Involving patient, carers and the public in research – training for clinical academic researchers

In an exciting new initiative, the National Institute for Health Research University College London Hospitals Biomedical Research Centre in partnership with UCLPartners is running a series workshops during the month of March for clinical academic researchers on patient and public involvement (PPI) in research.

Open to all researchers working within UCLPartners partnership organisations, the workshops are practical and aim to build up researchers’ skills and confidence to effectively involve lay people in clinical research. Workshops are offered on a wide range of topics.

Places are limited so early booking is advised. To book a place or find out more contact Madeleine Stewart on madeleine.stewart@ucl.ac.uk

Topics include PPI in early stage lab research, PPI in applied health research, introduction to PPI, filling in grant and ethics forms, and involving a lay person as co-applicant. Locations are across central London including UCL, UCLH, Moorfields, the Royal London and City University. Please note all UCLPartners partner organisation researchers are welcome to all workshops.

Please note that these workshops are for researchers and concern the active involvement of lay people in the research process, for example helping to design research studies. It does not concern the recruitment of patients as participants to a trial or study.

**FULLY BOOKED 13 March 1pm-4.30pm Institute of Sports Exercise and Health, Tottenham Court Road**

*Patient, carer and public involvement in early stage clinical laboratory research*

This workshop has been specifically designed for researchers working in laboratory based health or medical research when the active involvement of patients and the public can seem particularly problematic. The session will give researchers the opportunity to look at ways of involving patients and the public and ensuring that the involvement is appropriate.

**FULLY BOOKED 17 March 1pm-4.30pm UCLH Education Centre**

*Patient, carer and public involvement - effective partnership working in research*

This workshop is being delivered by a facilitator from Macmillan Cancer’s Building Research Partnerships initiative, and will look at the complexities of partnership working between researchers and non-professionals, including issues such as members’ roles on trial steering groups and communications.

**19 March 10am-4pm UCL Institute of Ophthalmology**

*Introduction to the patient, carer and public involvement in biomedical research*

This 1-day workshop provides a practical and realistic introduction to the different ways patients and the public can be actively involved in the research process. Sessions cover the different stages in which patients can be involved, addressing barriers to PPI. Researchers will have the opportunity to work on their own PPI plans.

**19 March 1.30pm-5pm City University London**

*Patient, carer and public involvement in applied health research*

This session is aimed at helping researchers in applied health research identify the possibilities for working with patients and the public and plan and carry out PPI in their research project. The aim is to build confidence, skills and knowledge.
19 March – all day, Guy’s and St Thomas’
**Patient and public involvement in paediatric research**
This one-day training event is offered by Guy’s and St Thomas’ and Great Ormond Street Biomedical Research Centres and aims to provide paediatric researchers with skills to implement PPI in their own research.

20 March 9.30am-1pm Royal London Hospital
**Setting up and running a patient group to develop patient, carer and public involvement in research**
This workshop aims to be practical and realistic in its approach. Topics covered include: pros and cons of different types of groups; how to enlist people and keep them interested; and setting a group’s terms of reference.

24 March 9.30am-1pm UCLH education centre
**Taking patient and public involvement one step further - collaborating with non-professionals as co-applicants**
This workshop looks at an exciting area of patient and public involvement – when non-professionals and researchers are collaborating as ‘equal partners’.

25 March 1pm-4.30pm UCL education centre
**Patient, carer and public involvement in early stage clinical laboratory research**
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**FULLY BOOKED** 26 March 1pm-4.30pm London Cancer, Tottenham Court Road
**Developing communication techniques to support patient, carer and public involvement in research**
This workshop has been developed with input from non-professionals and aims to help researchers develop communication strategies and skills that lead to effective, positive and meaningful ways of involving patients, carers and the public in research.

**FULLY BOOKED** 27 March 1pm-4.30pm UCL, SLMS, Tottenham Court Road
**Filling in the patient and public involvement section of funding and ethics applications**
This session will help researchers who are making funding or ethics applications and who want to know how to write the PPI section. Sometimes researchers find it hard to know what is wanted. The session includes advice from lay people involved in reviewing funding and ethics applications on what they look for.