**Joint RCS/NIAA Perioperative Care Systematic Reviews**

**-Invite for applications-**

Following on from the second successful Joint RCS/NIAA meeting on Perioperative Clinical Research, held on March 4 2015, The Royal College of Surgeons of England and the National Institute of Academic Anaesthesia have agreed to joint-fund three systematic reviews and are pleased to invite applications for systematic reviews of perioperative interventions to benefit patients.

The aim of this call is to support reviews of topics where the systematic review is seen as a step towards a funding application for a major clinical trial (+/- pilot) funded by an NIHR funding streams (e.g. HTA) or equivalent.

Only joint applications from teams including at least one surgeon AND one anaesthetist as well as at least three trainees will be considered. Leadership by trainees would be supported.

Each successful team will be expected to attend training days with in-house systematic review experts, at the RCS England offices, in London.

The deadline for applications are: **12pm Tuesday 1 September 2015**.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their applications by: **Friday 18 September 2015**.

Please find the application form below. Please ensure you keep your entry to two pages.

All completed forms should be sent to Murat Akkulak via email - makkulak@rcseng.ac.uk .

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**-Project Proposal Form-**

This form is to be completed on proposals for systematic reviews of perioperative interventions to benefit patients. Only applications from mixed teams, of surgeon(s) and anaesthetist(s) will be considered. Each team must include at least three trainees, with each team being expected to attend training sessions at the RCS England. Please write concisely in the boxes provided. These can be expanded as required but the overall length of the completed form should be no more than 2 pages.

**Study name**

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**Study team: Specialty: Status:**

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| Designated leader: |  |
| Co-investigators |  |

**Aims of proposed study**

Describe the aim of the study and why the study is important to patients

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**Anticipated timeline**

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| Deadline for proposed funding application submission for clinical study |  |
| Anticipated start of systematic review |  |

**What is known on this topic?**

Please give a basic description of what is known on this topic. Please add a short summary table of 3-5 studies that are representative of the evidence in this clinical area (Headings for this table could include author, setting, type of study, patient group, intervention (and control), main outcome, results on main outcome).

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**Outline of the proposed definitive (+/- pilot) clinical trial**

Please describe the key aspects of your proposed trial, including the location (country (ies) involved, the setting (eg, single/multi-centre, all hospitals, teaching hospitals), type of study (e.g. standard RCT, cluster, pragmatic, non-inferiority).

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| Location |  |
| Setting |  |
| Type of study (if known) |  |
| Patient inclusion criteria |  |
| Intervention |  |
| Control |  |
| Main outcome |  |
| Expected sample size |  |