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Professional development

The RCN Foundation Professional Bursary Scheme is now open. Get up to £5,000 for training and career development in nursing.

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Clinical research nursing

There is still time to register for the inaugural RCN Clinical Research Nursing Day, which takes place online on 29 April. The virtual conference is aimed at all research nurses and midwives from

Research policy

The UK government and devolved administrations have published a policy paper, Saving and improving lives: the future of UK clinical research delivery. It sets out an ambition to create a patient-

across the UK, and any nurse interested in a career in research.

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centred, pro-innovation and digitally enabled clinical research environment.

[Read the report](#)

Nurse-led research

The University of Huddersfield is hosting an online event, Nursing research matters – learning from COVID-19, on 6 May. It's an opportunity to hear about important research undertaken by the nursing community relating to the pandemic.

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COVID-NURSE trial

In this blog, Professor David Richards, Professor of Mental Health Services Research at the University of Exeter, discusses the research he is leading to establish the best way to provide nursing care during a COVID-19-type crisis.

[Read the blog](#)

Research findings

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Evidence website showcases high quality summaries of findings from health and care research, making research informative, accessible, relevant and ready for use for all. Recent examples include:

- [Loneliness, but not social isolation, predicts development of dementia in older people.](#)
- [People with late-stage Parkinson's need personalised, flexible, home-based care.](#)

- Lung health checks in supermarket car parks reach older smokers in deprived communities.
 - Early warning scores used in hospitals must be based on sound science.
 - Teams of health care professionals from a wide range of disciplines and pay grades are most effective at delivering improvements in patients' experiences.
- Visit NIHR Evidence to read more alerts, highlights and themed reviews.

Further examples

Co-production

The NIHR Research Design Service South East (RDS SE) has launched a series of podcasts around co-production.

The intention is to increase the accessibility of discussion, debate and issues related to co-production.

[Find out more](#)

Implementation science

The fourth UK implementation science research conference takes place online 15-16 July. This year's theme is

Supporting the pandemic response?

Implementation science in the time of COVID-19. Abstracts are invited.

[Submit by 3 May](#)

In Conversation with Nursing Pioneers: the COVID-19 Pandemic

Date: 12 May 2021



Time: 5.30pm



Location: Online



Information: [See the website](#)



Join us to look back at the impact of the pandemic and its lessons for the future of nursing in this RCN Fellows event for Nurses Day 2021.

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Research report

Cancer Research UK has published a report, *Creating time for research: identifying and improving the capacity of health care staff to conduct research.*

[Read the report](#)

Cancer research

The National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) is hosting an online webinar, *Developing a research strategy for never smoker lung cancer patients*, on 19 May.

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Identifying research priorities

The James Lind Alliance (JLA) brings patients, carers and clinicians together in Priority Setting Partnerships (PSPs) to identify and prioritise unanswered questions or evidence uncertainties that they agree are the most important. Recent PSPs include:

- [Breast cancer surgery.](#)
- [Pernicious anaemia.](#)
- [Progressive pulmonary fibrosis.](#)
- [Skin cancer surgery.](#)
- [Smell and taste disorders.](#)

Alternatively, visit the James Lind Alliance website for a complete list of priority setting partnerships.

Research priorities

Clinical academic careers

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) has published a statement that sets out principles and obligations to support clinical academic training for all UK institutions and early career clinical researchers in receipt of nationally competitive funding for clinical academic research training.

[Read the statement](#)

Becoming research active

The NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) North Thames is hosting a free webinar, How can I become more research active?, on 22 April. It is intended as an introduction to engaging in research for frontline health and social care professionals with limited experience and knowledge of research.

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