

How to be a Great Chief Investigator for Clinical Trials

Nottingham CTU - 5th May
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Are you a new or experienced Chief Investigator looking to develop your current skillset?

Hear about how Chief Investigators' experiences of leading clinical trials has shaped their trial conduct and leadership

Learn about the wider landscape including funder perspective, mentoring, patient and public involvement and equality, diversity and inclusion

Hear our stories, experiences and continue your personal development

With sessions from the following speakers

Eleanor Mitchell

Chris Partlett

Michelle Sleeth

Kim Thomas

Alan Montgomery

Trish Hepburn

Alexia Karantana

Alison May Berner

Caroline Rick

Jon Dorling

Iain Moppet

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For more information, and to register, visit <https://ukcrc-ctu.org.uk/how-to-be-a-great-chief-investigator-for-clinical-trials-one-day-workshop/>
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This course is currently undergoing CPD accreditation.

Fee: £65



'How to be a Great Chief Investigator for Clinical Trials' workshop
Hosted by the Nottingham Clinical Trials Unit
5th May 2026

09:00am-16:45pm

University of Nottingham – Institute of Mental Health -Room A07 -
University of Nottingham Innovation park - Jubilee Campus -
Triumph Road - Nottingham - NG7 2TU

Coffee and registration 09:00- 9:30	
Welcome and Introductions 9:30-9:45	Eleanor Mitchell: Professor of Clinical Trials and Global Health, NCTU Aided by a pen-portrait of all tutors and delegates
The CTU perspective on CIs working effectively with CTUs 9:45-10:45	Developing the idea, grant application and considering a co-CI role (15 mins) Alan Montgomery , Professor of Clinical Trials and Director of NCTU Once the trial is funded (15 mins) Trish Hepburn , Senior Statistician, NCTU Working with the trial team: roles, responsibilities and expectations (15 mins) Bethany Gill , Senior Trial Manager, NCTU
Comfort Break 10:45-11:00	
Further CTU considerations: What else do you need to know as a CI? Quick snapshots 11:00-11:35	Inclusive Research: Embedding Patient & Public Involvement and Advancing Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (10 mins) Cally Rick , Associate Professor of Clinical Trials, NCTU Maximizing efficient conduct & embedding SWATs (10mins) Chris Partlett , Principal Research Fellow, NCTU Working with the Sponsor, finance teams (10mins) Hugh Jarrett , Senior Trial Manager, NCTU
Funder perspective: what makes successful trial delivery 11:35-11:50	Reuben Ogollah: Associate Professor of Clinical Trials and NIHR HTA Board member
Group activity-Break out Session 11:50- 12:50	Activity- Trial Setup Challenges- An interactive session where participants select a themed group based on the clinical trial setup challenge they want to explore and work collaboratively to develop practical solutions. Each group presents a short pitch of their ideas, followed by a brief facilitated debrief to highlight key insights and address questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Station Setup: 5 minutes · Group Discussion: 25 minutes · Pitch Session: 15 minutes · Debrief: 10 minutes · Q&A- 5 minutes
Panel Q&A discussion 12:50-13:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Feedback from group activity break out session. Facilitators: NCTU staff - To share experiences/top tips/resources/support that have been helpful to them as new CI, and why/how.
Networking Lunch 13:05-13:50	
How to be a good Chief Investigator: experiences and lessons from Chief Investigators (20 mins each) 13:50-14:50	Alexia Karantana , Clinical Associate Professor of Hand surgery (20 mins) Jon Dorling , Professor of Child Health (20 mins)
Comfort Break 14:50-15:00	
Keynotes: How to be a good Chief Investigator 15:00-16:00	Keynote 1: (20 mins) Kim Thomas , Professor of Applied Dermatology Research Keynote 2: (20 mins) Iain Moppett: Professor of Anesthesia & Perioperative Medicine
Peer support, mentoring & coaching for CIs 16:00-16:15	Jonathan Packham - Professor of Rheumatology and member of the UKCRC CTU Network Chief Investigator Network Group
Wrapping up 16:15-16:45	Reflections from delegates: One thing that I will change after this course Final discussion and any further Q&A