



The voice of nursing in the UK

## Modern Ward Rounds

A new report from UK health care professional leaders, and developed along with patients, sets out best practice for modern ward rounds.

[Read the guidance](#)



## Get involved

The RCN has over 40 forums and networks, including the Research Society. Many of them use Facebook and Twitter to facilitate networking and sharing of knowledge. Why not join a forum and help shape the professional voice of the RCN.

[Join a forum today](#)

## Increasing impact

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) provides national guidance to improve health and social care. As a nursing professional, there are a number of ways you can participate in the development of NICE guidance.

[Find out more](#)

## PhD studentships

The University of Birmingham invites applications for two fully-funded PhD studentships: Learning from failure in the reporting of service improvement; and Researching leadership development in the NHS.

[Apply by 31 March](#)

## Health services research

The 14th annual Health Services Research UK conference takes place online 6-8 July. Keynote speakers include Peter Griffiths, University of Southampton, and Prof Dame Anne Marie Rafferty, RCN President.

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## RCN Events

The RCN runs seminars, workshops and conferences throughout the year. Hear about professional nursing issues from expert speakers, exchange ideas with colleagues, and learn about the latest research and innovation in your area of practice.

- [Know How to Search British Nursing Index](#), 12 March.
- [RCN Education Forum National Conference](#), 20-21 April.
- [Inaugural Clinical Research Nursing Day](#), 29 April.
- [RCN Children and Young People's Nursing Virtual Conference](#), 20 May.
- [International Mental Health Nursing Research Conference](#), 9-10 June.

Alternatively, visit the RCN Events pages for full information about the wide ranging programme of activities.

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## Clinical academic careers

Nurses and midwives who wish to develop careers that combine clinical research and research leadership are eligible to apply for pre-doctoral clinical academic fellowships (PCAF). The scheme is run by Health Education England (HEE) and the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).

[Apply by 18 March](#)

## Online learning

NIHR Learn offers a range of courses to develop your knowledge of clinical research and support you to do what you do best. The programmes are available to anyone directly employed by the NHS, UK universities and other publicly funded organisations conducting and supporting clinical research.

[Get started](#)

## Research impact

The NIHR Public Health Research (PHR) programme is seeking to appoint members to its funding committee. This opportunity is for experts in mental health (adult and child) research in relation to public health interventions.

[Apply by 23 April](#)

## Qualitative research

In this blog, Damilola Olajide discusses the role of qualitative research in informing health economic evaluations. Damilola is a Senior Adviser in Health Economics at the NIHR Research Design Service East Midlands (RDS EM).

[Read the blog](#)

## Research funding opportunities

The following research funding opportunities are relevant for nurse or midwife researchers. Closing dates for April 2021 include the following grants:

- [Clinical research training fellowship \(pre and post doctoral\)](#), Medical Research Council (MRC), closes 7 April.
- [Dr Falk awards](#), Guts UK, closes 12 April.
- [Career development award](#), Parkinson's UK/MRC, closes 21 April.
- [Research training fellowships](#), British Heart Foundation, closes 28 April.
- [Small pilot grants \(Edinburgh\)](#), Tenovus Scotland, closes 30 April.

You can see more opportunities like these, including fellowships and help to attend conferences, on our [research funding web page](#).

[Find funding](#)

## Research support

The NIHR Research Design Service is running an online event, Using health and social care datasets in research, taking place on 15 and 17 March. The event is aimed at all those seeking practical guidance on how to find, access and gain approvals to use health datasets, including early career researchers.

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## Research training

The University of the West of England and the NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) West are offering a research internship programme for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals. The internship gives new graduates the opportunity to be involved in health research in a clinical or applied setting.

[Apply by 22 March](#)

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