

The NIHR Clinical Research Network have various light touch studies available for GPs to take part in:

The INTERACT study - This survey study seeks to measure the prevalence of social isolation and loneliness across England so that services and interventions can be identified which tackle these issues. GP practices are being encouraged to take part; participation involves sending a text message to all eligible adult patients which contains a link to the survey. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete.

The DISCOVER ME study - More and more GP practices across GM are taking part in the Discover Me study, offering their patients the opportunity to find out their ancestry as well as contribute to creating a dynamic research resource to help us understand disease susceptibility and severity

“Following the useful and informative SIV and green light for the Discover Me study, we sent an SMS message via AccuRx to over 13,000 eligible patients. The process was very easy and took less than 30 minutes. Despite the large number of eligible patients, we have only had a handful of queries and have been informed that we have had a good response rate to the message, showing that our patients have an interest in the study.” - James Rowlands, Practice Manager and Non-Clinical Partner at Ashton Medical Group

The BRIT2 study - Researchers at the University of Manchester have developed a series of dashboards for EMIS that uses data from GP practices to help understand where to focus efforts to optimise prescribing. Software is downloaded to the practice system and anonymous data is viewed by the study team, but the practice team can view identifiable information and use it to inform prescribing.

The ATTACK study - Aspirin to reduce the risk of arterial events in people with Chronic Kidney Disease (aspirin v usual care). Patients are randomised to either 75mg aspirin once a day or normal care. The GP is required to screen, prescribe aspirin (if randomised to treatment) and have clinical oversight of patients. CRN nurses can support consenting if required and the study can be delivered remotely.

We also have a dental study available for community dentists:

The ENHANCE-D study - This is a study for dental practices and aims to measure the safety and cost effectiveness of three different smoking cessation strategies.

Our team of nurses, practitioners and admin staff are on hand to support you with all of these studies. To find out more information or to register your interest please email: researchsupport.crngm@nihr.ac.uk

A full list of all available studies in General Practice can be found on our Primary Care Research Hub - <https://sites.google.com/nihr.ac.uk/crngm-primarycare-researchhub/portfolio-studies>