

# News

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## Technology value for money opportunities

I'd like to share the first output from our horizon scanning process.

NICE have recently reviewed the 'case for adoption' by the NHS of 15 medical technologies, finding 11 of them to offer value for money benefits to patients and NHS budget holders.

We've provided summary information from NICE's published Medical Technologies Evaluation Programme [here](#).

### IOFM adoption national leaders

KSS AHSN has been supporting the spread of Intra-operative Fluid Management (IOFM) technology across Kent and Medway, Surrey and Sussex. We now lead the country on adoption of this high impact innovation. This technology has been shown to reduce peri-operative complications and offer significant financial savings.

If you're interested in exploring your interest in any of these technologies further, Frances Scott here would be pleased to hear from you and help with introductions. She can be contacted via [Frances.Scott@nhs.net](mailto:Frances.Scott@nhs.net) or 01293 600300 x1752 or 0788 0051 808.

**Hold the date!**

### In this week's edition:

How AHSNs and GPs can collaborate to innovate

NIHR Funded MRes Clinical Research Course

Patient Safety Congress poster submissions

Dementia: quality of care conference

NICE annual conference

If you have something that you think we should include or have any comments, please [email](#)

Our next major event for industry, university, health and social care leaders will be on 14 May at the Hilton Hotel, Gatwick Airport. Please save the date in your diary for what will be a significant event for KSS AHSN members and partners.

We're currently developing the programme around a theme for the day of Preventable Emergency Admissions. I'll share more details with you over the coming months and we are keen to hear from you if you want to use this as a showcasing opportunity for good work in KSS. Your contact person is [Nan-see McInnes](#).

Kind regards



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## News and views

### [How can academic health science networks \(AHSNs\) influence GPs to spread innovation? – BMJ group blogs](#)

A recent BMJ blog about GPs, AHSNs and innovation considers issues raised in a [new report](#) from Nesta and CASMI. Given most GPs have limited time and resources to appraise the potential of innovations, there is a real need for easily accessible professional advice and support.

## Opportunities

### NIHR Funded MRes Clinical Research Course

Application preparation day, 6 February 2014  
Please see the attached documents for further details.

[us](#).

If you or a colleague would like to be added to the distribution list please contact [Basil Nkomo](#)

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## Events

### [Patient Safety Congress Poster Zone open for submissions online](#)

The Poster Zone is an opportunity to highlight the work you and your colleagues do in improving the safety and quality of care for patients. With new and improved categories and discounted delegate places for those shortlisted, the Poster Zone is part of the learning and networking opportunities at the Congress. Abstract deadline is 14 February.

[Click here](#) for more details.

### **Dementia: Quality of Care 25th February 2014: Manchester Conference Centre**

Designed to appeal to all areas, including hospitals, care homes, local authorities, carers and families, **Dementia: Quality of Care** will focus on best practice in compassionate dementia care and support. The programme will cover diagnosis through to end of life care, including hospitals, community settings and care homes.

[Click here](#) for more details.

### [NICE Annual Conference 2014](#)

This conference will offer support and tools to provide high quality care. From best practice case studies and updates on the latest guidance and standards from NICE, to panel discussions with leaders in health and social care: the NICE Annual Conference 2014 covers a range of areas and expertise.

[Take a look at the full programme](#) online.

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