

November e-news

Welcome to this November edition of the CGD Society e-news. We hope you are well and keeping safe.

Latest news

Covid-19



Our Technical Director, Susan Walsh, has provided these interesting articles on the latest information relating to the Coronavirus:

Safety first: how to run a COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial. This article from the Wellcome Trust summarises all the [essential steps needed to develop a safe vaccine](#).

How close are we to a Coronavirus Vaccine? Watch this [informative video from the BBC](#).

Coronavirus Vaccine, when will we have one? Read the latest on where we are so far in the [search for a vaccine](#).

Who would get a coronavirus vaccine first? This is an [interesting article exploring the decisions](#) that need to be made.

[NHS urges recovered COVID-19 patients to give blood plasma](#) The NHS is opening 14 new blood plasma donation centres to collect plasma for coronavirus treatment trials. [This link](#) tells you how to get involved.

Mental health: We know from our helpline how much this pandemic is impacting you, your children's mental well-being. Here is a [self-help site](#) that may help. Remember to reach out if you are really struggling.

COVID risk assessments at work: Have a look at this [occupational health resource](#) as an aid to help decision making with your employer for your workplace.

New payment for people self-isolating in highest risk areas. People on low incomes who need to self-isolate and are unable to work from home in areas with high incidence of COVID-19 will [benefit from a new payment scheme](#).

Other news



Gene editing may be the treatment option of the future for people with CGD so we should give our hearty thanks and congratulations to the two female scientists, Professors Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer Doudna, who have won the Nobel chemistry prize for 'genetic scissors' (Crispr-Cas9 technology).

Way to go ladies!

[Read more here](#).

Our support services



As a charity we benefit from the expertise, enthusiasm and goodwill of many people – CGD families, doctors, nurses, researchers, trustees and fundraising supporters.

With help from these diverse sectors, we are able to give on the ground support to the CGD community in a multitude of ways.

We are aware that every case of CGD is different and that everyone's needs are going to differ.

We know that many people with CGD and X-linked carriers must take a variety of medication which can work out expensive and perhaps put a strain on family finances. One area of support we provide our UK members is the provision of a yearly Prescription Prepayment Certificate for adults in England between the ages of 16 and 65 who do not qualify for any other payment exemption.

For more information please do [contact us by email](#). Please note that you may be asked to provide a copy of a clinical letter with your diagnosis and medication list to the CGD Nurse Specialist, Helen. * Prescriptions are free to all in Northern Island, Scotland and Wales.

To find out about all our support services, [visit our site](#).

We want to be able to continue and grow these support services that are valued by so many, but we need your help to achieve this. The Coronavirus pandemic has affected us all. It has also affected our charities income as we rely heavily on fundraising and individual giving. We do not want to see these support services reduced in anyway. So how can you help? Read on for fun ways to support us...

Halloween 'fang-tastic' costume competition



Although trick or treating is out of the question this year we thought we would still have a little bit of fun to honour Halloween and your 'fang-tastic' costumes. So, don't forget to take those pictures and send them across to us so that we

can show case on our social media platforms and the next newsletter. Oh and you could also win a prize..... All we ask is for a £3 donation to take part. Good luck! Competition ends Friday 6th November 2020.

[Click here to enter.](#)

Facebook auction



November will see the launch of our CGD Society auction on Facebook where you have the chance to bid for some great gifts and products that have kindly been donated from various shops and businesses. With all funds raised from the auction benefiting the CGD community this is the perfect way to start your Christmas online shopping. There's something for everyone! The auction runs from the 6th November – 20th November 2020.

[Click here to take part.](#)

Both the Halloween competition and Facebook auction are open to you all so please do take part if you can.

Thank you for taking the time to read this news round up.

Wishing you all good health

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