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Research you may have missed

137 oral and poster presentations from this year's RCN annual international nursing research conference are now available to view on the conference repository website.

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Research impact

Does having a National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) portfolio have a positive wider impact on a NHS trust's performance? A new study published from Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust shows a positive association between NIHR-adopted interventional clinical research activity and both a Trust's Care Quality Commission (CQC) rating and its mortality rates.

Research dissemination.

The NIHR Dissemination Centre has issued a new *My Signals* collection, compiled by nurses Teresa Chinn, Rebecca Harper and Grace Van den Bergh. In this collection, Teresa, Rebecca and Grace - three nurses of different levels of experience and specialities - tell us which NIHR Signals have most interested them and explain why they feel the findings are worth sharing.

[Read the blog](#)

[Find out more](#)

Research funding

Tenovus Cancer Care has launched a research strategy grant funding stream. They are open to those where the lead applicant is based in Wales.

[Apply by 18 June](#)

Musculoskeletal care

If you are involved in musculoskeletal care, you may be interested in applying for the Arthritis Research UK clinical champions leadership programme.

[Apply by 17 June](#)

NHS innovations

Four innovations are being fast-tracked into use with pump priming by NHS England and support from the Innovation Agency and the Academic Health Science Network (AHSN).

- *HeartFlow*. Advanced image analysis software to rapidly diagnose patients with suspected coronary artery disease.
- *Plus Sutures*. A new type of antimicrobial surgical suture that reduces the rate of surgery-linked infections.
- *Endocuff Vision*. A new type of 'bowel scope' that improves colorectal examination.
- *SecurAcath*. A device to secure catheters that reduces the infection risk for patients with a peripherally inserted central catheter.

Visit the [AHSN website](#) to find out more about each of these innovations.

Breast cancer research

The second Yorkshire breast cancer symposium takes place on 13 September 2018 in Leeds. Oral or poster presentations on any aspect of breast cancer research are invited. Ideally presentations will be delivered by early career researchers, to give them an opportunity to highlight their work.

[Submit by 25 June](#)

PhD scholarship

This PhD opportunity has arisen as a result of funding linked to a new five year strategic research alliance between the RCN and the University of Sheffield School of Nursing and Midwifery. The PhD can be undertaken full-time, or as a part-time clinical academic studentship for clinical nurses.

[Apply by 15 June](#)

In the name of safety

This project is funded by the NIHR Yorkshire and Humber Patient Safety Translational Research Centre. The aim of the project is to enable frontline staff to enhance patient safety, by submitting their ideas for tasks and processes they would stop doing if they could, to enable them to care for patients better/do their job more effectively and ultimately free up more time to care.

[Find out more](#)

Grant writing support

If you have an idea for research in health, social care or public health, and think you or your team would benefit from protected time and expert support to develop your idea into a competitive funding application, consider applying for this grant development and writing retreat. Organised by the NIHR Research Design Service (RDS), it takes place 10-12 September in Canterbury.

[Apply by 6 June](#)

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.

- [Nursing a plague: History, testimony and memory](#), 31 July, London.
- [School nurses conference](#), 22 August, London.
- [Advanced nurse practitioner conference](#), 10 September, London.
- [24th international mental health nursing research conference](#), 13-14 September, Manchester.

Alternatively, visit the [RCN events pages](#) for full information about the wide ranging programme of activities.

Palliative and supportive care

The Greater Manchester supportive and palliative care research and audit conference takes place on 20 July 2018 in Manchester. This free event, hosted by the NIHR Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) Greater Manchester, is an opportunity to network, share ideas and present findings. Abstracts are invited.

[Submit by 8 June](#)

Public involvement

The Administrative Data Research Centre Northern Ireland are organising a workshop, *Engaging with the public: a workshop for researchers*, on 20 June 2018 in Belfast. Skills learnt will be transferable and applicable to all health and social science researchers who want to learn practical strategies and enhance their abilities to engage with the public.

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