



UK Breast Cancer Clinical Studies Group

The National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) Breast Research Group (and previously, the NCRI Breast Clinical Studies Group) has had a pivotal role in UK breast cancer research over the last two decades. With the winding up of the NCRI organisation in summer 2023, the group ceased to exist.

However, with the support of Breast Cancer Now, a new **UK Breast Cancer Clinical Studies Group** has been formed. It will provide strategic oversight of the breast cancer clinical research portfolio, aiming to identify and set research priority areas in clinical research, with underpinning translational science, and support researchers to develop studies to address these.

The Group will provide a platform for researchers to collaborate and fulfil a coordinating function between key stakeholders in the UK. In addition, the Group will provide a focal point of contact for liaison with international research groups. Finally, the BCCSG will ensure that research remains patient-centred by including patient advocates as key and equal partners within its structure. This will ensure that the Group remains committed to its overarching aim of improving outcomes for people affected by breast cancer.

The Group has broad membership from across clinical disciplines, as well as methodological expertise from several Clinical Trial Units, behavioural scientists and qualitative researchers, and several patient advocates.

A key aim of the Group is to support researchers to develop clinical trials by providing an expert, multidisciplinary forum for the discussion and development of study concepts from an early stage. The Group meets three times per year and the afternoon session of the meeting is dedicated to the discussion of study concepts and proposals.

The Group will also support the multidisciplinary Breast Cancer Trainees Research Collaborative Group (BCTRCG). Membership of this group will be open to interested trainees from all disciplines and will provide opportunities to engage with clinical research.

Researchers wishing to present to the Group or to obtain advice on the development of studies, or information on the BCTRCG, should contact the Chair or Deputy Chair in the first instance.

Full details of the Clinical Studies Group, Terms of Reference and Structure can be found [here](#).

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