

RCSI CRC Profile



The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland Clinical Research Centre (RCSI CRC), which opened in September 2000, was the first purpose built Clinical Research Centre in Ireland. Since then it has provided high quality, world class, translational and clinical research. The staff of highly skilled and experienced Clinical Research Nurses supports a wide range of academic and commercially funded research in these main therapeutic areas: Neurology – MND, MS, Epilepsy; Autoimmune disease – Vasculitis; Cardiology – Angioplasty, Platelet Function; Respiratory – Asthma, COPD; Endocrine – Diabetes; Rheumatology; Nephrology & Stroke

In addition to coordinating clinical research the RCSI CRC has established a Sponsor Office which is staffed by a Quality and Regulatory Affairs Manager and a Pharmacovigilance officer/ Monitor, who provide support and advice to RCSI Investigator-led clinical research. Their expertise includes both Device trials and Clinical Trials of Investigational Medicinal Products.

Education is at the forefront of the RCSI CRC. In 2009 the CRC established the RCSI Postgraduate Certificate in Clinical Research Nursing, accredited by the National University of Ireland (NUI), and The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland, in conjunction with the Dublin Centre for Clinical Research (DCCR) and supported by the Health Research Board (HRB). The Programme was coordinated by the RCSI CRC.

Following on from this success, the CRC provides training in Clinical Research and GCP including:

- An Introduction to Clinical Research.
- Lab safety Training
- Good Clinical Practice Courses:
 - Investigator Responsibilities
 - Sponsor Responsibilities
 - Investigational Medical Devices
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The CRC is currently developing more short courses relevant to the conduct of clinical research.