



**Location: RCOG**

**Overview**

This one day course has been developed for NHS consultants, O&G trainees and doctors in non-academic posts, clinical and research midwives and nurses, trial co-ordinators and researchers involved in development and delivery of clinical research in Women's Health. The course will increase their knowledge and understanding of clinical research methodology and research governance, and enable them to become directly involved in NIHR and industry portfolio trials.

**Who should attend?**

- O&G trainees who have an interest in academic training at any stage during their specialty training programme
- NHS consultants and doctors keen to develop their clinical research skills and knowledge
- Clinical and research midwives and nurses
- Trial co-ordinators and researchers involved in Women's Health research

**Learning objectives**

- Understanding of clinical research methodology
- Competence to participate as an Investigator in Portfolio research studies
- Competence to undertake the critical review of a research topic/idea

**Course Organisers**

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## PROGRAMME

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8.00am	<i>REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS</i>
8.30am	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>
<b>Session I</b>	
8.45am	<b>Study design and PICO questions: randomised trials, observational studies, diagnostic and prediction studies and systematic reviews</b>
9.30am	<b>Engaging with the Reproductive Health &amp; Childbirth Clinical Research Network</b>
10.00am	<b>What is the role of a Principal Investigator in the NHS?</b>
10.45am	<i>REFRESHMENTS</i>
11.00am	<b>Setting up a research study in the NHS (writing a protocol, ethical approval, R+D approval, SOPs, site file, budgets, etc.)</b>
11.30am	<b>Engaging the public in research</b>
12.00pm	<i>LUNCH</i>
<b>Session II</b>	
1.00pm	<b>Systematic reviews and meta-analysis</b>
1.30pm	<b>Reporting research, writing papers, responding to reviewers, and appealing, critically appraising literature</b>
2.00pm	<b>Panel discussion: the benefits and challenges of combining research and supervision with a busy NHS job</b>
2.45pm	<i>REFRESHMENTS</i>
<b>Session III:</b>	
	<b>Workshop on ‘Being a Principal Investigator’</b> Delegates will be split into 3 groups and attend the workshops on a rotational basis. Each workshop will be 20 minutes.
3.00pm	<b>Group A: Set-up and permissions</b>
	<b>Group B: Tackling low recruitment and high attrition</b>
	<b>Group C: Governance and monitoring</b>
4.00pm	<b>Clinical Research Training Resources/Avenues – The RCOG Advanced Professional Module, other resources and modules</b>
	<b>Top tips for successful completion of the RCOG Advanced Professional Module – my experience</b>
4.30pm	<b>Feedback and conclusion</b>
4.45pm	<i>CLOSE</i>