

Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group, June 2019

Reproductive Health and Childbirth Research in Scotland – Strategy Meeting, Stirling 13 May 2019

Many thanks to everyone who attended!

This year the main aim of our Annual Meeting was to encourage NHS Clinicians to get involved in research and to identify barriers and facilitators for recruiting to research studies in the current NHS climate. This meeting provided a forum for delegates across Scotland to discuss and to agree on how this can be achieved.



We are working on a newsletter and twitter account to be set up. They have to go through due processes! Until then, there are some updates in next few pages.

Please share them as widely as possible with colleagues.

Upcoming Studies

The WILL Trial. When to Induce Labour to Limit risk in pregnancy hypertension – a multicentre, randomised controlled trial.

WILL aims to address optimal timing of delivery for women with chronic or gestational hypertension who reach term gestational age and are otherwise well.



The LOCI Trial. Letrozole or Clomifene, with or without metformin, for ovulation induction in women with polycystic ovary syndrome.



BOOSTB4 (Boost Brittle Bones Before Birth) Trial. An exploratory, open label, multiple dose, multicentre phase I/II trial evaluating safety and efficacy of postnatal or prenatal and postnatal intravenous administration of allogeneic expanded fetal mesenchymal stem cells (MSC) for the treatment of severe Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) compared with a combination of historical and untreated prospective controls. CPMS ID 41094.

Patients need to be treated at University College Hospital, London, as this is the only centre at which the cells will be available but patients from Scotland can be referred to the study.



Catheter II- Assessing the clinical and cost effectiveness of prophylactic washouts in patients living with long-term catheters. Centres both in primary and secondary care centres needed



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

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 new 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.

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Invitation to participate in a Survey to identify the most important questions for future pregnancy research in the UK

The survey is part of a study commissioned by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and The Wellcome Trust on behalf of the UK Clinical Research Collaboration (UKCRC). The study aims to review pregnancy research funding in the UK, and identify current pregnancy research needs, priorities and gaps. The findings will be used to inform recommendations for future pregnancy research in the UK. RAND Europe is carrying out the study.

Please use the following link to access the survey: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/pregnancyresearch/>

The survey will be open until 30 June 2019.

Implementation of the UK Local Information Pack

From 5th June 2019 researchers working with NHS/HSC organisations across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales will benefit from a consistent package to support study set-up and delivery across the UK. The UK Local Information Pack contains an **Organisation Information Document**, which has replaced the **Statement of Activities** that was used in England and Wales and the **Site Specific Information** form, which was used in Northern Ireland and Scotland. The Organisational Information Document is required as part of the UK Local Information Pack for commercial and non-commercial research.

Examples of completed **Schedule of Events Cost Attribution Template** and **Organisation Information Document** templates are also now available on the Four Nations NHS/HSC Compatibility website on the [UK Local Information Pack: Questions and Answers](#) page.