

Primary Care Research Network (SW) North Hub E-Bulletin

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Dear Colleague,

This is the third edition of the PCRN (SW) North hub e-bulletin. This bulletin aims to provide you with a brief snapshot of information on studies, training opportunities and other relevant information, specific to your PCT area. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at pcrn.swnorthhub@nhs.net or call 0117 9002225.

Studies Open for Recruitment:

If you are interested in any of the studies described, please fill in the attached 'Expression of Interest' form and return to pcrn.swnorthhub@nhs.net or fax to 0117 9766601.

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NEW STUDY	AcuBack	NEW STUDY
The first large-scale study designed to find out whether psychological factors can predict treatment outcomes in acupuncture for back pain. The study team are asking people who use acupuncture with back pain patients to send out our questionnaire packs to all eligible new patients/clients.		
Service Support Costs:		
Total set up costs for practice £52.37. Per patient recruited £25.73		

ASCEND
ASCEND is a mail-based, multi-centre, randomised controlled trial which is aiming to recruit 10,000 patients nationwide (5,500 patients recruited so far) to help answer two important questions in the management of patients with diabetes who do not have a history of vascular disease: · Do the benefits of low-dose aspirin outweigh the risks? · Do omega-3 fish oils reduce the incidence of major vascular events?
Service Support Costs:
£185 for set-up and database search. £22 per 10 patients mailed (pro rata). An additional £100 is payable directly from the ASCEND study team for other miscellaneous work which may be required (e.g. taking blood and urine samples). Please note: The £100 has to be invoiced separately and directly from the ASCEND Study Team. The other money will be paid by the Western Comprehensive Local Research Network.

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NEW STUDY	EUDRAGENE	NEW STUDY
This is a multi-national case control study. The objective of this project is to discover genetic predictors of susceptibility to serious idiosyncratic (Type B) adverse drug reactions. In the UK, the following classes of ADRs will be looked at: Liver injury induced by all drugs, Statin-induced myopathy, Stevens Johnson Syndrome and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (SJS/TENS). The study team are looking for 400 cases and 400 controls. They are aware these ADR's are rare so we need to get as many practices on board as possible! This will be a long recruitment period until 2017.		
Service Support Costs:		
£295.58 per practice for database search and mail out. £43.77 per patient recruited		
Additional Comments: The study team have chosen to roll out this study in three distinct recruitment phases. The South West will support recruitment to this study in Jan – Apr 2010. We are now gathering expressions of interest for this study.		

H1N1 Influenza & Pregnancy

An investigation of the characteristics and management of women with actual or suspected H1N1 Flu and the relationship to pregnancy outcomes for mother and infant. **What you need to do: Seek verbal consent to refer details to study team. Tel: 0191 260 6197 or Fax 0191 260 6193 if you are presented with pregnant women:**

a) who have had symptoms of influenza OR

b) who have been in contact with influenza and are being offered antiviral treatment (e.g. Relenza® or Tamiflu®), regardless of whether or not you take the medication OR

c) who have been offered the swine flu vaccine

Once recruited:

4 weeks after contact: You need to complete questionnaire about woman (also sent to mother), which will be sent every 4 weeks until recovery

2 week's after birth: You need to complete questionnaire about woman (also sent to mother), about pregnancy, its progress and details about woman's health & that of baby(s)

6 months after birth: Questionnaire on infant's health & development.

http://www.uktis.org/sfps_info_healthcare_prof/sfps_info_healthcare_prof.php (Further Info)

http://www.uktis.org/sfps_info_healthcare_prof/27118_PrimaryCareFlowchart_v1_0_05NOV2009.pdf (flow diagram explaining process)

Service Support Costs:

£115.17 per practice for set up & £25 per patient recruited

REEACT

REEACT (Randomised Evaluation of the Effectiveness and Acceptability of Computerised Therapy) aims to see whether two computerised forms of CBT (*Beating the Blues* and *MoodGYM*) are more effective than GP care alone. It will also examine whether *Beating the Blues* is any better than *MoodGYM* and whether the extra cost for *Beating the Blues* is justified. Practices are asked to identify approximately 10 patients with a diagnosis of depression over a two-year period.

Service Support Costs:

Approximately £142 for initial set up and 1st search/referral plus £75 for each randomised patient

Studies Open but Restricted

Million Women Study

Restriction: Participants are pre-selected. Therefore, only practices who have a participant registered with them can participate in this study. If you have a participant registered at your surgery, they will approach you in the next few months to book an appointment to have bloods taken.

The Million Women Study is a national cohort study of women aged 50 years and over, examining factors affecting health in this age group. Since 2006, the Disease Susceptibility in Women (DSW) part of the Million Women Study has been collecting blood samples through general practices to enable biochemical and genetic factors to be included in analyses.

Service Support Costs:

£10 per women

Studies In Set Up

DESMOND

The aim of this study is to determine whether, with appropriate training and support, lay educators can successfully deliver the DESMOND programme with the same degree of interaction fidelity, quality and efficacy as trained health care professional educators. Practices will be involved at the point of referral to the DESMOND programme in informing patients and will also provide some baseline & follow up data.

Note:

PCRN are not actively supporting this study and you will be contacted directly by the study team if you have been selected to be involved. We wanted to make you aware of the study as it will count towards PCIS.

Studies Now Closed for Recruitment

HARPP

This study has now finished recruiting practices. Thank you to all practices that have engaged with this study.

Other Information, Training Opportunities and Conferences:

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A PCRN SW North Hub event for your diary, all welcome

PCRNSW North Hub are pleased to announce to 2010 PCIS Event. The event will be held in the afternoon on **3rd February 2010** at the Bristol Hotel by the Waterfront in Bristol.

It will take place in the afternoon commencing with a buffet lunch, and is an opportunity to celebrate, thank and inform the primary care research community about past present and future activity.

For more information, please call Natalie Turner on 0117 9002225.

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PRIMARY CARE CLINICAL RESEARCH CHAMPION

Clinical Research Champion for Swindon and Gloucester region (PCRN SW North Hub)

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a primary care clinician with an interest in several disease areas and primary care research, to become involved in the expanding NIHR clinical research networks that have been established in England.

Utilising their interest in research and primary care expertise, the Clinical Champion supports the work of the PCRN SW in recruiting interested practices and facilitating research in these practices, thus supporting the national policy aim of increasing the number of patients in primary care trials and other well designed studies.

Averaging one session per week, the post holder will work together with the North Hub team, and in particular the Research Officer who covers the Swindon and Gloucestershire areas in promoting research activity and the work of the PCRN SW Network.

For further information and details of funding for the post

Contact Rachel Exell, PCRN (SW) Manager

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Or Dr Jane Bridger, PCRN (SW) North Hub Senior Research Officer

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TO APPLY - Please send a letter of application by the 18th December, 2009 to:

Dr Philip Evans, PCRN(SW) Director, Primary Care Research Network (South West), Peninsula Medical School, Smeall Building, St Luke's Campus, Exeter, EX1 2LU.

Tel: 01392 262743 Email: Philip.Evans@pms.ac.uk

Or contact Rachel Exell, PCRN (SW) Manager

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News from the NHS R&D Forum

The NHS R&D Forum is a network for those involved in managing and supporting R&D in health and social care. For more information visit the home page: <http://www.rdforum.nhs.uk/001.asp>.

Updates include:

- The European Commission has published an assessment of the "Clinical Trials Directive" for consultation. For more information visit http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/pharmaceuticals/clinicaltrials/clinicaltrials_en.htm. Deadline: 8 January 2010.
- Fundamentals of Clinical Research – new course. This course is for anyone involved in the clinical research processes who are seeking to acquire the core knowledge about clinical research regulations and trial management. Further details can be found at: <http://www.rdforum.nhs.uk/004c.asp?entryid=255>
- Applying to R&D offices for permission to conduct research SSI Form <http://www.rdforum.nhs.uk/046.asp> -

NIHR Clinical Research Network National Conference

Date: Thursday 28 January 2010

Location: Excel Conference Centre in London.

Speakers include: Professor Dame Sally Davies

If you require more information, please contact the NIHR CRN CC Team on 0113 343 0330.

Research Ready Self Accreditation:

Research Ready self-accreditation is a basic entry guideline to primary care research in England. It will signify a practices' up to date knowledge of the standards that are needed to undertake research and the physical facilities required to successfully comply with research demands based on the latest research governance frameworks.

For more information see:

http://www.rcgp.org.uk/clinical_and_research/circ/research/primary_care_research_team_ass/research_ready.aspx

And/or contact us on pcrn.swnorthhub@nhs.net

GCP Online

This course will give you an up-to-date and comprehensive guide to the basic principles of ICH Good Clinical Practice and covers all the new changes/amendments proposed in the EU Directive 2005/28/EC and the UK Regulations.

If you would like to book a place on the GCP Online Training Course, please click on the link below and follow the instructions provided.

http://www.ukcrn.org.uk/index/training/courses/governance/gcp_online.html

For a list of other free training courses provided by the NIHR, please click on the link below:

<http://www.ukcrn.org.uk/index/training/courses/governance.html>

If you would like to print off a quick guide to GCP, visit http://www.wren.soton.ac.uk/latest_mailing.htm

University of Bristol; Short Courses in Research Methods:

The Department of Social Medicine provides a programme of high quality short courses covering a range of health services research, biostatistics, human genetics, health protection and epidemiological research methods.

Please visit the short course website for further information about the courses and booking.

<http://www.epi.bris.ac.uk/shortc/shortc.htm>