

Project Title:

Feedback of clinical trial results to participants in global health – current practises

Project Summary:

Clinical trial participants should expect to learn about the outcomes and impact of the research they are part of but communicating with them has never been straightforward. Revised clinical trials regulation in the EU include the need to provide summary results to study participants in appropriate language. Many trials engage with patient groups in the design of the trial to improve acceptability and enhance recruitment. But very little is known about the extent and the methods used to provide feedback to patients after completion of the study. This is particularly challenging for trials in low- and middle-income countries where patients' education levels are lower, and patients are often less empowered.

The aim of this project is, therefore, to better understand current practise in providing feedback to trial participants after clinical studies in resource-poor settings are completed. To achieve this we will conduct a search of recently completed clinical trials focused on infectious diseases in resource-poor settings through clinicaltrials.gov and contact investigators inviting them to participate in the study. Initial qualitative interviews will be conducted with investigators to explore the nature and extent of patient feedback provided in their studies. This data will be used to design a quantitative questionnaire to quantify different modes and techniques used across a large range of studies.

Depending on the student, this could be complemented with patient interviews in ongoing studies to better understand expectations and preferences among the patients enrolled in clinical trials.

Supervisors:

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Location of the project: Menzies

Outreach work? N ☒
Y ☐
If Y, Interstate ☐
Remote ☐
International ☐

Type of project: Hons [max **9 months** 1 FTE] ☒
MPH thesis [max **6 months** 1 FTE] ☒
MSc by research [max **2 years** 1 FTE] ☐
PhD [max **3-4 years** 1 FTE] ☐

Skill base:

Essential: Excellent communications skills, experience in qualitative and quantitative research including development of questionnaires, interview guides and interviews, excellent writing skills and proven ability to communicate with people from different culture backgrounds.

Desirable: n/a

Additional comments: This project may lead to a first author publication for a suitable student.