



An insight into the work of a JAG clinical fellow

We interviewed one of our current JAG clinical fellows, Dr Keith Pohl, to find out about his experiences in the role and the work he has undertaken so far.

Prior to being a JAG clinical fellow, Keith was an ST6 registrar in gastroenterology, independent in diagnostic upper and lower GI endoscopy. Keith also had some additional training and experience in research, having completed an academic clinical fellowship at the start of his training. He had been developing an interest in appropriate endoscopy and maximising the benefit of this overstretched resource and felt that JAG offered the opportunity to explore that, both by contributing to service development and by using NED data to improve endoscopy services. We asked Keith to share what he's enjoyed so far.

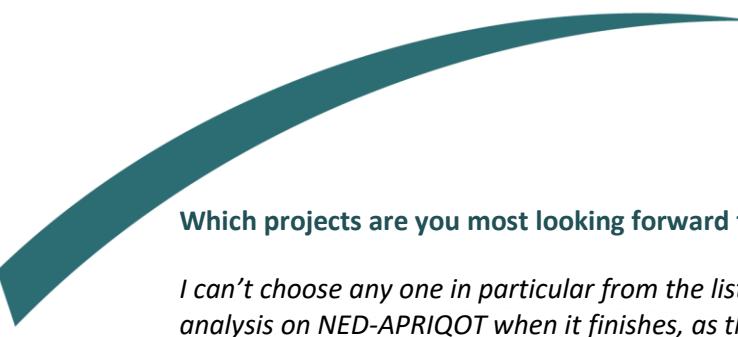
As a JAG clinical fellow, you've been in the role for 15 months, how have you found it so far?

I have been in the role for 15 months, and the experience has been entirely positive. I am involved in a wide range of projects and I'm excited that some of them are coming to fruition now. The JAG team has been extremely supportive while allowing me to develop autonomy and find projects that interest me. I have learned to work and make decisions independently and to drive projects forward. This has only been possible because I know that I have a skilled and supportive team behind me.

Can you tell us more about the projects you have been working on so far?

I am involved in the following research projects:

- *Evaluating upper GI endoscopy KPIs and variation in these.*
- *Evaluating the quality of IBD surveillance endoscopy and factors that affect it.*
- *Leading the NED-APRIQOT pilot roll-out, which is now entering its second half.*
- *Evaluating the impact of short and efficient time between procedures and unit-level factors that influence this.*
- *Working with NHS England to develop FIT dashboards at a regional, ICB, and local level.*
- *Performing the data analysis for the first annual JAG report. I will be doing this again in the coming months. Building on this I have also developed internal KPIs for JAG to monitor their own work internally.*



Which projects are you most looking forward to in your role?

I can't choose any one in particular from the list above, but I am very excited to start the analysis on NED-APRIQOT when it finishes, as the interim analysis has shown promising results.

If anyone is thinking about applying to become a JAG clinical fellow, what would you say to encourage them?

If you are not sure if the role is right for you, reach out and make contact. The JAG team is extremely welcoming and will be able to outline the role in more detail. If you have an interest in endoscopy and quality improvement, then this role is likely to allow you to make real tangible change.

JAG clinical fellow recruitment

If you are interested in becoming a JAG clinical fellow, recruitment is now open for a JAG clinical fellow post.

The Joint Advisory Group on GI Endoscopy (the JAG) is looking for someone to take up the exciting role of JAG clinical fellow. They will join the team and work with the JAG clinical leads across both accreditation and training and data (including JETS and the National Endoscopy Database).

The appointee will have the opportunity to shape this high-impact role and to ensure JAG continues to use our rich datasets to produce excellent publications. You can see examples of recent work by JAG clinical fellows on the [JAG website](#).

For further information on the role, please see the [job advert](#).

The deadline for applications is **Thursday 19 February 2026**.