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**Translating Knowledge into
Practice**

This newsletter presents selected highlights of our research. For details of the full programme please see our website.

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Pain Education e-book

Professor Kate Seers has been involved with colleagues in developing a e-book as part of the International Association for the Study of Pain's Global Year of Excellence in Pain Education.

The aim is to help educators include qualitative research in pain education. The e-book is free to download. We hope you will

find it useful. http://ebooks.iasp-pain.org/pain_education

Kate and Dr Fran Toye also led a webinar describing the resource and discuss how it could be used. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKIK0zi-tjw>

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British Pain Society Honours



Professor Kate Seers had a double honour at the British Pain Society's Annual Scientific Meeting in May this year. She delivered an invited plenary lecture on "Chronic Pain, What's it like? Patient and professional perspectives."

She was also awarded Honorary Membership of the British Pain Society "in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the alleviation of pain through personal endeavour and

through her work for the Society." Dr Gill Chumbley and Dr Emma Briggs read her citation.

Picture: Left to Right, Dr Emma Briggs, Professor Kate Seers, Dr Gill Chumbley (photo by William Campbell)

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Nursing Scholarship



The Barbers' Company Clinical Nursing Scholarship attracted a large number of high quality applications. Shortlisted candidates were interviewed in London at the beginning of June. The interview panel consisted of Professor Kate Seers from Warwick Research in Nursing, University of Warwick; Emeritus Professor at the University of Leeds Claire Hale and Dr Jeremy Bolton

from the Barbers' Company. The interviewees did a fantastic job of showing the difference they could make to clinical nursing, and awards were made to cover training in addiction, cancer care, research skills, spirituality, and dementia care. Thank you to the Barbers' Company for their continued support of clinical nursing.

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European Nursing

Kate attended the European Nursing Research Foundation's Board of Directors meeting in Brussels in April 2018. They discussed, amongst other things, how to get nursing research into European Policy. More details on ENRF can be found at this website. <http://www.ens4care.eu/enrf/>

Picture, left to right – Paul De Raeve, ENRF Secretary General; Karen Bjoro, Norwegian Nurses Association; Dorota Kilanska, Medical University of Lodz, Poland; Kate Seers, Warwick Research in Nursing.

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World Congress on Pain



Kate Seers, Fran Toye and Karen Barker (both from Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford University Hospital NHS Trust) have been invited to present at the International Association for the Study of Pain's World Congress "Innovation Lab" in Boston US in September. This innovation lab

“delivers dynamic sessions on the latest innovations in pain research.”

They are presenting their innovations in the 2018 Global Year for Excellence in Pain Education. This is a resource about using qualitative research in pain education to stimulate thinking about what it is like to live with pain. This is a patient engagement initiative where congress attendees engage with patient advocates.

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Kate Seers in Boston US

Selected Publications

Toye F, Seers K, Barker K. (2018) A meta-ethnography of health-care professionals' experience of treating adults with chronic non-malignant pain to improve the experience and quality of health care. *Health Serv Deliv Res* 6(17)

Seers T, Derry S, Seers K, Moore RA. (2018) Professionals underestimate patients' pain: comprehensive review. *BMJ* 357(8111):811-818. doi: 10.1097/j.pain.0000000000001165 <http://doi.org/10.1097/j.pain.0000000000001165>

Costa ML, Achten J, Bruce J, Tutton E, Petrou S, Lamb, S. E. (Sallie E.), Parsons NR. UK WOLFF Collaboration. Effect of negative pressure wound therapy vs standard wound management on 12-month disability among adults with severe open fracture of the lower limb: the WOLFF randomised clinical trial. *JAMA*. 2018 319 (22):2280-2288. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.6452. <http://doi.org/10.1001/jama.2018.6452>

Haywood KL, Mars TS, Potter R, Patel S, Matharu M, Underwood M. (2018) Assessing the impact of headaches and the outcomes of treatment: a systematic review of patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs). *Cephalalgia*, 38 (7). pp. 1374-1386. doi:[10.1177/0333102417731348](https://doi.org/10.1177/0333102417731348)

Wilson PM, Mathie E, Poland F, Keenan J, Howe A, Munday D, Kendall S, Cowe M, Staniszewska S, Goodman C. (2018) How embedded is public involvement in mainstream health research in England a decade after policy implementation? A realist evaluation. *Journal of Health Services Research and Policy*, 23 (2). pp. 98-106. doi:[10.1177/1355819617750688](https://doi.org/10.1177/1355819617750688)

UK WOLFF Patient Experience

The UK WOLFF trial was a randomised control trial of standard wound management versus negative pressure (vacuum) wound therapy for the treatment of adult patients with an open fracture of the lower limb.

The findings show that there was no difference between the two groups in relation to the Disability Rating Index (a measure of function), or infection rates or health related quality of life at 12 months (see Costa et al. 2018 in selected references).

Two papers from the UK WOLFF study have focused on patient experience. The first identified patients' experience of what it is like to be injured. This paper highlights the strong emotions felt by patients as they relive the event and struggle to process the impact of injury. They had a heightened awareness of the affect on their family and their future life. They were very grateful for being saved by the team and often needed to

talk about their injury and treatment in order to make sense of it.

The participants were shocked by the extent of their injury and wounds. Many needed help to look at their wounds and worried about the long term impact on their life. Covering the wound up during hospitalisation was important for some. Participants also talked about their experience of pain in vivid and varied ways. When ready they wished to talk through how they would manage at home but were sad about the things they would not be able to achieve.

Tutton E, Achten J, Lamb SE, Willett K, Costa M. on behalf of the UK WOLFF research collaborators. A qualitative study of the experience of an open fracture of the lower limb in acute care, *Bone Joint J* 2018;100-B:522-6

The second paper focused on patient experience of the trial.

Patients identified that in general they did not mind taking part in this trial as it was a minor part of their overall care. Altruism or giving something back was important to them and the study was not demanding of their time. The clinical team were important and participants invested hope in their knowledge and skill. It was hard to separate the research from daily clinical care. It was also difficult for them to make sense of the interventions without having had prior experience of them. Those that had the vacuum dressing liked it and felt it supported their recovery.

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Cochrane Colloquium

Sophie Staniszewska attended the 2018 Cochrane Colloquium in Edinburgh at the International Conference Centre in Scotland in September. The Colloquium focused on key goals for Cochrane's Strategy up to 2020, from the viewpoint of healthcare consumers. The theme was 'Cochrane for all – better evidence for better health decisions' and reflected an important step in increasing the involvement of patients, carers and family members

(healthcare consumers) in Cochrane's work.

Sophie led a workshop focused on what patients want to be reported about their involvement in research, following on from our publication of GRIPP2, guidance for reporting patient and public involvement in research. Patients attended from all over the world. Sophie was also a presenter in a workshop that discussed patient peer review, run

jointly between Research Involvement and Engagement, Cochrane and the British Medical Journal. Finally Sophie was part of a workshop which explored the key activities for our new International Patient and Public Involvement Networks. <https://community.cochrane.org/news/moving-forward-global-patient-and-public-involvement-research>

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Kirstie Haywood

Cardiac Arrest Survivorship

Kirstie Haywood was invited to deliver a plenary presentation during September's European Resuscitation Congress (ERC) held in Bologna, Italy. Kirstie is a member of the American Heart Association's writing group, co-chaired by Doctors Kelly Sawyer and Michael Kurz, which has produced an evidence-based statement of survivorship for cardiac arrest survival. Historically, the experience of survivors and their families has been poorly explored and communicated, with assessment dominated by the perspective of health professionals at hospital discharge. The event raised awareness of the many unmet needs and rehabilitation challenges for

survivors and their families as they seek to re-integrate back into society.

Patient Involvement

International Society for Quality of Life (ISOQOL) UK conference held at Birmingham University. Kirstie provided a plenary paper identifying the future development of patient involvement in patient reported outcome measures both in the context of trials and clinical practice.

In August, Kirstie was invited to contribute to a day's workshop, hosted by the AO Foundation in Switzerland, promoting the involvement of patients in trauma research. She was joined by Hansruedi Voelkle, a patient

representative from EUPATI Switzerland, the Swiss branch of the European Patient's Academy on Therapeutic Innovation, and Charisse Sparks who provided a perspective from industry.



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