

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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MAJOR PRIZE FOR APPEAR



Photo:
Professor Norman Williams and Lee Edwards of Frankenman Inc. receive their award from the Master of the Worshipful Company of Cutlers, at a ceremony in March 2011

Professor Williams, Clinical Director of Enteric, is pleased to announce that the APPEAR and SMART surgical procedure and instrumentation were recently awarded the prestigious Cutlers' Surgical Prize for 2011. APPEAR has been developed and marketed internationally in collaboration with Frankenman Inc.

The Cutlers' Surgical Prize was instituted in 1981 and has become established as one of the most prestigious annual prizes for innovation in the design or application of surgical instruments or surgical techniques. It consists of an elegant mounted Victorian silver-gilt medal, together with an award of £1000 to the winner or winning team. The presentation is made at a dinner held at Cutlers' Hall in the spring of each year.

This year's Prize has been awarded for the stapler specifically developed for use in the APPEAR procedure. The procedure involves making a crescentic incision between the scrotum or back wall of the vagina and anal canal, and gaining access to what has been termed the rectal 'no man's land' because of its inaccessibility. Performing the operation this way enables the surgeon to preserve as much of the anal sphincter as possible and therefore avoid total excision and a permanent stoma. It is appropriate for patients with very low rectal cancer or other disease which would otherwise mean the removal of the whole of the back passage.

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We are pleased to announce that Professor Williams has been elected to serve as the next President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He will take up his new post on 7th July 2011. Professor Williams will therefore be stepping down from many of his NHS and Medical School commitments.

However, he will continue to oversee the development of the new National Centre for Bowel Research and Surgical Innovation, as well as assisting in the management of the Academic Surgical Department at Royal London Hospital. He will also continue in his role as Enteric's Clinical Director.

GRANT AWARDED BY i4i FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DISPOSABLE INCONTINENCE BAGS

The aim of this project is to develop novel materials for disposable collection bags for faecal and urine collection. Such an innovation would greatly improve the quality of life for those suffering from incontinence by facilitating disposal. A grant application was submitted to i4i (Invention for Innovation) and funding of £200,000 was awarded in March 2011.

Enteric is working in collaboration with Leeds University Department of Textiles and Welland Medical Ltd. on this project.

CONFIDeNT STUDY DUE TO START THIS AUTUMN

A definitive phase III national trial of percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation (PTNS) will start this autumn. Fourteen UK centres from the Enteric clinical network (from Durham to Southampton) will participate in this trial of PTNS vs. Sham stimulation on 212 patients over the next two years.

The trial is funded by the HTA (circa £600,000 research funding) and will trailblaze the national network.