

# Plenary Session: Learning from International Primary Care Research Networks

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# Patient-Oriented Research - U.S. Perspective

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## **Outline**

- Cover recent developments in Patient-Oriented Research in the U.S.
  - 1. Patient-centered research
  - 2. Stakeholder-engaged research
  - 3. Pragmatic Clinical Trials
  - 4. Implementation Research
  - 5. Practice-based Research Networks
  - 6. Leverage technology within research
  - 7. Dissemination and Return of Results
- Highlight example research project

## 1. Increase in Patient-Centered Research

- Patient-Centered Outcomes Research helps people and their caregivers communicate and make informed healthcare decisions about their healthcare options.
  - <u>Assesses the benefits and harms of preventive</u>, diagnostic, therapeutic, palliative, or health delivery system <u>interventions to inform decision making</u>, <u>highlighting comparisons and</u> <u>outcomes that matter to people</u>;
  - <u>Is inclusive of an individual's preferences, autonomy, and needs</u>, focusing on outcomes that people notice and care about such as survival, function, symptoms, and health-related quality of life;
  - Incorporates a <u>wide variety of settings and diversity of participants</u> to address individual differences and barriers to implementation and dissemination; and
  - <u>May investigate optimizing outcomes</u> while addressing <u>burden</u> to individuals, <u>availability of services</u>, <u>technology</u>, and <u>personnel</u>, and <u>other stakeholder perspectives</u>.

https://www.pcori.org/research-results/patient-centered-outcomes-research

# 1. PCOR (continued)

### Rationale:

- inclusion of end users of research (patients, physicians, other stakeholders) will enhance the relevance of research to actual health decisions
- increased relevance can improve uptake of evidence and improve ability to achieve desirable health outcomes

Frank L, Basch E, Shelby JV. JAMA 2014; 312(15):1513-1514.

# 2. Increase in Stakeholder-Engaged Research

- Definition: Involvement of stakeholders in entire research process
- Rationale: researchers are unlikely to provide the patient perspective. Engagement of relevant stakeholders is required to increase relevance of research to end users
- *Types of Stakeholders*: patient, caregiver, clinicians, health system leadership, health policy makers, and health insurers.
- Resources:
  - Stakeholder Engagement Plan (PCORI)
  - Community Engagement Studios (Meharry-Vanderbilt)

### The Continuum of Community (Stakeholder) Engagement in Research

Patient/Community-Driven Research: Stakeholders serve as Principal PI or Investigator (PI) or Co-PI and are leading the research. Ongoing Involvement knowledge, expertise Co-PI Research Team Members: Stakeholders are integral members of Extent of Engagement **Research Partners** the research team and participate in key activities. or Team Members Advisory and Governance: Stakeholders serve on Governance and Advisory boards, councils and committees that provide Groups oversight and/or guidance. Focus groups, semi-structured interviews, nominal Reviewers, Interviewees, and groups techniques, Community Engagement Studios: Involvement Short-Term Consultants Stakeholders serve specific, time-limited roles. Surveys, online polling, listening sessions: Broader community of stakeholders **Knowledge Users and Experiencers** provides brief input. Number of Stakeholders Wilkins CH et al. 2015

# 3. Increase in pragmatic clinical trials

- Three key attributes of PCTs:
  - 1. an <u>intent to inform decision-makers</u> (patients, clinicians, administrators, and policy-makers), as opposed to elucidating a biological or social mechanism;
  - 2. an intent to enroll a population relevant to the decision in practice and representative of the patients or populations and clinical settings for whom the decision is relevant; and
  - 3. either an intent to (a) <u>streamline procedures and data collection</u> so that the trial can focus on adequate power for informing the clinical and policy decisions targeted by the trial <u>or</u> (b) <u>measure a broad range of outcomes</u>.
- Rationale: trials designed and performed in real-world settings will increase external validity of findings and be implemented long-term.
- Pragmatic trial design examples stepped wedge, adaptive RCT
- Use of single or central IRB (REB)
- Resource: Rethinking Clinical Trials online textbook (NIH Collaboratory)

# 4. Increase in Implementation Research

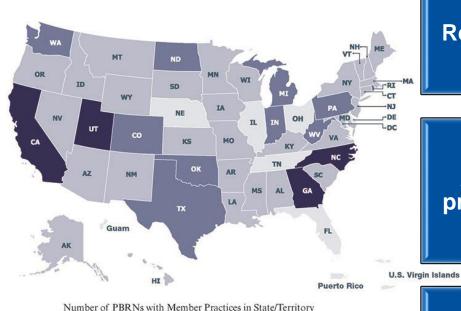
- Definition: Implementation research is the scientific study of the use of strategies to adopt and integrate evidence-based health interventions into clinical and community settings in order to improve patient outcomes and benefit population health.
- Rationale: improves knowledge for how interventions are integrated within real-world practice settings and patient populations
- Synonym: Knowledge Transfer & Exchange research
- Resource: <u>Dissemination & Implementation Toolkit</u> (PCORI)

<u>Eight Toolkits for D&I (NIH CTSA; Washington University)</u>

### 5. Increase use of Practice-based Research Networks

- Definition of PBRNs
  - Groups of affiliated ambulatory-care practices devoted principally to the clinical care of patients, investigating questions related to community-based practice
  - Link practicing clinicians with investigators experienced in clinical and health services research
  - Provide a sense of ongoing commitment to the research endeavor and an organizational structure that transcends a single study
- Rationale: real-world setting; existing relationships; proven track record of collaboration
- Types: Primary Care, Emergency Department, Pharmacists, Dentists, Dieticians, Integrative Medicine, and more
- Collaborative PBRN networks ("meta-networks")

# **PBRNs** in 2018



**31-40** 

41-52

183 AHRQ Registered PBRNs 140 US-based primary care PBRNs
43 other PBRNs
(Affiliate and International PBRNs)

29,455 member practices & clinics

**Practices per PBRN:** 

Average: 172

Median: 44

5,429 practices designated Patient-Centered Medical Homes (PCMH)

183 PBRNS across 29,455 Practices 153,736 Clinicians Serving >86 million patients

2-20

21-30

# 6. Increase use of Technology within Research

- Rationale: computers and mobile devices can increase participation, reduce burden, and increase efficiency of research process
- Recruitment, direct to patient: EHR patient portal, Email, social media (Facebook, Twitter), Mobile phone apps
- Follow-up at home: Email, Text messaging, Online surveys, mobile phone apps
- Clinical Outcomes for existing medical records: EHR-based Distributed Data Networks, Common Data Models
- Resources: <u>ResearchKit</u> (Apple); <u>PCORnet</u> (PCORI); <u>Virtual</u> <u>Data Network</u> (HCSRN)

# 7. Increase diverse methods for Disseminating Results

- Rationale: end users and stakeholders receive information in a format they are familiar with
- Return of Results to participants not just study results, but individual participant study results (labs, procedures, etc.)
- Methods local newsletters, community presentations, mailings, online videos
- Resource <u>Dissemination of Rural Health Research</u>
   <u>Strategies for Disseminating Research Findings</u>

## Example of Patient-Oriented Research





# The Meta-LARC Advance Care Planning (ACP) Trial

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute® (PCORI®) Award (PLC-1609-36277).

11/2017-4/2023

Principal Investigator: Annette Totten, PhD

**Project Manager: LeAnn Michaels** 

**Engagement Manager: Angela Combe, MS** 











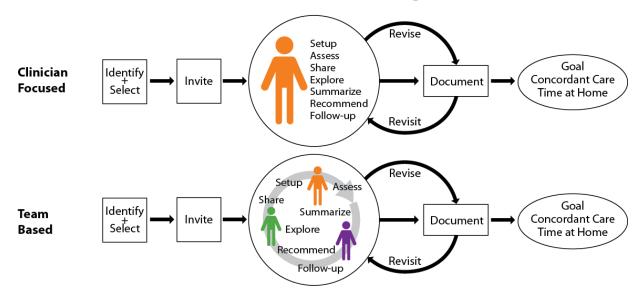






# Is a team approach to ACP in primary care effective?

### **Serious Illness Care Program**



Study compares team-based to clinician-focused advance care planning for patients with serious, life-limiting illnesses









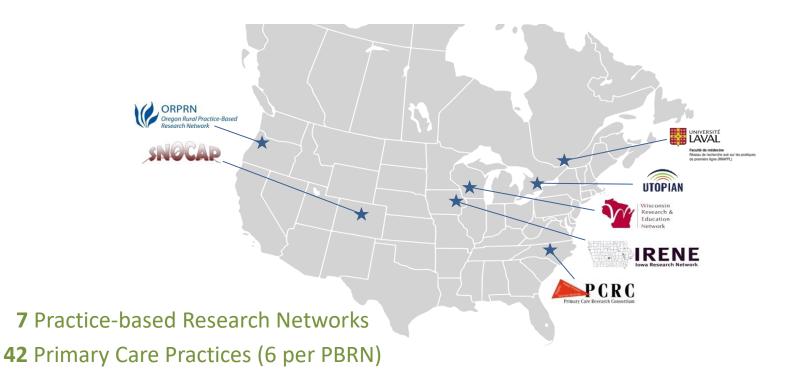








# Meta-LARC ACP PBRNs/Partners







**1,120** Patients and care partners













# Study Design

- Cluster randomized trial
  - Practices are assigned by chance to team-based or clinician-focused model for ACP
- Population
  - Patients with any serious illness or condition (would not be unexpected if they died in the next 2 years)
  - Living in the community (not a nursing home)
- Key outcomes
  - Goal Concordant Care that matches what matters most to patient
  - Days at home: not in the hospital or emergency room
- Other outcomes
  - Primary care clinician and team experience
  - Family caregiver experience











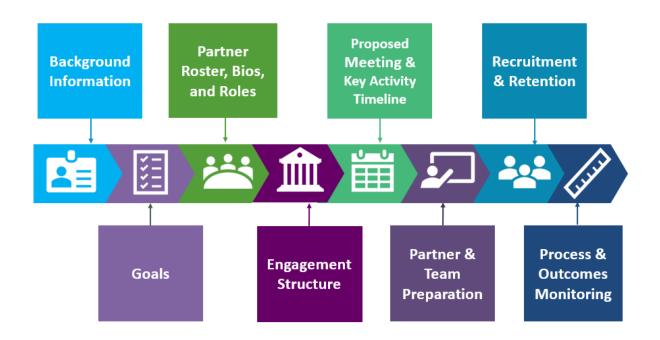






# Patient and Family Engagement in Research

Project has an Engagement Plan as well as a Research Protocol











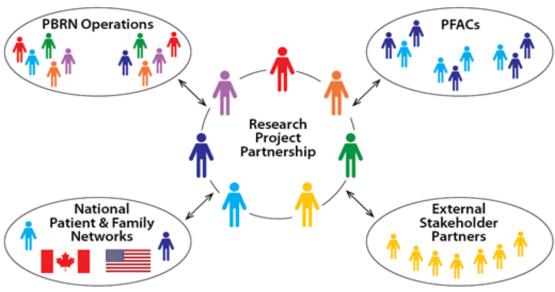








# **Engagement Structure**



\*Figures represent types of participants, not the number of members.

<u>Color Key:</u> dark blue=patients; light blue=families; orange=primary care clinicians; green and purple=primary care staff and administrators; yellow=external stakeholders; red=researchers (Investigators and staff)

















# **Status**

### <u>Completed</u>

- Online and in-person training developed for both arms
- Train the trainer
- Engagement plan
- IRB/REB applications
- Initial measure development
- Primary care practice recruitment
- Implementation tool kit

### In Progress

- Patient and care partner enrollment until mid-2020; Complete follow-up end of 2021
- Implementation support
- Formative implementation evaluation and fidelity assessment

















# **Attributes**

### Patient-Centered Outcome Research

Goal Concordant Care, Days at Home

### Stakeholder-Engaged Research

Patient Family Advisory Council, Engagement Plan

### **Pragmatic Clinical Trial**

Cluster-randomization of practices, real-world setting

### Implementation Research

Compare two implementation strategies (clinician-focused vs. team-based)

### **Practice-Based Research Networks**

U.S.- and Canadian-based primary care clinics (42 total, 6 per PBRN)

### Technology

 Some sites using EHR-algorithm to identify patients for ACP and EHR alert to notify study team when conversation occurs

### Dissemination Plan

Pending, Under development















# **Closing thoughts**

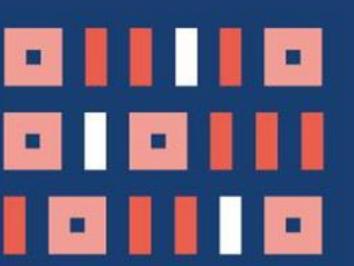
- In the U.S., we see an increased focus on
  - patient-centered, stakeholder-engaged, pragmatic trials and/or implementation research
  - that leverages technology and diversifies methods of dissemination
  - to improve relevance and uptake of research findings in real-world settings to improve clinical care and patient outcomes.
- As a result, research requires
  - a team-based and collaborative approach, and
  - development of new methodology, resources and toolkits
  - to enhance the ability of investigators to design and implement research studies that are important to various stakeholders.



# The NIHR CRN in England & Primary Care Research

14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Montreal, Quebec

**Professor Philip Evans** 



GP Exeter, National Speciality ∟ead for Primary Care & Cluster C Specialty Lead (Kings)

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## This talk

- The UK context for primary care research
- What is the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)?
- What is the Clinical Research Network (CRN)?
- How are studies adopted?
- Network metrics
- Practice incentives
- Digital initiatives
- Patient participation
- Challenges?



# What is the big picture for general practice?

- England had 7012 open and active practices (Dec 2018)
- 308 million estimated appointments last year in these practices (NHS Digital)
- i.e. > 1 million appointments every working day
- Average consultation length is 12.2 minutes (Kings Fund, 2016) Average practice list size approximately 8,500 patients
- 2.71 partners per practice
- 44,396 GPs and 34,510 full-time equivalent GPs in England
- Average consultation rate = **5.16** per patient per year (2013/14) (Hobbs et al, 2016)
- 14% increase in GP workload between 2007 and 2013 (Hobbs et al, 2016)
- Average 2.5 problems per GP consultation (Salisbury et al, 2013)



# St Leonard's Practice, Exeter, England





# How primary care is changing to GP at scale





Why registering with GP at Hand is bad for your health & disastrous for our

Hand not our NHS

NHS



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# What is a primary care network?

- ~1000 across the country
- 30,000 50,000 patients
- 6-8 practices
- Serving "natural communities"
- More efficient with GP/nurse/pharmacist/ mental health professional
- Better access (e.g. OOH)
- New contract -> Research opportunities (see GP contract)

### **Questions:**

- Contractual issues
- Leadership
- Research Culture

https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gp fv/redesign/primary-carenetworks/

They should be small enough to provide the personal care valued by both patients and GPs, but large enough to have impact and economies of scale through better collaboration between practices and others in the local health and social care system.

# The new GP Contract January 2019

# 8. Supporting research and testing future contract changes

- Research 8.2 Research participation within general practice has many additional benefits: quality improvement, professional development, and generating income, amongst others.
- Working with the Royal College of General Practitioners, the National Institute of Health Research and the Clinical Practice Research Datalink, we will use the opportunity created by Primary Care Networks to increase general practice research participation levels.
- During 2019, we will develop a way of helping networks to do this, embedding approaches such as the RCGP Research Ready quality assurance model <sup>59</sup>.
- We welcome also the National Institute of Health Research's intention to prioritise an expansion in academic research capacity into primary care.





### Investment and evolution:

A five-year framework for GP contract reform to implement *The NHS Long Term Plan* 

31 January 2019





### The GP Workforce

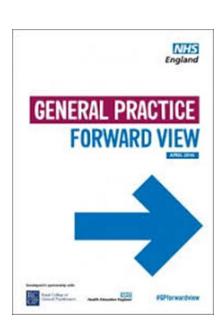
- "In crisis"
- Changing rapidly
  - More embedded staff e.g. pharmacy, paramedics, physios
- Community nurses reducing in number
- Need 6000 more GPs (RCGP)
- GP Retention issues





# Trends in general practice

- Ageing population (especially over 85s)
- Multimorbidity increasing
- Increasing need for better access
- Reducing continuity of care
- Increasing patient access to records
- Digital Health and apps e.g. GP at hand
- Big data applications







# The UK Research Landscape





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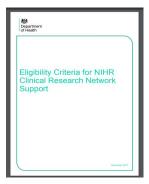
- Political commitment to supporting life-sciences industry
- Health & Social Care Act 2012/NHS Constitution 2013
- We aim to embed clinical research in all aspects of care











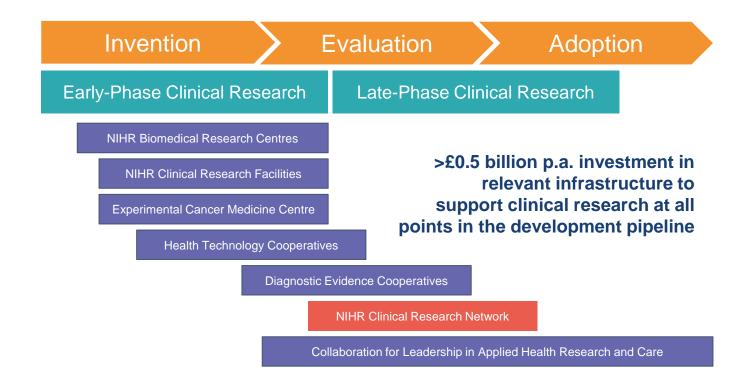


#### The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

- Established by the Government to improve the nation's health and wealth through research
- Plays a key role in the Government's strategy for economic growth, attracting investment by the life-sciences industries
- Represents the most integrated health research system in the world
- Training and funding research
- Executing studies the Clinical Research Network



#### Where we fit in





#### How the CRN works

#### **DELIVERY... DELIVERY... DELIVERY**

The CRN supports studies by:

- Funding research support posts in the NHS and providing training - ensuring researchers have access to experienced frontline staff
- Funding to meet the costs of using facilities, such as scanners and x-ray
- Helping identify and recruit patients, enabling researchers to complete their study on time and on target



#### Clinical specialties

# Each Local Clinical Research Network delivers research across 30 clinical specialties:

Ageing

Anaesthesia, perioperative medicine and pain

management

Cancer

Cardiovascular disease

Children

Critical care

Dementias and neurodegeneration (DeNDRoN)

Dermatology Diabetes

Ear, nose and throat Gastroenterology

Genetics

Haematology

Health services and delivery research

Hepatology

Infectious diseases and microbiology

Injuries and emergencies

Mental health

Metabolic and endocrine disorders

Musculoskeletal disorders Neurological disorders

Ophthalmology

Oral and dental health

**Primary care** 

Public health

Renal disorders

Reproductive health and childbirth

Respiratory disorders

Stroke

Surgery



Local Clinical Research Networks (LCRNs)

- 1. North East and North Cumbria
- 2. North West Coast
- 3. Yorkshire and Humber
- 4. Greater Manchester
- 5. East Midlands
- 6. West Midlands
- 7. West of England
- 8. Thames Valley and South Midlands
- 9. Eastern
- 10.Kent, Surrey and Sussex
- 11.Wessex
- 12. South West Peninsula
- 13. North Thames
- 14. South London
- 15. North West London







# The NIHR CRN High Level Objectives



#### Our High Level Objectives

- 1. Increase the **number of participants** recruited into NIHR CRN Portfolio studies
- 2. Increase the proportion of studies in the NIHR CRN Portfolio delivering to recruitment time and target
- 3. Increase the **number of commercial** contract studies delivered through the NIHR CRN

#### Our High Level Objectives

- 4. Reduce the time taken for eligible studies to achieve set up in the NHS
- 5. Reduce the time taken to **recruit first participant** into NIHR CRN Portfolio studies
- 6. Increase **NHS participation** in NIHR CRN Portfolio studies
- 7. Increase the number of participants recruited into **Dementias and neurodegeneration** (DeNDRoN) studies on the NIHR CRN Portfolio



#### NIHR Clinical Research Network

### **Annual statistics 2018/19**

#### **Number of participants**



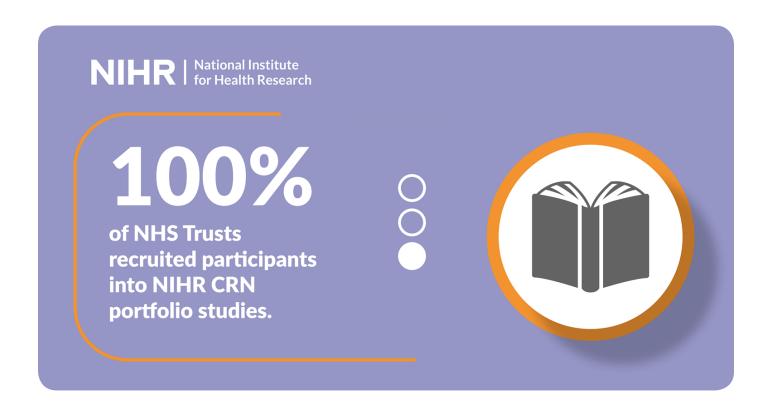
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participants took part in clinical research across England. This is the equivalent of 2,383 per day!

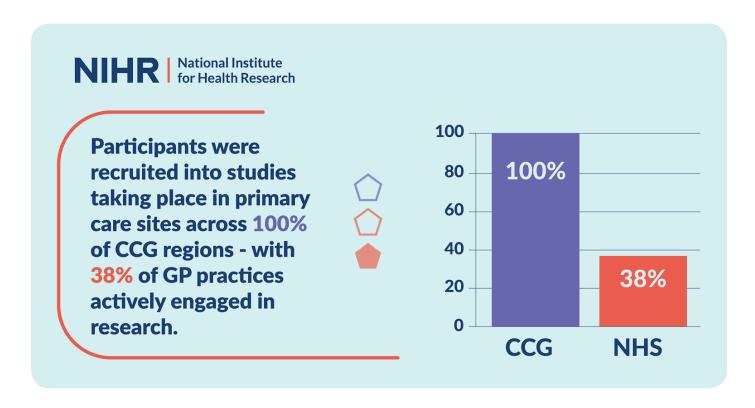




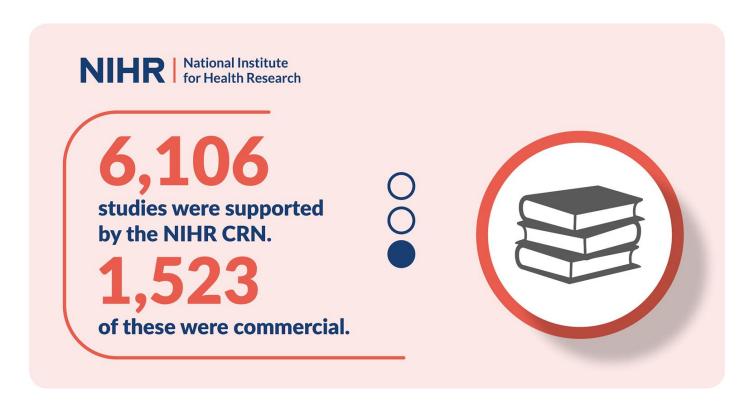
#### **NHS** recruitment



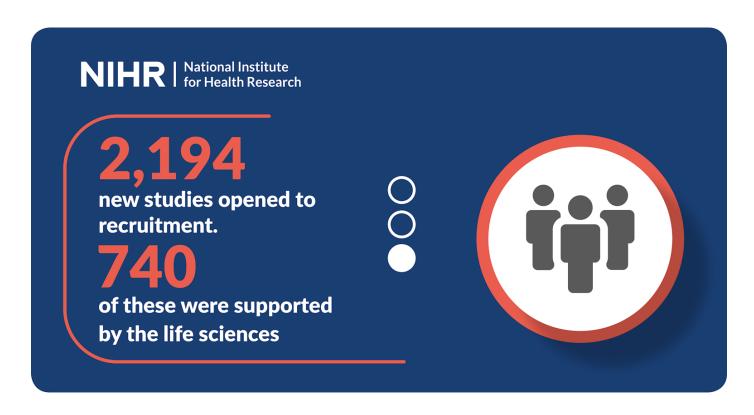
#### **Primary care recruitment**



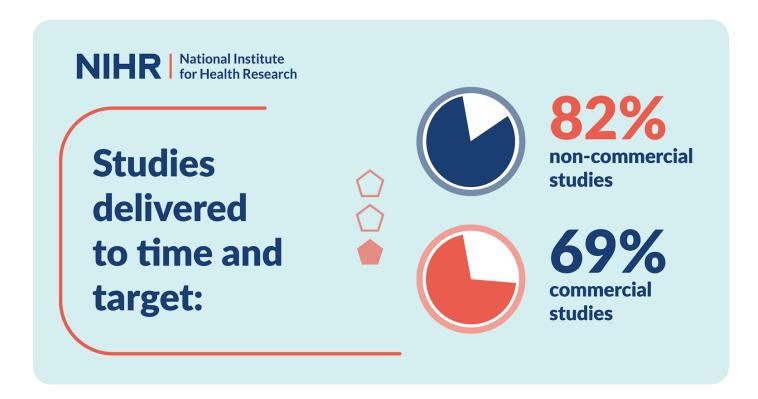
#### **Ongoing studies 2018/19**



#### New portfolio studies 2018/19



#### Time and target delivery







# **Expansion of CRN Support**

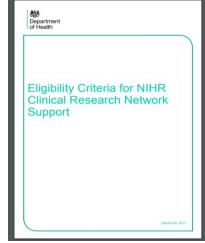


#### **Expansion of CRN Support**

The NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) has extended support into health and social care research taking place outside of NHS settings.

The Department of Health and Social Care agreed an important change to the criteria that describes which clinical research studies can benefit from CRN support.

The Eligibility Criteria for NIHR Clinical Research Network Support Policy is online here:



www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/study-support-service/eligibility-for-nihr-support



#### Better patient outcomes at research-active hospitals



- Study tested whether hospitals with a high level of participation in bowel cancer trials have improved care outcomes
- Patients treated at hospitals with a high level of research had a mortality rate of 5%, compared to 6.5% in less research-active hospitals
- And 44.8% of patients were still alive five years after initial diagnosis, compared to only 41%
- Even patients who are not involved in trials benefit from care in research-active hospitals

Downing A, Morris EJ, Corrigan N, et al High hospital research participation and improved colorectal cancer survival outcomes: a population-based study. *Gut* 2017;**66**:89-96.



#### How are studies adopted onto the CRN portfolio ?

- Research (as defined), fully funded, ethically approved and from eligible funders.
- 2 criteria:
  - Clear value to the NHS, social care or public health
  - Ensuring the study takes account of the priorities, needs and realities of the NHS, social care or public health
- "TOP-DOWN" network
- NIHR commissions some "bottom-up" research from on the ground ideas

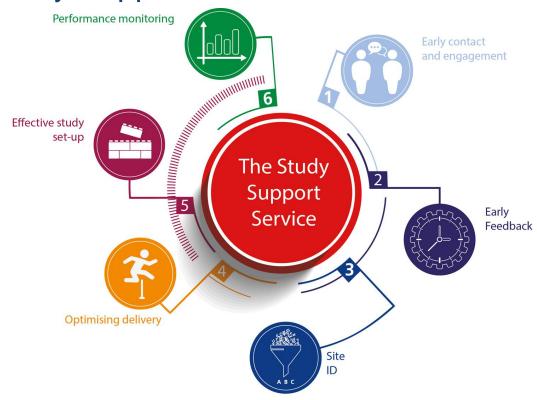


#### The CRN offer: Study Support Service

- Supports researchers and life-sciences industry to develop, set up and deliver research to time and target
- CRN provides a range of services across the research pathway for eligible studies, commercial or noncommercial
- Consistent, high quality support provided for all CRN portfolio studies, regardless of study type, size or therapy area
- Our advisors help with regulatory approvals, assistance with site identification, or guidance with the study costings - providing access to the NHS research environment.



#### **Study Support Service**



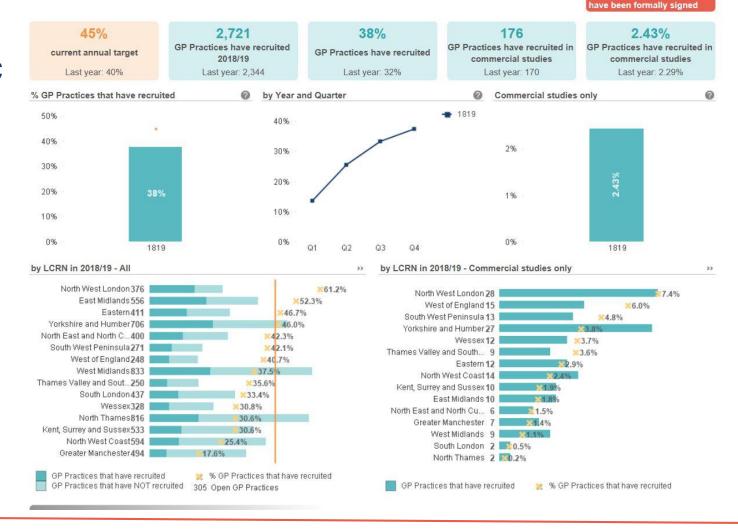




# CRN primary care performance metrics



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#### **Specialty Research Activity**

NIHR | National Institute for Health Research

Key information about research activity in England in your chosen specialty

160,146 participants recruited

in 2018/19

604,634
participants recruited since 2015/16

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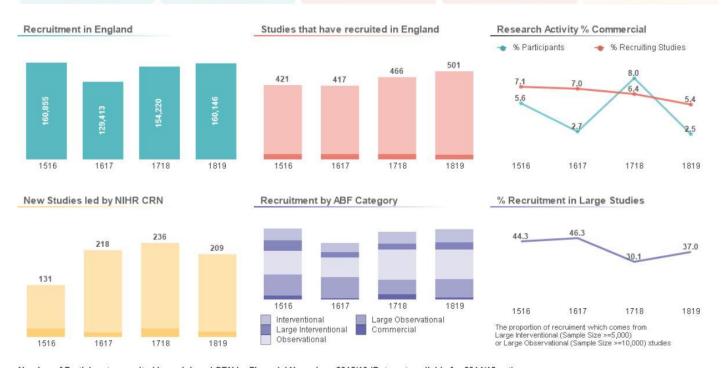
studies recruited in 2018/19

875

studies recruited since 2015/16

794

new studies since 2015/16





Specialty	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Ageing	14,962	13,967	21,518	16,235
Anaesthesia, Perioperative Medici	2,839	36,489	19,604	42,240
Cancer	72,614	76,317	89,505	122,664
Cardiovascular Disease	53,831	49,871	45,141	35,648
Children	56,504	60,554	81,780	127,960
Critical Care	14,819	57,814	37,649	41,045
Dementias and Neurodegeneration	36,934	29,430	36,487	45,918
Dermatology	14,299	16,385	11,632	12,786
Diabetes	40,087	37,857	44,855	26,629
Ear, Nose and Throat	11,006	10,221	5,513	3,798
Gastroenterology	19,820	20,792	32,948	41,660
Genetics	32,798	33,862	35,995	82,637
Haematology	7,920	8,173	6,580	6,332
Health Services Research	21,071	40,742	62,134	115,450
Hepatology	10,188	6,647	4,796	5,359
Infection	29,002	31,751	44,923	88,163
Injuries and Emergencies	24,879	25,989	71,533	74,677
Mental Health	40,051	40,587	49,058	80,046
Metabolic and Endocrine Disorders	9,153	7,548	6,981	7,618
Musculoskeletal Disorders	39,939	42,400	39,865	45,185
Neurological Disorders	21,879	19,805	16,656	18,225
Ophthalmology	17,317	14,526	16,244	9,429
Oral and Dental Health	2,660	5,468	6,517	22,587
Primary Care	160,855	129,413	154,220	160,146
Public Health	11,593	40,371	82,083	97,571
Renal Disorders	29,164	34,906	26,019	24,432
Reproductive Health and Childbirth	77,682	96,151	76,920	92,513
Respiratory Disorders	21,937	19,238	18,995	24,681
Stroke	22,735	29,366	18,037	20,963
Surgery	15,175	46,640	48,285	57,981





# Primary care research funding

- NIHR School for Primary Care Research (SPCR)
- NIHR funding streams (NETS-CC)
- Research Council funding
- Other funding bodies e.g. Diabetes UK
- CRN funds NHS Service Support Costs
- NHS Excess Treatment Costs paid by NHS (CCGs)









# Impact of research



#### Documenting Impact of research



- Research helps to improve NHS quality and productivity
- We supported the STarT Back study - a new stratified approach to managing back pain
- Study showed improved patient outcomes and estimated cost savings of £34 per patient
- New approach is now being applied across the country





### Incentivisation



#### Practice incentivisation

- Financial e.g. staff time (e.g. GP and Practice Nurse), admin time, meeting time "back-fill", training costs etc.
  - Research Ready accreditation (RCGP) encouraged
  - Good Clinical Practice (GCP) mandatory
- Feedback to practices e.g. data quality (RSC), specific audits (CPRD)
- Training costs e.g. Good Clinical Practice training (mandatory) and Research Ready accreditation support





#### An example : Research Sites Initiative in SW England



Clinical Research Network South West Peninsula

#### Funds level of infrastructure in practices

- hierarchy of funding and activity performance managed
- In addition each study has Service Support Costs national costing templates
- Core criteria- Research Ready and GCP training and all practice agreement and engagement
  - Level 0 (affiliated) -low level activity no obligation
  - Level 1 low level activity data base searches/PIC activity
  - Level 2 5 or more studies/benchmarked for EOI and recruitment. Some feasibility and complex work
- Sessional practices –embedded research, funded nurse/GP/administrator time
- High level recruitment/complex studies. Pilot and pre feasibility/commercial encouraged
- CI in primary care- growing- 6 and increasing

#### Financial Incentives e.g. SW Peninsula

- Level 1 <5 studies pa £1800
- Level 2 5+ studies pa £3800
- Sessional 7+ studies ~£10K
- Lead GP and all practice partners sign up
- Annual Primary Care meeting
- Regular CRN meetings / review with local team (visit practice)
- Performance managed







# Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE)



# Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) Programme Strategy

#### **Five year goals (2015-2020)**

- **1. Talk about research in the NHS:** We will help raise awareness of research by improving the availability, variety and usefulness of accessible information.
- **2. Make it easy for people to participate:** We will work in partnership with patients, carers and the public to reduce barriers to participation.
- **3. Reach out:** We will ensure greater diversity by engaging communities so that a wider range of people get more opportunities to participate and to be involved.

# Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) Programme Strategy

#### Five year goals (2015-2020) continued...

- 4. Connect with the public, healthcare professionals and partners: We will increase engagement to improve connectivity and will be innovative in the way we communicate e.g. by the use of digital and social media.
- **5. Support and value patient public involvement and engagement**: We will strengthen partnerships making involvement a meaningful and effective part of improving the quality of service.

#### **Current PPIE Projects**

- Patient Research Ambassador Initiative
- Driving service improvement through using patient research experience feedback
- Learning support for PPIE
- Specialty guidance: a new integrated approach



#### Patient Research Experience

The Clinical Research Network has a commitment to collecting data on patient experience of participating in research and using it.

Each of our 15 LCRNs run an annual satisfaction survey. Embedded within each of these local surveys are a set of national questions.



#### Patient Experience of Research National Survey Results 2017-18

Over 4,300 responses were collected...

of PATIENTS HAD A GOOD EXPERIENCE OF PARTICIPATING IN RESEARCH 83%
WOULD BE HAPPY
TO TAKE PART IN
ANOTHER
STUDY

# Consent to contact approaches e.g. Join Dementia Research



#### What is Join Dementia Research?

- A nationwide service that helps anyone in the UK find and take part in vital dementia research studies.
- Supporting delivery of Government's Challenge on Dementia 2020

TODAY YOU Welcome to 'Join dementia research', a place to register your > Sign up interest in participating in dementia studies. Sign up for someone else Anyone, with or without dementia, can register as a volunteer. Signing up is the first step in If you already have an account please login seeing what vital research studies are happening across the country. The service is currently being tested, and only includes research studies from the North London area. However, we invite everyone to register as studies from across the country will be added Key things you should know about the wer the next six months, and some studies will consider volunteers from further afield. What's new Your stories . Answer as many of the questions as you can . View the studies you match to

Why sign up?

WHO CAN HELP RESEARCHERS TO

BEAT DEMENTIA?

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About the service

How it works

research



Any questions?-

For professionals -

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#### Innovative trial designs

We are supporting in primary care:

- Large numbers of cluster RCTs (often pragmatic)
- Adaptive trial designs e.g. ALICE
- Stepped wedge designs for implementation
- Platform trials
- Complex studies in stratified/personalised medicine e.g. genomics studies in primary care
- Real world studies including point of care randomisation e.g. DIRECT



### Information Technology

#### IT and primary care research

- EHR based e.g. pop-ups and templates
- On-site or off-site
- IT solutions validated search strategy comes with each study
- Digital platforms on GP computer systems to promote recruitment
- End-to-end digital execution of studies
  - NHS App direct to patient promotion
- Mapping research v. prevalence of disease



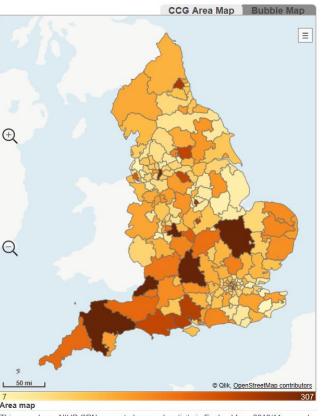
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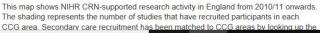
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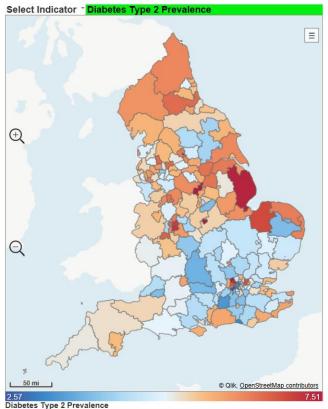
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Compare the number of studies that have recruited participants (left map) with various disease or demographic indicators (right map).









The percentage of patients with Type 2 Diabetes, as recorded on practice disease registers as part of the National Diabetes Audit (Percent)



Local Authority

ISHP Site

Version: 1.0

#### Commercial research and primary care

- >2% of all practices
- Greater regulatory governance
- Supported by CRN
- Income stream to practices
- Increasingly data-driven
- Increasingly in large practices



#### "Big data" initiatives

GP practices submit routine clinical data (free of charge) to:

- Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD)
- NHS Digital
- QResearch
- RCGP Research Surveillance Centre

#### For:

Epidemiology and pharmacoepidemiology

Acute illness surveillance e.g. influenza

Feasibility and delivery of trials and real world studies



#### Challenges for network research in primary care

- Drop last year (2018/19) to 38% of practices
- Indemnity for research now state-sponsored
- Data protection issues
- Financial incentives still needed
- Changing culture in practices to encourage research participation
- Keeping up with changing architecture of primary care
- Embedding research into routine care in the NHS



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