



The CHASTE Project

A CONCLUDING NOTE FROM THE PROJECT LEADER

As the CHASTE Project draws to a close, I'd like to gratefully acknowledge the hugely positive contributions made by a number of key people. Heart felt thanks are due to:

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Last but not least, my colleagues in the CHASTE Project team - Donnie Blue MBE, Les Allan, Susan Woodman and (in CHASTE I) Irene Burn. Whether by design or accident, we seemed to manage to hit on a successful formula. Personally and professionally, the last 6.5 years have been challenging, enriching and really pretty good fun - hope you feel the same!

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