

Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group

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ROUTINE TESTING
FOR GROUP B STREP

THE GBS3 TRIAL NEEDS YOU!

GBS3. Routine testing for Group B Streptococcus. CPMS ID 42782, IRAS 2636.

CI: Professor Jane Daniels, Clinical CI: Dr Kate Walker, University of Nottingham. Funder: NIHR.

Update from Dr Kate Walker, Clinical CI for the GBS3 trial:

The GBS3 trial is a large cluster randomised to test the clinical and cost-effectiveness of routine testing for Group B Strep in late pregnancy.

Trusts that take part are randomised to one of three arms: 20 hospitals to rapid intrapartum testing (result within 1 hour), 20 hospitals to antenatal culture testing, 40 hospitals to usual care (risk-factor based approach).

We finally have PBPP approvals in place and so are mad keen to get more Scottish sites included in the trial. NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde are going to be randomised in March/April.

We have 30 sites randomised so far, we need 80 in total. Lots has changed on the finances (extra funding from DoH) so the ETCs have come down. Even if you've previously looked at the trial and felt the ETCs were prohibitive, please look again! Delighted to engage with you about any potential barriers and find solutions gbs3@nottingham.ac.uk

Happy for a midwife to be PI for the trial. We are looking for sites with a minimum of 2500 births/annum.

Please note that if the Enriched Culture Medium (ECM) testing is a barrier to participation, this can be done through a private company, the GBS3 team has everything in place/agreed to use this route.

For further study details please visit the GBS3 [website](#) and read the Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch (HSIB) Report, July 2020, [here](#), which highlights the importance of the GBS3 trial.



Take part: Identifying the most important statistical items to involve patients and the public – the INITIAL survey (mailchi.mp)

Are you interested in the role patients and the public can play in shaping health research and ensuring its relevance and usefulness?

The Trials Methodology and Research Partnership are inviting you to take part in a survey to help them decide the most important statistical analysis items that patients and the public should be involved in defining. Statistics play a key role in how health services are shaped, which is why every opinion matters. You can answer the survey here: <https://delphimanager.liv.ac.uk/INITIAL/Delphi>.

They would like to recruit people with different experiences and backgrounds: trial managers, statisticians, researchers working in trials, clinicians, patient and public partners. [Understanding statistics is not a requirement to take part.](#)

If you have any further questions, please contact Dr Beatriz Goulao, Initial study Chief Investigator beatriz.goulao@abdn.ac.uk.

Please keep sending us your Good News Stories!

Which good news stories do your teams have to share?
First patients to Trials, completion of difficult Trials to Target, Key Studies, Findings, Awards/achievements of local PI/CI/team members, collaborations, working with NIHR in cross border studies, bringing/ opening of Trials in Scotland. Anything that goes on behind the scenes of recruitment numbers, overcoming challenges, achievements, etc.

GOOD NEWS STORIES



The findings of the international PIP Trials have been published

The Ayrshire Fertility Unit team led by Dr Santanu Acharya was the only Scottish centre recruiting to these studies.

The Pipelle for Pregnancy (PIP) studies are three multi-centre, randomised controlled trials designed to test three separate hypotheses:



PIP STUDIES
— PIPELLE FOR PREGNANCY —

Whether endometrial injury increases the probability of live birth in women undergoing IVF/embryo transfer, in unexplained infertility and subfertility related to polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS). NHS Ayrshire & Arran participated in the latter two arms.

See research summary [here](#), for further information on the PIP studies please visit this [link](#).

Effect of endometrial scratching on unassisted conception for unexplained infertility: a randomised controlled trial. Yoong T, Lensen S, Wilkinson J, Glanville EJ, **Acharya S** et al. *Fertil Steril*. 2022.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.fertnstert.2021.12.009>

A Randomised Trial of Endometrial Scratching in Women with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome undergoing Ovulation Induction cycles. Glanville EJ, Wilkinson J, Sadler L, Wong TY, **Acharya S** et al. Published: October 24, 2021 *Reproductive Bio Medicine Online*. *RBMO* 2021. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rbmo.2021.10.008>

General Medical Council Position statement regarding Normalising Research – Promoting research for all doctors

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When doctors and other healthcare professionals engage with research opportunities as part of their clinical work, there are demonstrable benefits to individual patients, patient care overall, healthcare teams, care organisations, practices and doctors themselves. The GMC aim is to enable a culture in the workplace where doctors are encouraged to be research-aware and research-active. [Full document](#).

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Portfolio studies in different areas of research are featured in the Studies Spotlight section. Eligible Studies Active in Scotland per Health Board can be found [here](#), data cut 10/03/2022. Eligible studies are supported by a funder which appears on the [CSO Eligible Funders list](#).

The monthly NRS RH&C Newsletter can be accessed via the webpage: [Newsletters and Resources Section](#)

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