Information for Medical Students

THE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESEARCH INVOLVEMENT GROUP

Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) means working with patients, carers and members of the public to plan, manage, design and carry out research. The aim is to make research more relevant, to improve healthcare, and to improve medical education. Some people get involved with lots of meetings, and others just a few. If you do join us, there is no expectation of you doing more work with us that you are happy to do.

The group meet whenever there is a research study to discuss - this is usually once every other month, but may be more or less often depending on how many projects are in development. At the meeting, a researcher will talk about a study, and ask what you think about it. They may also ask, for example, whether you think the research is important, and about the language used in materials for research participants.

Getting involved in research can be rewarding, is a good opportunity for career development, and gives you a chance to learn new skills. PPI is an important part of research, and is normally a requirement from funding bodies. We hope that being involved in this group will provide you with a better understanding of the design and delivery of research. Training about research can be provided as necessary.

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