



Have you recently attended A&E with a fracture or dislocation, which was not treated by surgery?

A team at The Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (RBCH) are looking for participants for to help develop a research study in emergency care. This is in response to a call by the NIHR, the nation's largest funder of health and care research, aiming to address the inequality in outcomes and research in the field across England.

The Project

The researchers are looking to evaluate the use of a technology known as point of care ultrasound (POCUS) in managing fractures and dislocations in A&E. Ultrasound uses sound waves to look inside the body and so can be used to guide the procedures used to treat these conditions.

Whilst the technology is safe and approved for use these techniques have not been widely adopted across the NHS. Previous studies have generally focussed on one procedure performed by clinicians or hospitals that have an interest in the technology. The team would like to investigate its use across multiple techniques in wider setting.

How can you help?

They would be very interested in hearing you if you have attended A&E with such an injury and it has been treated without surgery at the time.

However the team would also like to understand patients' views on how the research might be designed from those who are interested in or have participated in research studies.

You can contribute in various ways depending on what suits you, including:

- Completing surveys
- Reviewing documents
- Attending focus groups
- If the bid is successful they would like patients and the public to continue to be involved in the project including acting as an advisor to the trial management team.

You will be supported to make sure you understand the technology and planned research methods. Any meetings will be arranged in a way that is convenient to those who wish to be involved which may be outside of working hours or via teleconference, travel costs will be reimbursed and refreshments provided.

Interested?

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