

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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Martin Hunt appointed Director of the i4i Programme



The National Institute of Health Research has appointed Martin Hunt to be the first Director of its Invention for Innovation (i4i) programme. Martin brings to his new post considerable experience of the medical technologies sector, having worked in pharmaceutical and medical device divisions in companies such as American Cyanamid and ConvaTec. Martin joined Tissue Science Laboratories in 1999 and supervised the company's development from being a small privately-funded organisation to taking a more prominent place in the European market with revenues of £13 million. TSL was sold to Covidien in April 2008.

Martin has acquired a portfolio of Board and advisory roles in the field of emerging medical technologies including membership of the Enteric Steering Committee from its inception to November 2009. He has a particular interest in using his experience and network of contacts to assist in the development and commercialisation of intellectual property in the life sciences sector.

His objectives as Director of the i4i Programme include working closely with the research community in order to support and encourage innovation in line with the needs of the 21st Century health service.

Toilet Fish: a novel device for stool collection

Furniture-maker Max McCance of Fife has invented a new device called a 'Toilet Fish' to assist in the process of collecting stool samples for screening to detect bowel cancer. With around 8 million people being screened every year, there would appear to be a ready market for such a device. At the moment, only about 50% of samples are actually returned. It is said that people's natural aversion to contact with faeces is a significant contributor to this relatively low rate of return and it is this that Toilet Fish is designed to address. Enteric is conducting a survey to investigate the barriers to test completion and will actively promote the use of Toilet Fish if evidence is found that it may help.

Following discussions with the Bowel and Cancer Research charity and Enteric, Mr McCance is engaged in talks with manufacturers of test kits.

Enteric Core Team

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New Business Development Manager for Enteric



Following our recent advertisement, a Business Development Manager has now been appointed. Antonio Quadrucci has a background in the medical technology sector both in the UK and Europe and has direct experience of the introduction of novel devices in both gastroenterology and gastrointestinal surgery.

Mr Quadrucci took up his post on 6th April 2010 and is based at Enteric's office in Whitechapel. He looks forward to meeting with many of you over the next few months.

Bowel and Cancer Research Survey

The charity Bowel and Cancer Research, in partnership with Enteric, are conducting a survey of the impact of bowel problems in women after childbirth to explore the extent of these problems on quality of life and the degree to which they remain unreported to the medical profession. The survey will be disseminated through the 'Bounty packs' given to all new mothers as well as through the charity's website.

Bowel and Cancer Research are also organising a one-day event, 'Healthy on the Inside', on 26th May 2010 at the Royal College of Physicians. This event will include talks on diet, lifestyle, digestive health and wellbeing.

For further information, see their website at www.bowelcancerresearch.org.

New Technology Development Partnership: Susostomy

This new initiative, funded by a grant from the NIHR i4i programme, was formally launched at a meeting at Leeds University on 2nd March 2010. The aim of the project is to develop sustainable ostomy devices and partners include the University of Leeds, Welland Medical Ltd. and Devices for Dignity HTC as well as Enteric.

APPEAR

The European launch of the APPEAR stapling technology and the multicentre trial of the procedure will take place in Hamburg early in June.

Similar launch events in China and Japan will take place in July.

Finally, the APPEAR procedure will be featured at the European Society of Coloproctology Scientific Meeting in Sorrento, Italy, in September 2010.