

Do you want constructive peer discussion and support to help you submit your clinical study idea for funding?

If so.....read on!

National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) Clinical Studies Groups (CSGs) promote and support clinical research across the spectrum of cancer, including colorectal cancer (CRC). The CRC group is one of the few Groups that has its own Screening & Prevention (S&P) subgroup, reflecting the significant research activity in this area within screening programmes and chemoprevention initiatives, for example.

The S&P subgroup welcomes all researchers of all professional backgrounds from the BSG/ACPGBI with proposals for clinical studies addressing CRC screening & prevention for constructive peer review and comment on proposals with a view to the Group's support for submission to funding bodies such as CRUK and NIHR. Funders rate the input and ongoing support from NCRI CSGs highly, particularly CRUK. Once a study is funded, adoption of the study to the UKCRN cancer portfolio (as main or supporting specialty) facilitated by the Group endures network support whilst the study is open.

The S&P subgroup works closely with the national Bowel Cancer Screening Programmes (BCSP) and also the UK Therapeutic Cancer Prevention Network (UKTCPN) allowing co-ordination of support which is usually seen as a positive feature for a grant application. The Group coordinates its activity with the overarching Screening, Prevention & Early Diagnosis (SPED) CSG, which covers all cancers. Support from the S&P subgroup can exist in parallel to that from relevant BSG Clinical Research Groups such as endoscopy.

The core membership of the CRC S&P subgroup consists of clinical and non-clinical researchers with interest and expertise in all prevention strategies including screening, endoscopic surveillance, chemoprevention and lifestyle modification.

Please come along to the next meeting and discuss your proposal. We can't guarantee grant funding success but we can guarantee excellent, helpful peer-review and support that will almost certainly increase your chances of getting your study funded and then completed on target.

If you are interested in attending the next group meeting to gain support for your study, please contact the Chair Prof Mark Hull (M.A.Hull@leeds.ac.uk) or Ulla Ventham (ulla.ventham@ncri.org.uk) in the NCRI Secretariat.