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## Learning disability research

The Burdett Trust for Nursing has launched a new grant programme, focused on learning disability nursing. All projects must be nurse-led and have the nursing contribution to health care at their core.

[Apply by 8 June](#)



## Dementia care

Specialist dementia nurses support carers with the most complex needs, according to this new study, funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).

[Read the report](#)

## Dementia research

The Join Dementia Research toolkit helps health care professionals to encourage patients to get involved in research and signposts to a full range of studies.

[Sign up](#)

## Clinical research nursing

Are you a practising NIHR clinical research nurse delivering and supporting clinical research in England? The seventh NIHR International Nurses Day meeting takes place on 10 May 2019 in London. Poster presentations are invited.

[Register](#)

## Research tips

How do you know if your research idea is novel? If you're intending to apply for funding, colleagues from the NIHR Research Design Service (RDS) have produced useful tips on how to check your idea is as new as you think it is.

[Read the blog](#)

## Research funding

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

- [Project grants](#), Diabetes UK, closes 1 June.
- [Advanced fellowships](#), National Institute for Health Research, closes 4 June.
- [Regional clinical cases meeting grant](#), Society for Endocrinology, closes 12 June.
- [Doctoral fellowships](#), National Institute for Health Research, closes 18 June.
- [PhD studentships](#), Breast Cancer Now, closes 21 June.

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

[Find funding](#)

[Public involvement](#)

[Practice development](#)

Public Involvement Enhancing Research (PIER) Northern Ireland is hosting a workshop, Measuring the impact of patient and public involvement in research - where are we?, on 11 June 2019 in Belfast.

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The Foundation of Nursing Studies (FoNS) practice development school, Developing person-centred, safe and effective cultures through practice development, takes place 22-26 July 2019 in East Sussex.

[Find out more](#)

## The Q community

Q is an initiative connecting people who have improvement expertise across the UK. It is not a taught programme, but a network of support for those already knowledgeable in undertaking improvement. Q is delivered by the Health Foundation and supported and co-funded by NHS Improvement.

[Join Q](#)

## Research participation

A new toolkit has been developed, to help answer the question of how to better engage Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups in health and social care research. The toolkit aims to provide researchers with a framework on how to improve the participation of BAME groups in research.

[Access the toolkit](#)

## Practice development

The Foundation of Nursing Studies (FoNS) supports nurse-led teams across the UK to help improve patient care through a range of practice development programmes. Below are a few recently completed projects.

- [A patient led six-week mental wellbeing and health promotion group for patients over 65 years old.](#)

- [Nurse-led innovation to reduce on-day theatre cancellations within orthopaedics.](#)
- [Knowing me, knowing you: embedding person-centred practice within the care home.](#)
- [The impact of team culture on patient and relative experience on an elderly care ward.](#)

The FoNS website library contains over 130 project reports.

[Search the library](#)

## Career development

The Healthcare Improvement Studies Institute has launched a post-doctoral fellowship programme. The fellowships are an opportunity for exceptional early-career individuals to lead an extended period of research and contribute to the development of the field of improvement studies. Apply by 14 May.

[Find out more](#)

## Interpreting research evidence

The National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools (NCCMT) (Canada) offers a series of short understanding research evidence videos to support beginners and those who need a refresher on interpreting odds ratio, confidence interval, forest plot, clinical significance and other important terms.

[Watch the videos](#)



## Join us for the UK's Biggest Nursing Party

Thousands of RCN members are holding parties in workplaces across the UK to celebrate Nurses' Day on Sunday 12 May. You can join us by ordering your digital party pack today and organising your own get together with colleagues.

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