

Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group May 2021



James Lind, born in Edinburgh 1716. In 1747 he conducted one of the first controlled clinical trials ever recorded.

International Clinical Trials Day 2021

Clinical Trials Day is celebrated around the world in May to recognize the day that James Lind started what is often considered the first randomised clinical trial aboard HMS Salisbury on May 20th, 1747.

His trial consisted of just 12 men, grouped into pairs and given a variety of dietary supplements from cider to oranges and lemons. The trial only lasted six days but, within that time, there was a noticeable improvement in the group eating the fruit, providing Lind with the evidence required of the link between citrus fruits and scurvy.

To mark International Clinical Trials Day on 20 May 2021, for one month between Monday 17th May - Thursday 17th June 2021 the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and Devolved Administrations are campaigning to encourage as many people as possible to keep up the momentum and take part in studies in other areas, to help power the health breakthroughs of the future.

Find out more about the [Be Part of Research campaign](#) and how you can take part in studies.

NIHR survey reveals public's attitudes to health research following coronavirus



A survey commissioned by the NIHR and Devolved Administrations to mark International Clinical Trials Day has revealed that a significant disconnect exists between people's perceptions of the importance of coronavirus research, and their understanding of where it happened and who took part. [Full text.](#)



Royal College
of Physicians

Announcement by the Royal College of Physicians on behalf of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and NIHR CRN

RCP is working in collaboration with The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and NIHR CRN to provide training opportunities to clinicians new to research. This scheme will ultimately be a charged for programme, however they are about to commence a pilot of the scheme free of charge -please see below link for further details. They have indicated that they are particularly seeking involvement from specific specialties (including MSK and Reproductive Health) but are open to representatives aligned to all specialties.

<https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/would-you-get-involved-research-don-t-know-how-start>

<https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/clinicians-researchers>

Please send your Good News, queries or any information that you would like to be included to:
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GOOD NEWS STORIES



The NHS Lothian team, led by Dr Sarah Stock, have been selected to participate in the first COVID-19 vaccine study in the UK recruiting pregnant women

SARS-COV-2(BNT162b2) VACCINE AGAINST COVID-19 IN HEALTHY PREGNANT WOMEN. CPMS 47718, IRAS 295903.

CI: Dr Christine Jones, University Hospital Southampton.

Sponsor/ Funder: Pfizer-BioNTech.

[Further details.](#)

Dr Sarah Stock: *“This will be the first COVID-19 vaccine study in pregnant participants, and will be open in NHS Lothian along with ten other UK sites. It is a really important study, as it will provide gold-standard randomised control trial data on the safety, tolerability and immunogenicity of the Pfizer vaccine in pregnancy. This will support the accumulating real-world data that is very reassuring that the vaccine is safe. We know that COVID-19 infection can have serious consequences in pregnancy, and the trial will help inform pregnant people how they can best be protected against infection.”*

NRS Reproductive Health & Childbirth Advisory Group. Lead Research Midwife/ Nurse vacancy

The NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Advisory group consists of local Champions from each Health Board and representatives from Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), Midwifery, Nursing and Trainees. Please visit the [NRS RH&C webpage](#)

This group is designed to share key information regarding research in Scotland in RH&C:

- disseminating this locally and advising the Clinical Lead and Champion Support Manager of any local barriers to research
- sharing good practice across various Health Boards

If you are a Research Midwife/ Nurse interested in joining the NRS RH&C Advisory Group please let Abha/ Txaro know ASP. Please include a brief CV and a short paragraph indicating why you would like to join the Advisory group.

As NRS RH&C Advisory Group Lead Research Midwife/ Nurse, you would be put forward for membership of the NIHR Research Midwife/ Nurse RHC National Research Champion (RHC-NRC) Group, to represent Scotland. [RHC-NRC Remit](#)

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & CHILDBIRTH STUDIES. PORTFOLIO UPDATE.

Please find in link below a list of Eligible studies which are Active, data cut 13/05/2021. For multicentre studies Active is defined as those Active in at least one Health Board.

[RH&C Eligible Studies per HB Active 13 05 2021](#)

Please note: Eligible studies are those studies supported by a funder which appears on the CSO Eligible Funders list. [List of Eligible Funders](#)