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PRESS RELEASE

NICE reveals its first ever Fellows and Scholars

Today (29 March), the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) has announced which health professionals have been awarded its first ever fellowships and scholarships.

The twenty awards have been presented to a wide range of NHS health professionals, including those in general practice, physiotherapy, public health, radiology, management, paediatrics, psychiatry, orthopaedics and intensive care.

Lord Ara Darzi, Chair of Surgery at Imperial College London and former Health Minister, has also been appointed as the Institute's first honorary NICE Fellow.

Professor Peter Littlejohns, Director of Clinical and Public Health at NICE said:

“We are very honoured to have such high calibre health professionals on board for the first year of our NICE Fellows and Scholars Programme. Our appointees have been chosen for their dedication, foresight and experience in promoting clinically- and cost-effective practice in the NHS.

“While the fellowships and scholarships will provide them with opportunities to develop further in their own careers and improve the quality of healthcare in their local areas, we also hope that they will allow us to engage even more closely with the NHS and foster a growing network of individuals who are committed to promoting our core values. I would like to offer my congratulations to those appointed and warmly welcome them into the Institute's Fellow and Scholars Programme.”

NICE has awarded its ten fellowships to senior health professionals across the NHS, primarily to those at consultant level. Fellows will use their experience and reputation to represent the Institute within their local health and professional communities, as well as being involved in other activities such as clinical audit, education and policy development. They will hold their posts for fixed term periods of three years.

NICE has also awarded ten scholarships to specialist registrars and other qualified health professionals, who will undertake a variety of projects in the twelve months that they are in post.

NICE hopes to begin its search for the Programme's second intake of Fellows and Scholars in the autumn as part of an ongoing annual recruitment process.

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For more information call the NICE press office on 0845 003 7782 or out of hours on 0777 558 3813.

Notes to Editors

About NICE Fellows and Scholars

1. Interview requests for NICE Fellows and Scholars must be directed to the NICE press office.
2. **The ten NICE Fellows for 2010-13 are:**
 1. **Dr Ian Gallen**, Consultant Physician, Diabetes and Endocrinology, Buckinghamshire Hospitals NHS Trust
 2. **Dr Jenny Gordon**, Programme Manager for Evidence into Practice, Royal College of Nursing
 3. **Dr Sara Furness**, Consultant, Acute Medicine, Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust
 4. **Dr Monica Lakhanpaul**, Consultant Paediatrician and Senior Lecturer in Child Health, Leicester City Community Health Services and the University of Leicester
 5. **Dr Sian Williams**, Consultant in Occupational Medicine, Royal Free Hospital, London and Clinical Director of the Health and Work Development Unit, Royal College of Physicians
 6. **Dr Stuart Williams**, Consultant Radiologist and Clinical Director for Radiology, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
 7. **Dr Mahendra Patel**, Consultant Pharmacist, Pharmacy Academic Research Lead (NIHR CLRN Yorkshire and Humber) and NHS Evidence Ambassador, University of Huddersfield
 8. **Dr Shanaya Rathod**, Consultant Psychiatrist and Associate Medical Director, Hampshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
 9. **Dr Nicholas Harland**, Team Lead Extended Services, Physiotherapy, North York and Yorkshire Primary Care Trust
 10. **Dr David Kernick**, General Practitioner and RCGP Headache Champion, St Thomas Medical Group, Exeter.

3. The ten NICE Scholars for 2010-11 are:

1. **Dr Rajat Chowdhury** – Specialist Registrar, Clinical Radiology, Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust
 2. **Dr Mark Lim**, Speciality Registrar, Public Health, NHS Bedfordshire
 3. **Dr Kelvin Ng Kuan Huei**, Specialist Registrar, Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust
 4. **Dr Riaz Agha**, Foundation House Officer Year Two, Cambridge University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
 5. **Dr Alastair Glossop**, Specialist Registrar, Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
 6. **Dr Sakthidharan Karunanithi**, Specialist Registrar, Public Health, NHS North Lancashire and NHS North West
 7. **Dr Stephen Goode**, Academic Clinical Fellow in Radiology, Sheffield Vascular Institute
 8. **Ms Rebecca Kearney**, Research Physiotherapist, University of Warwick and University Hospital of Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust
 9. **Dr Damian Roland**, Academic Clinical Fellow in Paediatric Emergency Medicine, Leicester Royal Infirmary
 10. **Dr Tom Muskett**, Research and Development Manager, Northern School of Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy, Leeds Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust.
4. NICE Fellows and Scholars have been appointed following a rigorous application and selection process. As a guide, Fellows will be expected to spend on average one day a month on their activities, while Scholars will be expected to spend approximately one day a week. Appointees are not paid, although NICE will meet all reasonable expenses (such as travel and accommodation) incurred.
5. The Fellows and Scholars Programme was developed following recommendations made in Lord Darzi's "High Quality Care For All: NHS Next Stage Review" (June 2008), in which the former Health Minister acknowledged the opportunities that NICE currently provides health professionals to become involved in its work. For more information visit: www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/documents/digitalassetset/dh_085828.pdf.
6. For more information about the Programme, including biographies of the appointees, visit: http://www.nice.org.uk/getinvolved/nice_fellows_and_scholars/nicefellowsandscholars.jsp.

About NICE

1. The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) is the independent organisation responsible for providing national guidance on the promotion of good health and the prevention and treatment of ill health.
2. NICE produces guidance in three areas of health:
 - **public health** – guidance on the promotion of good health and the prevention of ill health for those working in the NHS, local authorities and the wider public and voluntary sector
 - **health technologies** – guidance on the use of new and existing medicines, treatments and procedures within the NHS
 - **clinical practice** – guidance on the appropriate treatment and care of people with specific diseases and conditions within the NHS.