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Healthcare Technology Research Centre

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Cedar is committed to supporting patient-centred, evidence-based care through research and evaluation of health interventions, technologies, and NHS services.

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About us

Cedar is a NHS-academic research centre within Cardiff & Vale UHB staffed by experienced and multi-disciplinary researchers. Our areas of expertise include: research, evaluation, health economics, and evidence reviews.

We work closely with clinical teams to develop and deliver studies and evaluations. We also provide services to NICE, Welsh Health Specialised Services Commissioning, Welsh Value in Health Centre, and Welsh Government.



Cedar News

- ◆ Cedar has grown dramatically since its inception in 1977. We're expanding our office space to accommodate a number of new staff who have recently joined the team.
- ◆ We are delighted to be awarded another contract with NICE as 1 of only 3 External Assessment Groups in the UK.
- ◆ Cedar will host a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Medicentre to raise vital funds for the charity. Please come along on **28th Sept.**
- ◆ Cedar publishes [economic evaluation](#) of OBS Cymru study
- ◆ [British Journal of Surgery](#) publishes HART trial findings

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Project highlights



MOONDANCE
CANCER INITIATIVE

Moondance

[Moondance Cancer Initiative](#) (MCI) is working with the NHS to accelerate adoption of improvements to cancer services across Wales. Cedar is working with MCI in their [Towards Zero Deaths from Bowel Cancer](#) Programme, to identify opportunities and actions for bowel cancer care improvement. Cedar implemented surveys to gather experiences and priorities from bowel cancer patients, their families, and carers. Focus groups and interviews were also carried out to gather more detailed information, followed by thematic analysis. Cedar's report is due for publication late 2022.

Long Covid



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

The 'Adferiad' (Recovery) programme for Long COVID, announced by [Welsh Government in June 2021](#), funds rehabilitation services and patient pathways for people with Long COVID.

Cedar is evaluating the programme using a national survey of service users. The data include demographics, symptoms, patient-reported outcome and experience measures. It has been summarised in three national reports, so far. Cedar has also presented patient case studies and focused reports, including a social return on investment analysis. Cedar's report are available on our [website](#).

UroShield for NICE

Cedar is an External Assessment Group for NICE. In this role, Cedar evaluated the clinical and cost evidence of the UroShield ultrasound device, designed to reduce the risk of catheter-associated urinary tract infections. A team of researchers at Cedar produced an Assessment Report to present the findings. NICE's committee decided that while UroShield shows promise, more research is needed ahead of routine adoption in the NHS. The full recommendations can be found here: [NICE UroShield Recommendations](#).

Staff Spotlight

In this issue's Staff Spotlight, we speak to Cedar Director, Dr Rhys Morris:

Tell us a bit about you and your role

I am a 47-year old Consultant Clinical Scientist, Chartered Physicist and Chartered Engineer, and I have been the Cedar Director for just over 2 years. I am also currently the Director of Medical Physics & Clinical Engineering in Cardiff & Vale UHB, and our Clinical Board R&D lead. My role in Cedar is to lead, give senior sign-off to project reports, and marvel at the abilities of the team.



What 3 words would you use to describe Cedar?

Capable, versatile, adaptable

Tell us about something you're particularly proud of.

I have been proud of all Cedar's work in the last couple of years, but those are achievements of the team. In my career I am proudest of work co-conceiving a device called the Huntleigh WoundExpress, as it is now providing real benefit to patients with chronic wounds.

Choose a superpower.

Slowing down time, so that I could stay on top of e-mails.

What is a fact about you that people would be surprised by?

I was once kept awake all night by the Amish.

Workstream Showcase - RESEARCH

Cedar's Research Lead, Dr Judith White, discusses our research work: Cedar has a breadth of expertise in qualitative and quantitative research. We're committed to working with clinicians, academics, and industry to develop research proposals. We take on large multi-centre studies as well as smaller pilot work. We're proud of our reputation for helping healthcare teams to grow their research ideas. Cedar carries out a range of trial functions including protocol design, grant applications, regulatory considerations, trial management, analysis and reporting.



To talk to the team about your project, please contact us or fill in our [Support Request Form](#)