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# Enteric

The Bowel Function Healthcare Technology Co-operative

## About Enteric

Enteric, The Bowel Function Healthcare Technology Cooperative, is one of two pilot HTC's jointly funded by the Department of Health and the Technology Strategy Board with support from the Research Councils and the ABHI. We aim to become the national centre for facilitating innovative technology in the field of disorders of bowel function for the NHS and beyond.

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## TSB Funding Success for Stoma Appliance Project

We are delighted to report that a Stoma Appliance project has been successful in receiving funding from the TSB's High Value Manufacturing initiative. The collaboration between Welland Medical, Brighton University and the National Physical Laboratory is developing an advanced ostomy bag to extend Welland's current innovative portfolio. The advanced bag will improve the quality of life for thousands of ostomates by addressing a number of issues related to current products and their manufacture.

## New Faces for the Enteric Steering Committee

### Richard Coleman, Chair

Richard Coleman has taken over as Chair of the Steering Committee. He retired from the NHS this year, having been the inaugural Chief Executive of North Essex Partnership NHS Trust from 2001. In 1987 he joined the NHS as a general manager and led a number of innovative specialist community services. He was Director of Strategic Development in Camden and Islington Community Health NHS Trust in 1993 and became Chief Executive of Mid-Essex Community NHS Trust in 1996. He has chaired the Eastern Region Mental Health Modernisation Task Force, the Essex NHS Leadership Steering Group and sat on numerous voluntary sector management committees. Throughout his career he has shown great commitment to innovation and the provision of high quality services. He has lectured extensively in the UK, USA and Australia. In 2004, Richard Coleman was made an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy by Anglia Ruskin University.



**Deborah Gilbert** is the Development Director of the Bowel and Cancer Research Charity, based at the Centre for Academic Surgery of the Royal London Hospital. Deborah heads up the charity Bowel & Cancer Research, based at the Royal London Hospital, which supports clinical research into bowel disease, including cancer and functional disorders. She has over 12 years' experience of fundraising and marketing in voluntary sector organisations large and small and as a senior manager has designed and implemented various UK wide multi-agency projects.



**Ian Stern Q.C.** is a barrister working from 2 Bedford Row in London. Appointed a silk in 2006, he brings valuable legal expertise to the Committee, specialising in various aspects of practice including commercial fraud, professional discipline and regulatory work, and high-profile inquests. Ian was appointed a Recorder in 2000 and is a founding member of the Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers.

## Enteric Core Team

*Clinical Director:*  
Professor Norman  
Williams

*Deputy Clinical  
Director:*  
Mr Charles Knowles

*Director of  
Operations:*  
Dr Michael Grahm

*Administrative  
Assistant:*  
Ms Sue Taylor

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## Fellowship for Jonathan Reeves

Dr. Jonathan Reeves of the Clinical Physics Department at Barts and The London, who is leading the commercialisation of the Sensiprobe project, has been awarded a Fellowship by the National Institute of Health Research.

The device is designed to facilitate diagnosis of oesophageal disease and a prototype is now being developed further, following successful initial laboratory testing. Our congratulations to Dr Reeves on this appointment.

## Director to visit China

Professor Norman Williams is scheduled to visit China in August in order to promote the APPEAR procedure, in association with Chex Medical, who are now producing the second generation APPEAR stapler and hope for considerable sales in China, their home market.

Professor Williams will discuss the operation with groups of surgeons, as open surgical procedures of the type appropriate for the APPEAR stapler are known to be used in China. In view of the recent expansion in business opportunities there, this would seem a good time for a visit.

## Innovation for a healthier future: Round Table at No.10 Downing Street, May 2009

Professor Williams represented the BFHTC and promoted the HTC concept in general at a ministerial Round Table, held in Whitehall on 14th May. The discussion mapped out the future landscape for ensuring that innovation takes a place at the heart of our health service. The importance of building a comprehensive network of contacts was emphasized, to include the NHS, industry, government departments, patients and medical practitioners. Further information about the Round Table discussion is available in an article entitled 'Health Innovation' by Jennifer Taylor, published in the Health Service Journal on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009.



*Professor Williams (right),  
pictured during the  
discussion at No.10.*