

Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group

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Snowdrops, Scone Palace



GOOD NEWS STORIES

A new Study in Endometriosis has been funded by the Chief Scientist Office (CSO)

ENDOCAN-1. A pilot randomised controlled trial of the efficacy of a cannabinoid oral tincture in the management of endometriosis-associated pain. See [Abstract](#).



Dr Lucy Whitaker (Chief Investigator, University of Edinburgh, UoE), Professor Andrew Horne (UoE), Professor Jane Daniels (University of Nottingham), Dr Lucky Saraswat (University of Aberdeen), Professor Steff Lewis (UoE), Dr Hannah Durand (University of Stirling), Aileen Neilson (UoE) and Emma Cox (Endometriosis UK).

Study funded by the CSO Translational Clinical Studies Research Committee. The Committee considers applications for research aimed at improving treatments and/or diagnostic approaches for conditions of clinical importance to the population of Scotland, demonstrating clinical relevance and potential for translation into clinical practice.

Many Congratulations!

Excellent recruitment to a Commercial Trial by NHS Grampian



Prime-boost Vaccine Study in Women with Low-grade Cervical HPV Lesions.

A Phase 1b/2 Randomised, Placebo-controlled, Dose-ranging Study to Evaluate Safety, Tolerability and Immunogenicity of a Chimpanzee Adenovirus (ChAdOx1)-vectored Multigenotype High Risk Human Papillomavirus (hrHPV) Vaccine and Modified Vaccinia Ankara (MVA)-vectored Multigenotype hrHPV Vaccine in Women with Low-grade HPV-related Cervical Lesions. CPMS ID 42175, IRAS 266074. Funder: Vaccitech Ltd.

The NHS Grampian team led by Professor Maggie Cruickshank, was the only participating site in Scotland and managed to recruit to target in a very short period of time. The study is now in follow-up.

Great achievement!



NRS Career Researcher Fellowship

Dr Maribel De Gouveia De Sa, a Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in NHS Grampian, has been awarded an NRS Career Researcher Fellowship.

Her three-year research programme is entitled "Clinical outcomes, safety and cost effectiveness of clinical interventions for the management of pelvic floor dysfunction".

Many Congratulations!

Your good news stories, queries, feedback, are welcome:
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2nd Scottish Postpartum Contraception Conference (Friday 24th March 2023)

Registration now Open!

Venue: Royal College of Surgeons, Nicholson Street, Edinburgh.

Link to register [here](#)

This full day in-person event is supported by funding from the Scottish Government and hosted by NHS Lothian. The aim is to share examples of good practice and new developments in postpartum contraception, provide training workshops in practical techniques such as implant and IUD insertion and offer a forum for networking, discussion and celebration of our achievements so far.

It is open to all healthcare professionals with an interest or role in postpartum contraception in Scotland at a subsidised rate of **£20 per person**, which includes lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

NIHR Associate Principal Investigator (PI) Scheme

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The Associate PI Scheme aims to develop doctors, nurses and other health professionals to become the Principal Investigators (PIs) of the future.

The Associate PI Scheme is a six month in-work training opportunity, providing practical experience for healthcare professionals starting their research career. Full details [here](#).

The current list of Reproductive Health & Childbirth Studies Registered to the Associate PI Scheme which are open to applications, and have sites in Scotland can be accessed at this [link](#).

Generation Scotland are inviting new volunteers to join the study



Generation Scotland is a research study, based at the University of Edinburgh, looking at the health and well-being of volunteers and their families. The Generation Scotland study has enabled important health discoveries and the development of potentially lifesaving treatments. For full details visit this [link](#).

Generation Scotland are seeking a further 20,000 volunteers; participants will be asked for saliva samples and allow access to medical records to better understand health priorities. The new call for participants is for anyone who is resident in Scotland, and for the first time this can be anyone aged 12 or over. [BBC Press release](#).

Reproductive Health and Childbirth Studies

For an update of Active Studies in Scotland, Non-commercial (Eligible/Extended review) and Commercial, per Health Board, please follow this [link](#).

In the NRS RH&C [webpage](#), Portfolio studies are highlighted in the [Study Portfolio section](#).

RH&C Newsletters can be found [here](#).

For information about studies in the portfolio please contact Abha (abha.maheshwari@abdn.ac.uk) or Txaro (maria.amezaga@nhs.scot)

