

# RANDOMISED CONTROLLED TRIALS IN SURGERY – HOW CAN WE DO MORE?

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011

Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3PE

**Chairs: Professor Jane M Blazeby and Professor Dion Morton**

Aims: To consider how to maximise recruitment into RCTs in surgery  
To facilitate interactions between surgeons and trialists

1000 Registration, coffee & tea

1030 Welcome: Professor Jane Blazeby

## *Surgical trials – learning from our successes and failures*

1035 Mr Peter Hutchinson 'www.RESCUEicp.com - progress and hurdles!' – a multi-centre randomised evaluation of surgery with craniectomy for uncontrolled elevation of intra-cranial pressure.

1055 Mr Austin Obichere 'ISAAC-Initial Surgery in Advanced Asymptomatic Colorectal cancer: Cross speciality challenges to recruitment'

1115 Dr Linda Sharples 'The MAZE procedure as an adjunct to cardiac surgery in patients in AF: experience of recruitment in the AMAZE multicentre trial'

1135 Mr Richard Shaw 'Recruitment to surgical trials in the head and neck specialties'

1155 Professor Julie Brittenden (Vascular surgery trials – title TBC)

1210 Panel/audience discussion of ways to recruit patients into trials in surgery

1230 LUNCH BREAK

## *Key issues for surgical trials*

1315 Professor Freddie Hamdy – Key note presentation: 'Involving surgeons, other specialists and trialists in the design and conduct of trials – experiences from ProtecT'

1430 Professor Jenny Donovan & Dr Nicola Mills– 'Uncertainty and patients' treatment preferences - preventing or facilitating recruitment?'

1505 Dr Jonathan Gower – 'The new clinical research landscape - incentives, opportunities and support offered by the NIHR'

1520 Professor Jane Blazeby - Summary and closing remarks

1530 Close of meeting

There is no charge for this meeting, but registration is required at: [htmr-conduct@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:htmr-conduct@bristol.ac.uk).  
Surgeons from all specialities, methodologists and those involved in trials are welcome.