

SAVE THE DATE! Event on Male Reproductive Health

Many thanks to all those who have already responded!

Please let us know if you wish to attend ASAP. To register contact maria.amezaga@nhs.net



**Developing a Research Strategy for
Male Reproductive Health for Scotland**

Aberdeen, 23rd August 2019, 11.00 am to 3.00 pm

**Men are equally important in Reproductive Health but are often missed!
Most are willing to participate in Research**

You are invited to a Meeting to Discuss:

- Why is Male Reproductive Health important?
- How can we improve education and awareness about Male Reproductive Health?
- What are the important Research questions in our field?
- How should they be prioritised?
- What are the opportunities to find the answers?



Who should attend: Fertility specialists, Urologists, Reproductive endocrinologists, Fertility nurses, Andrologists, STP trainees, Embryologists, GU/family planning and GPs

Discussion Leads: Dr Sarah Martins da Silva and Professor Christopher Barratt

Full Agenda will be circulated nearer the time. *RSVP to maria.amezaga@nhs.net. Please let us know if you wish to attend ASAP*

Good News Stories in Reproductive Health and Childbirth Research

We would appreciate if you could send us your Good News; these would be circulated within the Specialty across Scotland; quarterly submitted to the CSO (next deadline 26 July).

What could be good news stories from your clinics?

- First patients to Trials
- Completion of difficult trials to Target
- Key Studies, Findings
- Awards/achievements of local PI/CI
- 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.

Please send your Good News to abha.maheshwari@abdn.ac.uk or maria.amezaga@nhs.net

Update from NIHR Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group Meeting, London 24th June 2019.

New Studies

GBS3. The clinical and cost-effectiveness of testing for Group B Streptococcus: a cluster randomised trial with economic and acceptability evaluations.

Objectives: To test whether routine testing of women for GBS colonisation either in late pregnancy or during labour reduces the occurrence of early-onset neonatal sepsis, compared to the current risk factor based strategy.

Please see Study Synopsis attached separately, below is the link for the site selection questionnaire:

<https://nottingham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/gbs3-site-selection-questionnaire>

Please note that the **deadline has been extended to 2nd September.**

CRAFT (CeRclageAfter Full dilatation caesarean secTion). There are 3 arms:

CRAFT-OBS: Observational study to collect outcomes of singleton women who have previously had a caesarean in labour. This will also highlight women who have had a previous full dilatation caesarean section (FDCS). Women with a previous FDCS should have cervical length screening as per the new *Saving Babies Lives Care Bundle Version 2*. CRAFT-OBS requires recruitment of women with a previous in labour caesarean 4-10cm at their 1st trimester scan and collection of outcome data. Should they have a cervical length or fibronectin, during their antenatal period, this will be collected also.

CRAFT-RCT: Randomised controlled trial – to assess treatment for short cervix (<25mm) in singleton women with a previous FDCS. Women with a previous FDCS should have cervical length screening as per the new *Saving Babies Lives Care Bundle Version 2*. If their cervical length is/becomes <25mm, they are eligible for the trial. Once recruited, a bespoke database will carry out the randomisation: management with and without a transvaginal cerclage. This needs to be placed within 7 days of randomisation.

CRAFT-IMG: Imaging sub-study; recruitment at UCLH and St Thomas' Hospital only (ultrasound and MRI study to tease out the mechanism).

APOSTEL VIII. Atosiban versus placebo in the treatment of threatened preterm birth.

If you are interested in recruiting to these and would like further study details, please contact abha.maheshwari@abdn.ac.uk or maria.amezaga@nhs.net

New Studies

The maternal response to sepsis. Version 5. A comparative, prospective, cross-sectional and longitudinal study of pregnant and non-pregnant women with sepsis: An analysis of the immune, genetic, metabolomics and cardiovascular response and a retrospective data analysis of the clinical outcomes of infection in the pregnant and non-pregnant patient.

Multi-sited, mainstreaming of the term Snuby® to all types of births. A multi-sited exploration of the ease of mainstreaming the Term Snuby®, mother-infant skin to skin undergarment, in all births up to the point of discharge from maternity services (<2 weeks).

ESPriT1. The effectiveness of laparoscopic treatment of isolated superficial peritoneal endometriosis for managing chronic pelvic pain in women: a randomised controlled feasibility trial.

EPIc. A single-arm open label exploratory clinical trial to evaluate dichloroacetate (DCA) as a possible treatment for endometriosis-associated pain.

REGAL trial. Recurrence of Endometriosis: a randomised controlled trial of clinical and cost effectiveness of Gonadotrophin Releasing Hormone Analogues with add back hormone replacement therapy versus repeat Laparoscopic surgery.

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NIHR Initiatives

National or Local Training or development initiatives for research nurses who want to be PIs. Please let us know if you are aware of any such initiatives in your Health Board.

Facilitating Medical Device Clinical Research in the UK. Identifying the Barriers and Mitigating Strategies. If you have had been involved in medical device research and would like to give your views to the NIHR by completing a questionnaire, please let us know. Closing date is **2nd August 2019**.

Research Funding

MRC Funding Call: Global Maternal and Neonatal Health 2019 - Research Grants (Invite only) and Seed Funding Grants. Open date: 1 Aug 2019. Closing date: 15 Oct 2019, 16:00

Note: This call is only for those applicants who have been invited to submit a full research grant proposal following the outline call that closed in April 2019, and for seed-funding applications.

[Apply for this funding opportunity.](#)

Wellbeing of Women Scholarships & Fellowships 2020. Applications for medical research grants are now open. Funding is available for Entry-level Research Scholarships, Research Training Fellowships and Postdoctoral Research Fellowships.

<https://www.wellbeingofwomen.org.uk/wellbeing-of-women-apply-funding-research-grants-fellowships-scholarships/>