

NEW TRIALS DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday 23rd April 2018 at the RCoA, London

Following guidance from NIAA founding partners, the POMCTN is scoping a programme of research which can be led by the Network and owned by its membership. We have chosen three research questions where clinical evidence is currently lacking and which fit well with the remit of the Network. Our first step in this process is to establish teams to lead the development of each proposal and to make some initial decisions on the format the research will take.

- **PROPOSAL 1:** Does total intra-venous anaesthesia have any advantages over inhalational anaesthesia?
Led by: Dr Joyce Yeung
- **PROPOSAL 2:** Is there benefit in a restrictive blood transfusion policy in cancer surgery?
Led by: Dr Mike Gillies
- **PROPOSAL 3:** Can we reduce the number of antimicrobial doses used for perioperative prophylaxis?
Led by: Prof Rupert Pearse

The Development Day is free to attend. When you register for the day you will be asked to express a preference (first choice and second) to join one of the three groups. We hope to allocate everyone to their first choice but we may need to review the numbers across groups if there is a significant imbalance in numbers or expertise. Choice of group does not preclude participation in more than one project. Those unable to attend the day will still be able to play an active role if they wish.

Each group will be led by a small team which has done some preliminary work and developed a draft PICO statement. By the end of the day we hope to have formed a core team to take each proposal forwards, with a plan and timeline for next steps. Our aim is to have an outline proposal ready for submission to NIHR-HTA or other funders by the end of 2018.

Provisional Timetable

09:15-09:30	REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS
09:30-10:00	INTRODUCTION: Designing a new trial
10:00-11:30	SESSION 1: REFINING THE PICO STATEMENT
11:30-12:30	Initial Discussion of the PICO statements
12:30-13:15	LUNCH
13:15-14:00	SESSION 2: IDENTIFYING (BUT NOT SOLVING) THE KEY CHALLENGES
14:00-14:30	SESSION 3: SKILLS, RESOURCES AND STAKEHOLDERS
14:30-14:45	REFRESHMENTS
14:45-15:15	SESSION 4: CHOOSING A WORKING GROUP AND SETTING THE TIMELINE
15:15-16:15	Discussion of refined PICO statements and next steps
16:15	CLOSE