme subtheme lead, Head of OCDEM, Research interest in adipose tissue physiology and complications of obesity	Obesity
Christiana	Kartsonaki	NDPH	Statistics, obesity, cancer, sleep	Obesity
Asha Kaur	Kaur	NDPH	Population approaches to improve nutrition	Obesity
Sarah	Kennedy	NDPCHS	Behaviour change interventions, effects of functional foods on cognition and glycaemic response, adolescent diets	Obesity
James	Kennedy	RDM	Acute Stroke	Neurology
Seamus	Kent	NDPH	Health economics, modelling	Obesity
Polly	Kerr	NIHR BRC		MM&LTC
Rebecca	Knowles	NDPH	The association of body composition with mortality and disease	Obesity
Robert	Koivula	OCDEM / WCHG	I am a postdoctoral research fellow funded by the Novo Nordisk Foundation, based in OCDEM and WCHG. My research focuses on the relationship between NAFLD and type 2 diabetes.	Diabetes
Xiang Ling	Kong	CTSU	research in blood pressure & stroke areas	Obesity
Dimitrios	Koutoukidis	NDPCHS	I am a dietitian and my research interests are focused on the development and evaluation of health behaviour change interventions. I am currently funded by the BRC Obesity Theme to develop and test interventions for weight loss.	Obesity
Daniel	Kumpik	DPAG	I am an auditory psychophysicist working on adaptive perceptual learning in the auditory system	Neurology
Jason	Lacombe	NDPH	DPhil student in the Nuffield Department of Population Health	MM&LTC
Tatjana	Lalic	NDCN	in vitro cellular models, electrophysiology	Neurology
Sarah	Larkin	OCDEM	Member of the BRC diabetes and metabolism core lab, OCDEM	Diabetes
Jorne	Laton	IBME - Engineering		Neurology
Paul	Leeson	CVM	-	MM&LTC
Maria Isabel	Leite	NDPH	Neurologist and Researcher on autoimmune neurological diseases affecting older adults, where comorbidities are particularly frequent and impact negatively on people's lives	Neurology
Sarah	Lewington	NDPH		Diabetes
Andrew	Lewis	CVM	Interested in molecular imaging, hyperpolarized MRI, inflammation and metabolism	
Yaping	Liu	NDCN		Neurology
Christine	Lo	NDCN	Wearable technology, Parkinson's and RBD	Neurology

Mary	Logan	NDPCHS	BRC Theme Manager	MM&LTC
Nellie	Loh	University of Oxford	I'm a molecular biologist with an interest in WNT signalling pathway and how molecules within this pathway regulate preadipocyte and adipose characteristics and function, and body fat distribution	Diabetes
Simon	Lord	Dept. of Oncology	Clinician and medical oncologist with an interest in breast cancer drug development and biology. Developing research programme to identify breast cancer drug targets in obese patients.	Obesity
Judith	MacDonald	CRU RDM OCDEM	I am a diabetes research nurse and have been for over 6 years. My main interest is in T2DM.	Diabetes
Lynne	Maddocks	CLAHRC	Supporting the involvement of the public in research	MM&LTC
Maria	Maio	NDCN	I am interested in understanding the retrieval mechanisms underlying working memory in order to identify a cognitive biomarker for early cognitive decline. Before joining the Cognitive Neurology Group, I completed a degree in Biomedical Engineering.	Neurology
Indrani	Manoharan	NDPCHS	trial mananager currently working on weight loss study	Obesity
Diana	Mantripp	OCDEM	Research Nurse working with Oxford BioBank, The Function of Fat: abdominal/gluteal fat taking adipose tissue biopsies, Brown Adipose Tissue, Exercise, Health and Wellbeing.	Obesity
Tracey	Marriott	OUH NHS Found. Trust		MM&LTC
Sean	Martin	NDS	Neuromodulation of autonomic nervous system	Neurology
Sofia	Massa	NDPH	I'm interested both in the obesity theme and multimorbidity theme. I'm currently working in both areas.	MM&LTC
Colin	McCowan			MM&LTC
Sara	McKelvie	NDPCHS & OH NHS Found. Tr	GP & doctoral student at Nuffield Department of Primary Health Care Science interested in multimorbidity, ambulatory emergency care and generalist practice.	MM&LTC
Borislava	Mihaylova	NDPH	Health economist working in the field of cardiovascular, diabetes, kidney, liver diseases and obesity	Obesity
Jo	Milton	DTU	Over 10 years of experience in Trial Management in phase 2-4 clinical trials in various therapeutic areas.	Diabetes
Karen	Morecroft	CLAHRC		MM&LTC
Elizabeth	Morris	NDPCHS	NIHR In-Practice Fellow in General Practice with an interest in dietary interventions in primary care for people with type 2 diabetes and obesity.	Obesity

Anthony	Nash	DPAG		Neurology
Matt	Neville	OCDEM	My Background research has included the contribution of genetics to smoking addiction and cessation within the General Practice Research group (Ox) and collaborations within the Department of Gastroenterology (Ox), imputing extended HLA haplotypes fo	Diabetes
Brian	Nicholson	NDPCHS	Brian is a GP with an academic interest in improving biometric assessment to detect serious diseases, mostly cancer.	Obesity
Lisa	Nobis	EP	I am a second year DPhil student with Prof Clare Mackay and Prof Masud Husain. I am interested in neurodegenerative disorders, especially the development of neuropsychiatric symptoms in Parkinson's disease.	Neurology
Michaela	Noreik	NDPCHS	I am a dietitian by training and have been working on clinical trials for over five years. I am interested in finding methods to help people to lose weight and to sustain their weight loss.	Obesity
David	Nunan	NDPCHS		MM&LTC
Ximena	Omlin	SCNi	Sleep; Insomnia	Neurology
Jose M	Ordonez-Mena	NDPCHS	Chronic disease epidemiology and modifiable risk factors	MM&LTC
Jacinta	O'Shea	WIN	Cognitive Neuroscientist. Brain plasticity. Non-invasive brain stimulation. Neuropsychology.	Neurology
Katharine	Owen	OCDEM	Diabetes: genetics, monogenic, young adults	Diabetes
Sion	Parry	OCDEM	Postdoctoral research assistant working with Professor Leanne Hodson, investigating dietary factors that influence non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.	Obesity
João	Peixoto	EP	I'm currently enrolled in a Biomedical Engineering degree and I'm carrying out my dissertation at experimental psychology. I focus on connectivity changes across neurodegenerative diseases	Neurology
Sarah	Pendlebury	NCDN		MM&LTC
Carmen	Piernas	NDPCHS	Nutrition scientist with specific interest in the management and prevention of chronic disease through dietary improvements. Currently working on a behavioural intervention to improve diet in primary care patients with high cholesterol.	Obesity
Katherine	Pinnick	OCDEM	Adipocyte biology and body fat distribution	Obesity
Olivia	Plant	EP	Motivational disorders	Neurology
Marco	Pontecorvi	RDM OCDEM	Management and PPI	Diabetes
Caroline	Potter	NDPH		MM&LTC



Roy	Probert	NIHR Oxford BRC	Comms manager responsible for promoting Oxford BRC research	MM&LTC
Jacqueline	Pumphrey	NDCN		Neurology
Rustam	Rea	OCDEM	Consultant in Diabetes - clinical research, inpatient diabetes care, integrated diabetes care	Diabetes
Urmaj	Reed			Obesity
Gillian	Reeves	CEU		MM&LTC
Andrea	Roalfe	NDPCHS	Applied statistician experienced in cardiovascular research. Interests include development and validation of clinical prediction rules; screening and early detection of disease	MM&LTC
Kelly	Roddy	OUH NHS Found. Trust		Obesity
Fredrik	Rosqvist	OCDEM	Nutritionist with interest in fatty acid metabolism, diet and NAFLD	Diabetes
Peter	Rothwell	NDCN		MM&LTC
Charlotte	Rush	CVM	Currently a theme liaison	Obesity
Youssuf	Saleh	NDCN	Clinical research fellow in neurology reading for a Dphil with ndcn on motivation disorders	Neurology
Peter	Scarborough	NDPH	Population approaches to disease prevention through improved diets	Obesity
Claire	Scarborough			Neurology
Annina	Schmid	NDCN	I am a Neuroscientist and Consultant Physiotherapist with an interest in patients with neuropathic pain and specifically entrapment neuropathies.	Neurology
Charlie	Scott	DTU	I am a statistician with an interest in large scale clinical trials	Diabetes
Arjune	Sen	NDCN	Epilepsy, Neurodegeneration, Autoimmune epilepsy, Co-morbidity in epilepsy, Pscyhosocial aspects of epilepsy, Epilepsy genomics	Neurology
Rachel	Sharman	SCNi	Sleep physiologist with a background in sleep disorders, therapies for insomnia and behavioral sleep interventions for adolescents	Neurology
Dawn	Shaw	CLAHRC		MM&LTC
Louise	Silver	NDCN	Stroke and vascular dementia	MM&LTC
Elitsa	Slavkova	University of Oxford	psychology, stroke, neurological conditions	Neurology
Tom	Smejka	WIN (FMRIB)	I have a BSc in Psychology from Oxford Brookes University. For the past 3 years I have been working as a Research Assistant for the University of Oxford in plasticity and neurorehabilitation with a focus on stroke and sleep.	Neurology
Margaret	Smith	NDPCHS		MM&LTC

Mary	Sneade	NDS	I am projects manager for the long term follow-up for ACST-1 looking at stroke and dementia outcomes	
Alexandra	Soca	OCDEM	Molecular biologist currently working on diabetes research, but also keen to find out more about the neurology projects	Diabetes
Alessandro	Sodero	AVIC	In the past years I have achieved clinical and research experience on cerebrovascular and neurodegenerative diseases as clinical skills and as a young researcher.	Neurology
Gershon	Spitz	WIN	brain injury; cognitive neuroscience; neurorehabilitation	Neurology
Charlotte	Stagg	NDCN	Our group uses multimodal approaches to understand physiological changes in the brain, both in the context of learning of novel motor skills and in a range of neurological conditions.	Neurology
Irina	Stefana	WCHG	Pancreatic beta cells in type 1 diabetes	Diabetes
Jae Won	Suh	NDPH	Background: biology and epidemiology. Area of interest: Multimorbidity with cardiovascular focus	MM&LTC
Younes Adam	Tabi	NDCN	Alzheimer's Disease and Working Memory	Neurology
Xin You	Tai	OUP	I am interested in how small vessel disease affects cognition across different disorders	Neurology
Garry Tan	Tan	OH NHS Found. Trust		Obesity
Clare	Taylor	NDPCHS	I am a GP and NIHR Academic Clinical Lecturer. My research interests are heart failure and atrial fibrillation.	MM&LTC
Annika	Theodoulou	NDPCHS	My background is in orthopaedic research where I worked together with clinicians and students coordinating clinical trials, audits and reviews. At present, I have joined the BRC group and am contributing to a large evidence synthesis on obesity.	Obesity
Marijana	Todorcevic	OCDEM		Obesity
Jeremy	Tomlinson	OCDEM	Mechanisms of disease, novel treatments, biomarkers, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease	Diabetes
Sofia	Toniolo	NDCN	Alzheimer	Neurology
Apostolos	Tsiachristas	NDPH	Health economic evaluation and financing of complex health interventions for the prevention, treatment and management of chronic conditions.	MM&LTC
Katherine	Tucker	CLAHRC		MM&LTC
Kate	Tudor	NDPCHS	obesity, chronic diseases	Obesity
Robert	Udale	EP	Neurodegenerative disorders	Neurology

Andrea	van Dam	OCDEM	I use basic molecular biology to decipher the role of select genes and molecular mechanisms that are responsible for body fat distribution in humans. I am currently investigating the role of Hedgehog signalling in adipose tissue biology.	Obesity
Fylis	van Horssen	NDCN	Master's student Biomedical Sciences at the RadboudUMC Nijmegen, interest in neuroscience via the Donders Institute Nijmegen, working on an internship regarding motor learning in stroke patients	Neurology
Michele	Veldsman	EP	I have a degree in Experimental Psychology and a PhD in Cognitive Neuroscience. My research examines network degeneration in stroke and dementia. I have an interest in cerebrovascular risk of cognitive decline and dementia.	Neurology
Robin	Walters	NDPH	Genomics lead, China Kadoorie Biobank. Current interests include genomic structural variation, obesity, stroke.	Obesity
Anthony	Webster	NDPH	I am a statistician and former physicist with a 3-year NDPH fellowship to combine established and machine learning methodologies, to explore links between existing classifications of disease and epidemiological data.	MM&LTC
Tina	Wei	NDCN	drug testing on Ipsc-derived neurons	Neurology
Sarah	White	OCDEM	I work within the Clinical Research Unit in OCDEM undertaking studies within diabetes and metabolism	Diabetes
Paul	Whyte	OUH	Building Industry partnerships between the themes and industry	Diabetes
Laura	Wittemans	University of Oxford		Diabetes
Lucy	Wright	NDPH	Cardiovascular Epidemiology	MM&LTC
Yaling	Yang	NDPCHS	health economist interested in development, evaluation and implementation of innovative health technologies to prevent, treat and manage long term chronic diseases and multiple-comorbidities	MM&LTC
Soo	Yeo	OH NHS Found. Trust	I am an operational manager and a physiotherapist working with a group of ambulatory care services.	MM&LTC
Rhea	Zambellas	NDCN		MM&LTC
Tingting	Zhu	University of Oxford	I am an Information Engineering researcher. My areas of my expertise are machine learning, physiological monitoring, and precision medicine.	MM&LTC
Mariagrazia	Zottoli	University of Oxford		MM&LTC