

National Council for **NCOR** Osteopathic Research

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Standardised Data Collection – scoping and planning

In early June the team organising the Standardised Data Collection (SDC) project will meet at NCOR's office in Queen Mary University London. Some fundamental questions regarding the scope and organisation of the project will be discussed, and the project plan will take shape.

It has been nearly a decade since NCOR developed our first SDC tool which allowed us to better understand the day-to-day practises of osteopaths throughout the country. The new iteration of the SDC will need to balance several important factors. For example, we aim to improve on the data from the first SDC. However, if we alter the SDC too extensively then it will make comparison with data from the previous SDC difficult or meaningless.

There are also pragmatic decisions to make. The process needs to be relatively lightweight so that busy osteopaths can get involved with minimal effort, while maximising the value of the data that we collect.

Cost is also a very real consideration. It is important to ensure that response rates are sufficiently high, and it might be tempting to pursue expensive strategies such as posting leaflets to all UK osteopaths. However, approaches like this are prohibitively expensive, so we need to ensure that word is spread by more cost-effective means.

For all these reasons and more, please do contact us if you would like to know more about the project. We are always available to respond to enquiries sent to info@ncor.org.uk

Society for Back Pain Research conference 2-3 November 2017

The annual general meeting of the Society for Back Pain Research (SBPR) this year is at the Park Inn, Northampton from 2nd to 3rd November. Speakers will include Professor Robert Muholland, discussing "errors in the surgical management of back pain in the past", and Professor Bart Koes on "errors in non-surgical practice and limitations of the evidence base". Professor Nadie Foster will be talking on "promising new directions in low back pain, and a call for change".

The SBPR debate this year sees Professors Tamar Pincus, Kim Burton and Bart Koes divided on the motion

"this house believes we should target the system not the person with back pain".

The SBPR are also offering prizes for the best abstracts submitted to the conference. Abstracts of up to 250 words should be sent to deb@spineresearch.org.uk before June 9th. Further details are available at <http://sbpr.info/meetings/sbpr-2017-northampton>

Osteopathic Foundation recruiting board members

The Osteopathic Foundation, previously the Osteopathic Educational Fund, is a charity which raises and administers funds in support of all aspects of UK osteopathic development, education, research, promotion and practice for the benefit of public health.

The newly appointed Chair of the OF, Dr Jonathan Shapiro, is looking to appoint new members of the Osteopathic Foundation Board.

To find out more about the requirements of the board and how you can express an interest in becoming a member, please visit:

<http://www.osteopathy.org/r/misc/the-osteopathic-foundation-board-advertisement/>

How you can support NCOR

NCOR can only continue to work on many of our projects thanks to donations from UK osteopaths and their patients. We are a small charity staffed by osteopaths who work part-time for NCOR. We are largely funded by the General Osteopathic Council, the Institute of Osteopathy, and the UK's osteopathic educational institutions. These funds enable us to conduct our day-to-day work of disseminating research and working with the UK's osteopathic organisations. Further work is only made possible through donations from osteopaths like you.

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