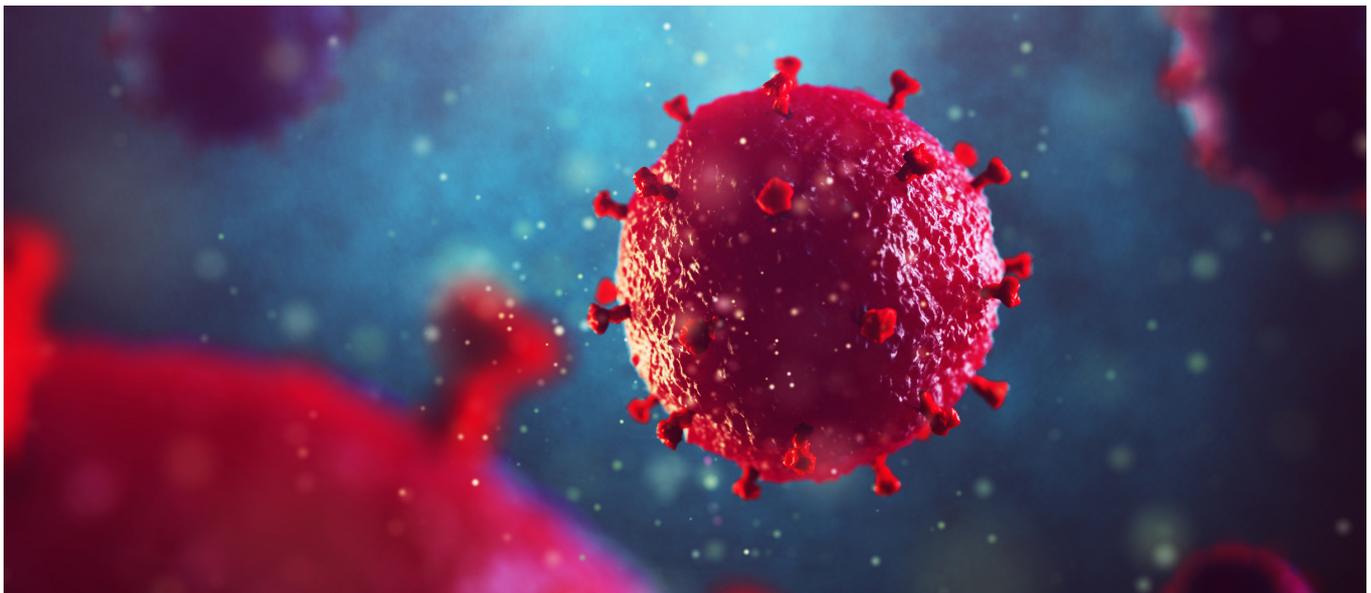


Good tidings we bring with our winter newsletter.

Welcome to this edition of ‘The Briefing’, the newsletter with a difference. Our mission is to ‘Inform and Involve’ members and supporters about the projects and people who research and teach in Plymouth’s Medical School and Hospitals. But we will also offer items of general medical interest for the curious.

It will be in electronic format so if you wish to discover more, the links are there for you to do so without overloading the text. If any you have a story or thoughts to share, we would love to hear from you at contact@thepmf.org.uk.



The Danse of the Virus

To kick off, here is a whimsical but slightly chilling piece about viruses published by a medical Humanities Journal, Hektoen International. Dr. S.E.S Medina is a retired American physician who spent 30 years caring for patients with HIV.

He writes: It is born with tens of thousands of identical brothers and sisters when the thin-walled, transparent, fatty bubble of their nurturing womb suddenly bursts—releasing them into the tumultuary rapids of the host’s bloodstream. It possesses no sense of self, no manner of consciousness—even in the most rudimentary way. It lacks any of the traditional senses possessed by other living creatures with which to perceive or discern the nature of reality...

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Plymouth's Hidden Gem: How medical research works & how to get involved

It occurred to us that unless you have a particular interest, or experience, readers may not know too much about how Medical Research is organised in Plymouth and how they can get involved in supporting some of these worthy and important projects. Here, in the first of a number of short articles that will follow is an explanation.

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Parkinson's Disease – Associate Professor, Dr Camille Carroll

Dr Camille Carroll is a Consultant Neurologist in Derriford and an international expert on this distressing condition. Dr Carroll is thrilled to announce that they have just been awarded a substantial major grant from Parkinson's UK for a study investigating COVID-19 in Parkinson's.

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The PMF Board of Trustees welcomes two prominent local leaders: Professor Terence Lewis MBE and Mr. Peter Vosper

The Peninsula Medical Foundation (PMF) relies on the dedicated work of its Trustees and Volunteers. Their guidance, expertise and support is generally hidden away from public gaze, but their contributions are vital and mostly unsung. We thought our readers would like to know a little more about the band of local personalities comprising our Board of Trustees.

During forthcoming issues, we will be proud to introduce you to our team of Trustees, asking them to tell us something about themselves, their local roots and what motivates them and the reason they support the PMF. Our first conversation was with Peter Vosper, a well-known business leader and philanthropist in the City of Plymouth and South West Region.

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An update by Professor Adrian Coplestone, Trustee & retired Consultant Haematologist

Despite having been in existence for upwards of twenty years many people in Plymouth, Devon and Cornwall are unaware of the Peninsula Medical Foundation (PMF) and its mission is to support the research and teaching being achieved by the Medical School and its University Hospital. We feel that it is high time this was put right. The quality of this academic work – fighting cancer, infections (including COVID-19) and a range of deeply unpleasant conditions – is outstanding. The PMF will give voice to these aspects of our two great local institutions and we hope will inspire many of us to become involved and provide support. We encourage you all to take a look at our home pages from time to time and share the information with friends, families and colleagues, just click on: www.peninsulamedicalfoundation.org.uk

- Professor Adrian Coplestone

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