



GRANULE Course

GeneRAtINg stUdent rEcruiters for randomised trials

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Science on the Swan, Perth, WA

GRANULE is an exciting and immersive course designed to equip junior researchers with the initial practical skill set to recruit patients into randomised clinical trials. It will focus on the concept of ' equipoise ', which means uncertainty over which treatment is best. We will train delegates to communicate this uncertainty to patients and the need to assess it within a trial. This means patients will be more likely to understand clinical research and to consent to take part in trials.

This course will use three real-life trial examples throughout the day to illustrate the concept of equipoise and to simulate discussions with patients about research. The course has been run across four continents and is now part of site-opening visits for several major international multicentre research studies.

GRANULE will train delegates to recruit patients into randomised trials straight after course completion, including requiring completion of Good Clinical Practice certification. Delegates will be given several opportunities to practice communication with simulated patient-actors, alongside experienced senior faculty who will guide scenarios and create an immersive and supportive environment. The GRANULE faculty will provide links with delegates to on-going trials and research collaboratives in order that delegates are able to put their new skills into action.

Symposium learning outcomes

Aims

1. To develop a skillset enabling delegates to recruit patients into randomised trials.

Objectives

1. To understand the process of obtaining informed consent for recruitment to trials.
2. To appreciate the recruitment challenges faced by randomised trials in surgery, and their implications.
3. To gain experience in recruiting to active surgical trials within the NIHR portfolio.
4. To gain Good Clinical Practice (GCP) certification.

Pre-course training

Delegates are required to complete a Good Clinical Practice course *prior* to attending GRANULE if possible. This is legally required before consenting patients for inclusion in a clinical trial in real-world practice. A guide for how to access this will be emailed prior to attendance at the course.