

Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group May 2022



James Lind, born in Edinburgh 1716, died in Gosport 1794

International Clinical Trials Day 2022

International Clinical Trials Day 20th May was dedicated to celebrating clinical research around the world. It commemorates the day in 1747 when James Lind started what is often considered the first randomized clinical trial recorded in medical science, aboard HMS Salisbury, while patrolling the Bay of Biscay.

He developed the theory that citrus fruits cured scurvy.

Clinical research is now a cornerstone of person-centred healthcare across Scotland, and is made possible thanks to the support and commitment of patients and the public working in partnership with researchers and healthcare professionals. See [full article](#).

SAVE THE DATE: NIHR Reproductive Health and Childbirth Webinar 2

The second of a planned series of webinars from the NIHR CRN RH&C Research National Specialty Group will be held on **1st July 1200-1300**.

Further details and booking information will follow

Associate Principal Investigator (API) Scheme

The NIHR is delighted to announce that over 1,000 health and care professionals have now got involved with research for the first time as part of the API Scheme. To find out more about the scheme, the benefits, and how to apply, visit the [API Scheme webpage](#). If you have any queries please contact associatepisceme@nihr.ac.uk

The GBS3 Trial. Reminder

GBS3. Routine testing for Group B Streptococcus. CPMS ID 42782, IRAS 263682.

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

GBS3 is a large cluster randomised trial to test the clinical and cost-effectiveness of routine testing for Group B Strep in late pregnancy. Sites that take part are randomised to one of three arms: 20 hospitals to rapid intrapartum testing (result within 1 h), 20 hospitals to antenatal culture testing, and 40 hospitals to usual care (risk-factor based approach).

We finally have PBPP approvals in place for Scotland and so are very keen to get more Scottish sites included in the trial.

NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde are on board.

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 visit [The GS3 Trial website](#).



NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Advisory Group Vacancy: Lead Research Midwife/ Nurse

The NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Advisory Group consists of local champions from each Health Board and representatives from Sexual and Reproductive Health, Midwifery, Nursing and Trainees.

The NRS Clinical Research Lead (Professor Abha Maheshwari) will put forward the NRS lead midwife/nurse candidate for membership to the National NIHR RHC-NRC Group to represent Scotland.

If you are a research midwife/nurse interested in joining the Advisory group please let Abha (abha.maheshwari@abdn.ac.uk) or Txaro (maria.amezaga@nhs.scot) know and we will send you the details.

Please include a brief CV and a short paragraph indicating why you would like to join the group

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](#), see [Data cut 13/05/2022](#). RH&C newsletters can be found [here](#).



GOOD NEWS STORIES



NRS Career Researcher Fellowships

Dr Michelle Cooper, a Consultant in Gynaecology/Sexual Health & Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer in NHS Lothian, was recently awarded one of this year's 11 NRS Career Researcher Fellowships to continue her postdoctoral research into postpartum contraception.

Her three-year research programme entitled '*Improving access to contraception after childbirth in Scotland*' will include several methodologies including health economics, data linkage, medical device and health services research studies.

This is the first NRS Career Researcher Fellowship awarded to a contraception-based project, recognising Scotland as international leaders in this area, and supporting the progress of this important research agenda which closely aligns with the Women's Health Plan priorities for Scotland.

STUDIES LOOKING FOR NEW SITES

COPE Study. The **C**arboprost or **O**xytocin **P**ostpartum haemorrhage **E**ffectiveness Study.

Carboprost vs Oxytocin as the First Line Treatment of Primary Postpartum Haemorrhage. A Phase IV, double-blind, double-dummy, randomised controlled trial.

CPMS ID 39362, IRAS 235254. CI: Professor Andrew Weeks, University of Liverpool. Funder: NIHR.

Please find [here](#) Study Summary and Site Suitability Assessment for sites to complete and return to the study team if interested. Randomised Participants: approx. 450, Open Sites: 13 in England. Average rate of recruitment at open sites: 3-5 women per month. Study End date: Sept 2024, Recruitment End date: March 2024.

Please let us know if you would like to receive the protocol.



COPE is Open with Recruitment in England, the study team have just been granted an extension for the study and would love Scottish sites to come on board. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde have expressed their interest.

For further details see COPE [website](#) and study contact: cope@liverpool.ac.uk

Core Outcome Set Development: Studies of Pregnant Women with 2 or More Long-term Health Conditions (Delphi Surveys). See Study [Poster](#) and [Protocol](#).



The MuM-PreDiCT research group (8 universities, MRC-NIHR funded) aims to improve care for pregnant women with multiple long-term health conditions through research.

The study team are inviting stakeholders, including pregnant women, family/ partners/ carers, health professionals and researchers to participate in online surveys. The study team needs your help to **prioritise a list of outcomes researchers should measure in all studies** for pregnant women (including those who do not identify as women) with multiple health conditions. This is to create a Core Outcome Set, which will help shape the design of future research studies.

For more information and survey please visit this [link](#)

Please keep sending your Good News, queries or feedback to:

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