

Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group June 2022

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NIHR CRN Reproductive Health and Childbirth Research Webinar 2

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The NIHR CRN Reproductive Health and Childbirth National Specialty Group presents the second in a series of webinars focusing on Reproductive Health Research in the UK. This webinar will focus on current portfolio intrapartum studies and also the latest news and information.



Friday 1st July 2022, 12:00 to 13:00 (BST). Details and registration page for the event can be found [here](#).

Think Ethics – have your say on ethics review for health and social care research



The Health Research Authority (HRA), working with partners in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, has launched a '[public conversation](#)' about how research ethics review could be changed to make it better for researchers, ethics committee members and people taking part in research. [Full article](#).

The new consultation runs from 13 June to 23 September and includes [an online survey](#) and a series of [workshops](#), it will explore potential changes to the ways in which ethics review is carried out.

HRA has also announced their [new policy for improving information for research participants](#) and published the report on how the recommendations were developed. The full report of the public dialogue findings is available [here](#).

NIHR Clinical Research Practitioners (CRPs) Accredited Registration scheme

The NIHR and the Academy for Healthcare Science is committed to establishing an accredited register for [CRPs](#).

CRPs are an essential part of research delivery teams. CRP is an umbrella title used for a family of roles in research delivery that have a patient-facing element and where the post holder isn't currently registered to a healthcare profession. [Full document](#).



Royal College of Physicians and NIHR CRN Awards 2022

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network and the Royal College of Physicians joint awards programme is now open for entry. The awards recognise outstanding contributions of NHS consultants and trainees who are active in research.

The application process and prize details can be found on this [webpage](#). Contact: rcp.awards@nihr.ac.uk

Please send us your Good News, queries, feedback, etc. to:

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STUDIES OPEN TO NEW SITES

The H2Oil2 Study. Oil- based versus water-based contrast media for hysterosalpingography (HSG) in infertile women with unevaluated indications: a randomized controlled trial. CPMS ID 43789. IRAS 270603.

CI: Professor Anne Hemingway, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, London. Funder: Academic Medical Centre at the University of Amsterdam.

Summary: The original H2Oil study, published in NEJM 2017, 376:2043-52, proved conclusively that there is an increase in spontaneous conception in woman under the age of 38 with unexplained subfertility following hysterosalpingography (HSG) and that this effect is statistically greater if the HSG is undertaken with oil-based contrast media compared to water-based contrast media. The H2Oil2 Study, is an RCT to determine if this effect is also found in women over 38 years of age, and/or with ovarian dysfunction and/or with tubal disease. This study has opened to recruitment at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and they are interested in recruiting other sites who undertake reasonable numbers of HSGs in the investigation of subfertility. Please let us know if you would like the protocol.

This study was circulated by the NRS Centralised Feasibility Service, many thanks for all responses.

Expressions of interest were received from NHS Ayrshire & Arran and NHS Fife.

For further details please contact the trial team: katherine.wourms@nhs.net



STUDIES IN SET-UP

DIAMOND. Deep infiltrating endometriosis: management by medical treatment versus early surgery.

CPMS ID 52443, IRAS 298771. CIs: DIAMOND is led by Professors Kevin Cooper (Aberdeen Royal Infirmary) and T Justin Clark (Birmingham Women's NHS Foundation Trust). Funder NIHR HTA.

Summary: Endometriosis affects up to 10% of women of reproductive age, significantly impairing quality of life, affecting work, relationships and education. Deep endometriosis is its most severe form but there is uncertainty as to what is the most effective and efficient treatment. NICE and the European Society for Human Reproduction and Embryology suggest both medical and surgical treatments can be used for deep endometriosis but highlight the lack of evidence to guide practice and the need for a large, multi-centre RCT.

DIAMOND is a major UK multi-centre NIHR HTA funded RCT to compare early planned laparoscopic surgery (with or without adjuvant medical treatment) versus medical management alone in women with deep endometriosis. We aim to recruit 400 women, aged 18-49, with confirmed deep endometriosis, seeking treatment for pain, who are suitable for either surgical or medical management, within BSGE accredited UK endometriosis centres.

Women who agree to take part will have an equal chance of getting hormonal medical treatment or surgery, and we will monitor their symptoms for 18 months via questionnaires every 6 months. Women in either group can also receive additional pain relief and if the medical treatment is not working, they can opt to receive surgery.

For more information please see the [DIAMOND study website](#).



NRS REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND CHILDBIRTH WEBPAGE

Please find Portfolio studies highlighted in the [Study Portfolio section](#).

In our monthly newsletter we also provide an update of [Eligible studies](#) Active in Scotland per Health Board, [Data cut 06/06/2022](#). RH&C newsletters can be found [here](#).

