

National Council for **NCOR** Osteopathic Research

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NCOR at the iO Convention

The NCOR team were delighted to attend the Institute of Osteopathy Convention in Windsor over the weekend of 25th and 26th November.

NCOR's director Professor Dawn Carnes hosted a 4-hour workshop on integrating a cognitive behavioural approach into the management of chronic pain.

Carol Fawkes displayed a set of posters showing the latest data from our Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMS) app, attracting plenty of interest. Several osteopaths signed up to join the programme, and will soon be receiving their welcome pack in the post.

At the awards ceremony on Saturday evening Jonny Spadaccini, one of the volunteers in our Centre For Reviews, received an award recognising the importance of putting research into practice.

All in all, a busy and productive weekend for the NCOR team and our wider family of collaborators.

To find out more about how you can use PROMS to support your clinic, visit <http://bit.ly/ncor-proms>

NCOR Conference cancellations waiting list

All available tickets for our 2017 conference on persistent pain have been reserved, meaning there are no more places available. However, if you did not manage to reserve a ticket, don't panic! You can ask to join our waiting list for cancellations.

These cancellations will be re-allocated on a first-come first-served basis, so joining the waiting list sooner rather than later is definitely recommended.

To join the waiting list, email info@ncor.org.uk
If we hear of a delegate who wishes to cancel, we will contact each person on the waiting list to find a substitute. If you wish to nominate an attendee in place of yourself, please let us know so we can ensure our CPD certificates and other details are accurate on the day.

We regret that we cannot provide refunds for cancellations, and can only facilitate the nomination of

delegates to attend in your place. You are of course welcome to arrange payment between yourselves.

We also hope to produce a DVD of the speakers' talks from the day. This is pending some issues around copyright, embargoed information, and technical problems. If these can be surmounted then we will be making the DVD available for a small fee. Again, please contact us if you wish to be placed on the list for this.

Paediatric systematic review

The team are currently exploring means of comparing the quality of evidence from research of different designs. For example, different designs should be assessed for quality using different tools. Some tools may produce a score on a scale of 1 to 5, whereas others may produce a score on a scale of 0 to 7. If we wish to present a simplified "high, medium, low" score for all forms of evidence, where do we demarcate cut-offs? And is it reasonable to use "high, medium, low" uniformly, when some forms of investigation tend to produce far more robust outcomes than other forms?

For regular updates on our systematic review be sure to follow us on social media, and find us on ResearchGate.net.

PILARS and PREOS at ICAOR

The 11th International Conference on Advances in Osteopathic Research (ICAOR) will take place in Milan, Italy on 21-23 April 2017. The ICAOR organising committee have issued a call for papers, and NCOR will be submitting an abstract of research based on data collected from our Patient Incident Learning And Reporting System (PILARS).

Our initial review of the data in PILARS indicates that this online forum is highly beneficial for osteopaths who work in single-handed or isolated clinics. Group discussions enable these clinicians to gain exposure to a wide range of perspectives that may not otherwise be available to them, and this is very valuable in empowering broad and deep reflections on best practises and patient care.

For further information about ICAOR 11, visit <http://bit.ly/icaor11>

PILARS is available at <http://www.ncorpilars.org.uk>

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