

COVID-19 Research Round-up

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Welcome to our weekly CRN Eastern COVID-19 Research Round-up. Please do let us know if you have suggestions for improving it further by emailing us at covid19.eastern@nihr.ac.uk.

COVID-19 Vaccine Trials Training

We are pleased to announce that the COVID-19 Vaccine Trials Training, [hosted on NIHR Learn](#), has the following additional materials:

Vaccine Site Orientation: The primary purpose of this course is to ensure there is widespread understanding across the research delivery workforce of the unique characteristics of vaccine study delivery and, as a result of this knowledge, that staff will feel enabled and well-equipped to successfully deliver these studies within their

Trusts.

Preparing for conversations with potential participants: This resource is to support staff to feel able to have meaningful conversations with the potential participants in the COVID 19 Vaccine Trials.

In addition, the resources now include:

- A statement on the responsibility of sign off for staff who have undertaken COVID-19 Vaccine Trials Training.
- PDF versions of resources that require downloading
- Clarification about anaphylaxis training: 'Anaphylaxis training is requisite for the administration of vaccines, please seek a local course. The PDF of the UK Resuscitation Council Anaphylaxis Algorithm is provided as a useful, additional, resource.'

New: Recovery and REMAP-CAP co-enrolment framework

RECOVERY and REMAP-CAP are working closely together to ensure that the most promising investigational products are evaluated in the most appropriate trial for the target patient group. This will ensure that we answer the most important clinical questions quickly and efficiently across the whole disease spectrum. A new co-enrolment framework has been developed to support this and can be accessed on the [REMAP CAP](#) and [Recovery](#) study websites.

In addition, a video recording of a Remap-Cap Antiplatelet training session (which also mentions the coordination between REMAP-CAP and Recovery) will be added to the [training section](#) of the REMAP CAP study website. Please note that the addition of aspirin vs control randomisation to Recovery has now received UPH approval.

Find help on our Hub Home

Take a look at our dedicated [Urgent Public Health Research area](#) on the CRN Eastern Hub Home for links to official guidance and NIHR webpages, and our CRN Eastern Prioritised Studies Dashboard.

CRN Eastern COVID-19 study status

Here is the list of all UPH studies currently in set-up, delivery or recently closed in the Eastern region. All are listed in alphabetical order, other than Phase 2 studies which are listed separately at the bottom of the page.

Key

SD = Studies with significant developments / looking for new sites

OTR = Studies opening/open to recruitment with no significant developments

C = Studies closing soon/closed

EOI = Expression of Interest

UPH = Urgent public health

ADAPT Sepsis (SD)

In set-up.

It is World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 18 - 24 November 2020 so just a reminder that this study is open for EOI's. If you are interested in finding out more please contact covid19.eastern@nih.ac.uk or see the study website for more details, including site information and videos.

BASIL-C19 (OTR)

In set-up.

CCP-UK (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

CLARITY (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

This study is expected to close to recruitment on 23/12/20.

C-MORE (OTR)

In set-up.

COG-UK HOCI (OTR)

In set-up.

COPCOV (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

COVID-HEART Study (OTR)

In set-up.

This study is still open for EOI's.

DIAMONDS (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

ENSEMBLE 2 Janssen Vaccine Study (OTR)

In set-up at Cambridge University Hospitals (CUH).

FALCON (SD)

The FALCON study Workstream A (45932) is open to expressions of interest, Workstream B (Moonshot CPMS: 284229) is now closed.

For workstream A, the FALCON team are looking for additional sites to collect samples (nose/throat and saliva), which will be couriered to labs for testing. The EOI request for the swab collection work stream of the FALCON study (Workstream A CPMS: 45932) was circulated to sites on Thursday 8 October. This phase of the study is light touch with no requirement to test a Point of Care device, use of local labs or for follow up swab collection.

If you are able to participate in this workstream please send completed EOIs to the Thames Valley and South Midlands team as soon as possible to enable rapid site set up for this important study (studysupport.crnthamesvalley@nihr.ac.uk) and copy in CRN Eastern. For more information please contact CRN Eastern at covid19.eastern@nihr.ac.uk.

GenOMICC (SD)

Open and recruiting.

Keep your eyes peeled, the first paper is due to be published, we will provide a link as soon as it is available.

HICC (OTR)

In set-up.

The Royal Papworth Hospital and the study team are still looking for additional sites for this Eastern-led study. For more information please contact us at covid19.eastern@nihr.ac.uk.

MERMAIDS (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

Neonatal Complications of Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19) (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

NHS Check (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

NOVAVAX COVID Vaccine Study (SD)

Open and recruiting.

Three sites have opened Novavax in Eastern. The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital (NNUH) met their target last week - huge congratulations to them. Day 21 and Day 35 visits are ongoing. The NNUH team acknowledge the support provided by other members of the Norfolk Vaccine Hub in getting to this point and they wish to find ways to build on this collaborative working model in the future. The trial is underway at both Wansford Surgery/NWA and ESNE and they have a busy period ahead of them before the trial closes to recruitment on Monday 30 November.

PAN COVID (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

PHOSP-COVID (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

PRINCIPLE (SD)

Open and recruiting.

PRINCIPLE is one of the largest COVID-19 studies in community based trials worldwide and the aim is to reach 3,000 participants by the end of the year in order to achieve some robust answers to the research question. Nationally, recruitment is at 2,000, so please continue to keep up the great work that you are doing in the Eastern region to support this study.

RAPTOR (OTR)

In set-up.

RECAP (SD)

New (as published in Issue 31): Practices need to be signed up to the Royal College of GPs (RCGP) Research Surveillance Centre (RSC) network to participate in this trial. If you would like to participate but are not part of the RSC network, you can find more about the network and how to join on the RCGP website. Some practices have already been approached directly by the RSC, but if you have not and would like to take part, you can find out more information on the RECAP website. More information will be sent to you by your Locality Team.

RECOVERY (SD)

Open and recruiting.

Following a successful year-long pilot in Surgery and endorsement from several Royal Colleges, the Associate PI scheme has been opened for the RECOVERY trial. The full information can be found on the NIHR website. The aim re the RECOVERY trial is to support new researchers and to support recruitment at sites. The key requirements are that the RECOVERY site PI needs to agree to supervise and mentor the Associate and there should only be 1 Associate PI per site.

RECOVERY - Respiratory Support (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

REMAP-CAP (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

SIREN (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

UKOSS (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

UK-REACH (OTR)

In set up.

UK-Reach are accepting expressions of interest. If sites would like to be considered in the future please submit your interest to supportmystudyeastmidlands@nih.ac.uk, copying in covid19.eastern@nih.ac.uk.

VirusWatch (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

Participants are be invited for round 3 soon and sites are busy confirming clinic dates to take the bloods for those invited. The blood taking period has been extended into the New Year.

Phase 2 Platform Trials

ACCORD 2 (OTR)

The ACCORD study is now re-activated as an independent UPH study. Sites will be contacted by the study team.

CATALYST (OTR)

CATALYST is continuing to recruit as an independent UPH study. New sites are required. For more information please contact CRN Eastern at covid19.eastern@nih.ac.uk.

TACTIC-R (OTR)

TACTIC is continuing to recruit as an independent UPH study. New sites are required. For more information please contact CRN Eastern at covid19.eastern@nhr.ac.uk or the TACTIC team directly.

For further information about these or any other studies, please contact us at covid19.eastern@nhr.ac.uk or visit the dedicated [CRN Eastern Hub Home UPH research site](#).

Thanks for reading our CRN Eastern COVID-19 Research Round-up, currently published on the last working day of each week (subject to rescheduling as required). The previous issue can be found on [the CRN Eastern Hub Home UPHR area](#).

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