

The [Department of Primary Care & Public Health](#) at Imperial College London is headed by [Professor Azeem Majeed](#). Our aim is to promote interdisciplinary research into the primary care and public health, and into the social aspects of health and health interventions in human populations. The department is part of the [School of Public Health](#), which is headed by Professor [Elio Riboli](#).

QOF Plus Programme Wins London Award

Congratulations to Dr Josip Car and his team at NHS Hammersmith & Fulham for their work on the [QOF Plus programme](#), which won the Award for *Primary Care and Community Based Integration* at the 2010 *London Health and Social Care Awards*. *QOF Plus* was developed jointly by the [eHealth Unit](#) at the [Department of Primary Care and Public Health](#) at Imperial College and NHS Hammersmith & Fulham. *QOF Plus (QOF+)* is local extension to the *NHS Quality and Outcomes Framework* that aims to drive a step change improvement in the quality of primary care.

Research highlights

Recent publications by members of the department include a paper in [Nature](#) on the link between a genetically-linked enzyme defect and myeloid cancers; a paper in the *BMJ* on [laparoscopic bariatric surgery in England](#); a paper in *Diabetes Care* on [trends in amputation in people with diabetes](#); and a paper in the [Journal of Ambulatory Care Management](#) on the impact of pay-for-performance on disparities in diabetes management in UK primary care.

Dr Sarvesh Saini Appointed as Head of Year 3 Teaching

Dr [Sarvesh Saini](#) has been appointed as Head of Year 3 Undergraduate Medical Teaching. Dr Saini will undertake this role jointly with Professor Alun Davies. Dr Saini is a GP who, in addition to being involved in teaching and examining students, is Course Lead for [Clinical Methods Teaching](#).

2010 Sir Brian Jarman Prize

The 2010 *Sir Brian Jarman Prize* for the best Academic F2 project was won by Dr Shonella Singh for her project on *Interventions to optimise prescribing in care homes: a systematic review*. This is an important topic because of the increasing number of older people who live in care homes. Prescribing for this group of people needs to be done to a high-standard to ensure that patients receive the drugs they need to improve their health, and to reduce the risk of suffering adverse drug reactions and drug interactions.

Master of Public Health (MPH) programme – call for summer research projects

The 2010-11 *MPH programme* is now well underway. We are currently advertising for summer research projects for students taking the course. See the [MPH blog](#) for information on how to propose a project.

Implications of White Paper for general practitioners

In the period since the establishment of the new coalition government, we have seen radical changes proposed for the NHS in England. These are laid out in the new White Paper, *Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS*. For details on how this might affect general practitioners, see [Professor Azeem Majeed's blog entry](#) on this topic.

Society of Academic Primary Care - London and South East 2011 Regional Meeting

The *SAPC's* annual meeting of academic departments of general practice and primary care from London and the South East is a longstanding fixture in the academic calendar. The [2011 Meeting](#) will be held from 4-6 February at Madingley Hall, Cambridge. The meeting is organised by the departments of primary care in the five main London medical schools. Our guest speakers include [Dr Fiona Godlee](#) (Editor of the *BMJ*), [Professor Jan De Maeseneer](#) (Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Ghent in Belgium); and [Dr Roger Kneebone](#) from the Department of Surgery & Cancer at Imperial College London.

New General Practice at a Glance textbook

Undergraduate teachers in the department have been commissioned to write the *General Practice* edition of the highly popular *At a Glance* series of medical text books published by [Wiley-Blackwell](#). The series is aimed at medical students, junior doctors and allied health professionals, and breaks down complex subjects into a series of illustrated two-page spreads. Consultant editors Dr Paul Booton, Dr Margaret Harper, Dr Carol Cooper and Dr Graham Easton are co-ordinating the project, aiming for publication later in 2011.

Imperial teachers run RCGP course in China

Imperial GP teachers Dr Frances Carter, Dr Richard Hooker and Dr Graham Easton have just returned from a successful visit to Zhejiang Province in China where they ran a *RCGP* course on clinical communication for local Chinese family practitioners. The visit built on the work of Dr Grant Blair acting in his capacity as *RCGP* China liaison fellow. Clinical communication is not usually a focus of medical training in China, so this innovative *RCGP* course was well received and widely reported in the local press.

Refresher courses for GP teachers

For information and news about undergraduate teaching in the department, please see our regular [e-newsletter](#).

Here you will find our winter programme of training and refresher courses for Imperial GP teachers.

Upcoming sessions include *How to teach ECGs* and *Working with students in difficulty*. The next course for GP teachers who are starting to teach *Clinical Methods Teaching (CMT)* is on 13 April 2011.

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