



Welcome to the TRAIN survey.

### **Who is carrying out the research?**

This online survey is being carried out by the Health Research Board, Trials Methodology Research Network (HRB-TMRN) in collaboration with the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit (NPEU) Clinical Trials Unit and the Irish Centre for Maternal and Child Health Research (INFANT). It is part of the first phase of data collection for the TRAIN study (Training tRIal recruiters; An educational INtervention) in which we aim to design, test and evaluate an education and training intervention for recruiters to neonatal trials.

### **Purpose of this survey?**

We would like to collect information from all individuals involved in designing and/or implementing the recruitment methods or processes for neonatal trials across Ireland and the UK. The survey will seek information about your opinions, preferences and potential needs for training and education relating to recruitment to neonatal trials. Your answers will inform the design of a recruitment education and training intervention that will be tested and evaluated as a study within a neonatal trial.

### **Who should take part?**

Individuals involved in recruiting to and/or designing trial recruitment processes for neonatal trials, such as, but not limited to:

- Researchers involved in frontline recruitment to neonatal trials
- Health care professionals involved in frontline recruitment to neonatal trials
- Principal investigators of neonatal trials
- Trial managers and co-ordinators/clinical research co-ordinators
- Trial methodologists

### **What is involved?**

This online survey takes approximately 10 mins to complete. Each question has a number of answer options or a text box for you to complete. If you would prefer to give us your answers on paper, please contact the research team (contact details below).

### **What are the risks/benefits of taking part?**

There are no risks in taking part in this survey. Your answers will contribute to the development of an education and training intervention for recruiters to neonatal trials and will benefit the neonatal trials community, both recruiters and participants.

### **Is participation voluntary?**

Participation is voluntary; you have the right to withdraw from the survey at any point up until you submit your answers, after this point we will not be able to identify your answers to withdraw them. If you decide to stop the survey you can simply exit the online survey screen, the answers you have submitted so far will be saved.

### **Is this study confidential?**

Your identity will remain confidential, it will not be possible to link you as an individual to the data and data will be used in compliance with the Data Protection Act. If you volunteer to take part in a follow-up online focus group or interview, the personal information that you provide will only be used in relation to this study. By taking part in this survey, you are agreeing that we can use and may publish the data you provide.

### **Data protection**

The reason for processing your personal data in this research is to inform the design of a recruitment training and education intervention for neonatal trials. Only the research team will have access to your personal information: Dr Hannah Delaney, Prof. Valerie Smith (Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland), Prof. Declan Devane, Dr Andrew Hunter (National University of Galway, Ireland). All data will be stored securely and destroyed after a period of 7 years as in accordance with the Data Retention Policy. Information from this survey is being processed under the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 with the legal basis of: Public Interest; Article 6(1)(e) and Scientific Research purposes; Article 9(2)(j).

### **Permission and funding**

This study is funded by the Health Research Board, Ireland (grant: 2017 HRB-TMRN-2). This study has received Research Ethical Approval from the Research Ethics Committee of the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.

### **Contact**

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**Thank you for taking the time to read this information. Your feedback is very important to us, if you would like to take part in the survey please click [here](#).**

**We look forward to hearing from you.**