



New Publication: Preterm birth and risk for asthma and eczema

Asthma and atopic dermatitis (eczema) are among the most common chronic diseases in children. In a study recently published in the journal *Pediatric Allergy and Immunology* PhD candidate [Håvard Trønnes](#) and his co-authors explore how preterm birth affects the risk for developing these diseases. [Read more about the study here](#)

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New publication: Diabetes and depression - a common connection

Both diabetes 1 and depression are common diseases in the general population, and persons with diabetes and depression actually have an increased risk of complications and also increased mortality. In this recently published study PhD candidate [Line Iden Berge](#) takes a closer look at depressive disorders in patients with Type 1 diabetes, with a special focus on melancholic depression. [Read more about the study here.](#)

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Project establishment support (PES) from the Research Council of Norway/UiB - preparations for Horizon 2020

Project establishment support (PES) will be available to applicants from UiB departments/ centers who intend to develop project proposals for calls in Horizon 2020 with deadlines in 2014.

The deadline for submitting project establishment applications in 2014 will be from H2020- call to H2020-deadline. Coordinators may apply for funding up to NOK 100.000, and partners may apply for funding up to NOK 30.000. [For more info click here \(PDF\).](#)

Staff and personnel news

The [Centre for elderly and nursing home medicine](#) is growing stronger. Two new PhD candidates, [Ane Erdal](#) and [Irene Aasmul](#), are employed at the Centre. [Elin Christine Gundersen](#) (picture) will have a 50 % administrative position at the Centre, in addition to working with the National Research Schools in epidemiology and general practice.

[Astanand Jugessur](#) is starting as Associate Professor II for a period of three years connected to the project "Methods for Gene-Environment Interaction Studies in Norwegian Biobanks"



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If so, we ask you to register your additional job (s) in [Pagaweb](#). You can use Pagaweb both for applying to UiB for permission of having an additional job, and for registering already approved jobs. Additional jobs need to be registered each year, preferably [by January 31st](#). Use the [Pagaweb-blog](#) for guidelines on how to register.

New doctors - Congratulations to the new doctors at the department!

In 2013 we got 28 new doctors at the Department – that is a new record!



Jan 17 Juliet Babirye defended her thesis: "[Childhood immunisation in Uganda: Timeliness, supportive structures and health system barriers](#)"

Jan 23 [Sara Ghaderi](#) defended her thesis: "[Impact of cancer in childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood on death, social security benefit uptake and education. A nationwide population-based cohort study.](#)" Congratulations to the new doctors!

Coming Disputations:

Feb 7 [Ashild Lunde](#) is defending her thesis: "Tensions in Practice, Knowledge and Regulation: Genetic Counseling in Norway"



Calendar: Horizon 2020, new economy course and calls for proposals

31 Jan Information meeting on Horizon 2020 with Corina Guder, Kalfarveien 31 at 12:00

1 Feb & 14 Feb New course: [Applied economic evaluation in health care](#). Registration deadline for PhD students: 14 Feb and Master students: 1. Feb

12 Feb [Calls for proposals](#) (Sykefravaer, Folkehelse, Helseomsorg) & support for events (GlobVac)

12 Feb Meeting in the Department Council [Agenda & case documents will be available here](#).

[See the full calender here](#).



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