



iVolunteer

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Welcome to the winter edition of iVolunteer – our dedicated newsletter, keeping our volunteers up-to-date on what’s happening here at ICON DS Manchester

As we edge towards another New Year, here at ICON we’ve had a busy 2011, with many highlights.

Since our move to the main site at Manchester Royal Infirmary, ICON has attracted more clients who want to work with us on groundbreaking studies. As a result, we have increased the choice and frequency of studies available to our volunteers.

2011 saw us further strengthen our relationship with the Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. This close relationship illustrates how the public and private sector can work in partnership successfully. Working alongside the Trust we are helping to put Manchester on the map as a world recognised centre for medical research.

2012 is going to be busy. We will have lots more study opportunities for our volunteers. There will be a number of healthy volunteer studies looking into a variety of treatments for conditions including; cancer, diabetes, respiratory conditions as well as a number of studies for patients suffering from diabetes, diabetic neuropathy and heartburn.

Remember you can find the most up to date study information by regularly checking our website www.somethingtobeproudof.com or by following us on Facebook Icon Volunteers Manchester and Twitter @ICONManchester.

You may be able to help us with pioneering drug development and, in turn, help yourself out, by earning up to £2500, which could be a great start to the New Year.

In this edition we take a look back at some of our highlights from 2011 and explain more about how you can get involved with your local NHS Trust to help shape the delivery of healthcare in your area.

As always, I’d like to thank you for being a volunteer at ICON and helping us with drug development research that truly makes a difference.

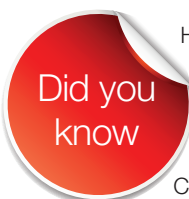
May I also take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you at ICON in 2012.

**Gwen Aston,
Senior Director
& General Manager,
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Become a member of your local NHS Trust and help to shape delivery of healthcare

Did you know that you can become a member of your local NHS Trust and have the opportunity to have your say?



ICON Manchester works in close partnership with the Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust which is keen to add to its 12,000 plus public members. As organisations, we share the common interest in improving the treatment patients receive.

The trust encompasses five of Manchester’s hospitals; Manchester Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Royal Manchester Children’s Hospital, Saint Mary’s Hospital and the University Dental

Hospital of Manchester. Together they treat over 1 million people a year from the local community and beyond.

The Trust is a member of the Manchester Academic Health Science Centre (MAHSC) which is identified as a ‘centre of excellence’ in applying research and education into healthcare by the Department of Health. The trust is keen to maintain its position as a leading centre and that’s why your input would be greatly appreciated.

Membership is free and open to anyone aged 11 and over in England and Wales.

What does membership give you?:

- Your say on improving hospital services, now and in the future

- Your vote for governors who will help develop the local services members want to see
- Opportunity to take part in surveys and give feedback about hospital care
- Regular newsletters on how things are changing
- The benefit of an exclusive discount scheme

You can join by visiting the Foundation Trust section of the website:

www.cmft.nhs.uk or calling the membership office for an application form on 0161 276 8661.



ICON helps bring first combined **diabetes and cholesterol** drug to market



One of ICON's clinics located in San Antonio, Texas, USA has played an integral part in bringing a first to the drug market. Juvissync is a once-daily therapy for patients with Type 2 diabetes who also have high cholesterol. The drug, developed by Merck combines Sitagliptin and Simvastatin, two previously approved medicines, in one tablet.

ICON's Phase 1 clinic in San Antonio completed three studies for Juvissync. The studies began in December 2008 and completed in July 2010. A total of 264 volunteers were enrolled across all three studies. Without volunteers like you, drugs like this would not come to market and help improve lives.



Style Awards



We've been turning up the style stakes here at ICON. As part of our increased focus on attracting volunteers from the Merseyside area, we sponsored an award at Juice FM's Style Awards held at The Hillbark Hotel in Frankby, Wirral on 29th October.

Tom Hoggan from ICON Manchester presented the Top Bar Award to the owner of the Igloo Bar in Liverpool alongside actor James Sutton, of Hollyoaks and Emmerdale fame.

ICON Facebook Page Competition Winner

In the run up to Christmas, ICON got festive and was one of the headline sponsors at Key 103's Jingle Ball. Held at the MEN Arena, Manchester on 1st December, the fantastic event featured acts including JLS, Olly Murs, The Wanted, Ed Sheeran and Tinchy Stryder.



ICON ran a competition through our facebook page, Icon Volunteers Manchester, to win a pair of front row tickets. The lucky winner was David Beer. David is a valued volunteer at ICON and has completed a number of studies with us since 2006. David enjoyed a fantastic VIP night at The Jingle Ball.

Well done David!

Refer-A-Friend

Don't forget... if you know anyone who would also like to do something to be proud of, you will receive £25 if they go on to complete a study. If they are interested in taking part in a study, just ask them to apply online at www.somethingtobeproudof.com and quote your name as the person that recommended them.

Receive £25

Contact us and keep in touch

Please ensure we have your most up-to-date details so we can keep you updated with forthcoming study information. Email us at iVolunteer@iconplc.com



2012 Forthcoming Studies

Visit our website www.somethingtobeproudof.com or like Icon Volunteers Manchester to see the latest studies. We are always looking for healthy males and females for our studies. We are also keen to meet with people with diabetes or those

who suffer with heartburn for two forthcoming studies. There is a variety of studies coming up in 2012 at ICON with varying commitments. **You can receive payments ranging from £500 to £2500.**



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