

Research Team

Meet our Research Team

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What is Primary Care Research?

The CRN Primary Care speciality works in collaboration with researchers and primary care practitioners such as GPs', practice nurses, pharmacists and dentists to promote the successful delivery of research studies in the NHS. A wide range of research studies are supported which look at:

- **Promoting a healthier lifestyle**
- **Disease diagnosis and prevention**
- **Management of long-term illnesses such as diabetes or hypertension**
- **Prevention of future ill-health**
- **Treating common conditions such as tonsillitis or influenza**

Benefits of Primary Care Research

- It offers patients access to new treatments
- It brings new dimension to practice and added skills to those involved
- It provides national gold standard training for research
- It offers mentorship and support to those involved in research within practice

How can you help and take part?

There are various ways a patient can become involved in studies at their GP practice. If you are registered at **Guardian Medical Centre, Four Seasons Medical Centre, Parkview Medical Centre, Springfields Medical Centre, Culcheth Medical Centre, Chapelford Medical Centre or Westbrook Medical Centre** a doctor or nurse may talk to you about a particular study and ask whether you would be interested in participating. Others include;

- **You may receive a text message from the practice asking whether you would like to participate in research.**
- **You may be sent information through the post if we feel you may be a suitable participant**
- **You may read information about a current study in the patient waiting room or on the surgery website and wish to take part by contacting your GP or the Research Nurse**
- **All clinical research carried out at our surgeries is thoroughly checked and approved by ethical committees thus ensuring it is appropriate and safe to perform. Your participation is entirely voluntary and can be withdrawn by yourself at any time without any explanation required.**

Important information

- Your reception team may receive queries from patients. Any patients who would like to discuss further, can be tasked to the "WIN – Research team" task pot on the hub. A member of the team will contact them within **1 week**.

Inclusions

- General queries from practice invitations.
- If patient's wish for a further discussion before agreeing to take part.

Exclusions

- Patient's wanting to complain about receiving a text.

PLEASE NOTE !

- You are under no obligation to participate in any research project
- Your care and your relationship with your doctor will not be affected in any way if you decided not to take part;
- You will always receive clear information about what taking part in a research study would involve.

