

NCOR conference 2017 "Helping patients to help themselves".

Osteopaths around the country are snapping up tickets for our conference on 28th January 2017, taking advantage of the discounted price of £99. This offer expires at the end of October, after which the regular price of £120 will apply.

The conference is aimed at improving the management of persistent pain and will feature speakers from the fields of osteopathy, neurophysiology and psychology. The programme features a full day of learning that is suitable for your reflective CPD diary. The first half of the day will present the latest research on persistent pain, while the second half of the day will be formed of workshops that will provide you with practical skills that you can integrate into your existing osteopathic approach.

For further details, directions, speakers, a full programme for the day and to book your place, please visit:

www.ncor.org.uk/conference

Alternatively you can contact us by emailing info@ncor.org.uk or calling 020 7882 6131. If you prefer to pay by cheque then please post it to Austin Plunkett or Carol Fawkes at the following address:

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Cheques should be made payable to "National Council for Osteopathic Research" and must be accompanied by a completed booking form, which is available to download from the above web page.

The conference will be held in the David Sizer lecture theatre, Francis Bancroft Building, Queen Mary University London, Mile End, London E1 4NP. The campus is easily reachable by public transport, and the nearest stations are Stepney Green or Mile End.

Please be sure to tell you colleagues and friends about this conference. It is only through your support that we are able to deliver this day of education and practical techniques. We look forward to seeing you there!

Paediatric systematic review

Our team has had several discussions over the past month about some complex decisions regarding papers that we should include or exclude for this review.

To comply with good review practise, we published our review protocol in advance of starting the review. This ensures that we cannot change our processes mid-way through, thereby biasing our results. Of course, this means that we are bound by these self-imposed conditions, and any decisions we make must be consistent with the protocol.

Some papers that have passed our initial selection processes have themselves been reviews. However, some of these reviews have features some studies that would meet our inclusion criteria, while also featuring papers that would instead match our *exclusion* criteria. This has led to much discussion about how exactly we should handle such papers. Currently we are analysing them to characterise the studies they contain. Once this is complete we will be able to make clearer decisions about each of these reviews, and the studies they contain.

Regardless of our decisions about individual papers, this analysis and decision-making process will be documented as part of our final paper. This will enable future reviewers to follow our processes, and hopefully enable them to understand if they are likely to encounter similar issues.

PILARS and PREOS research

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) and our Patient Reported Experiences of Osteopathic Services tool (PREOS).

These web-based surveys have been running for two years, providing the profession with information that is vital in understanding how osteopathy is practised in the UK. We always need more data, so please do use PILARS, and encourage your patients to use PREOS. Our patients are our strongest advocates, and it is only by collecting their feedback that we can demonstrate the value osteopaths provide to their communities. By gathering and analysing data from both PILARS and PREOS we can continue to help osteopathy develop as a mature, reflective profession.

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

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

PREOS is available at <http://www.ncorpreos.org.uk>

NCOR research hubs

The autumn meetings for the research hubs are underway. Topics for discussion at hub meetings are chosen by the osteopaths attending. Details of all of the hub meetings, topics being discussed, and papers being reviewed at the meetings are available at <http://www.ncor.org.uk/getting-involved/hubs/>

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