

Inclusion of under-served groups in trials: a synthesis of audits at UK clinical trials units

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Clinical trial populations need to be representative of patient populations

- ▶ Different groups may respond differently to interventions
- ▶ Clinicians lacking evidence may withhold interventions from some groups of patients
- ▶ Logistical, sociocultural, psychological and biological differences all impact effectiveness
- ▶ The Declaration of Helsinki: *“Groups that are underrepresented in medical research should be provided appropriate access to participation in research”*

Methods

1. Selected sample of trials
2. Gathered protocols, patient information leaflets, template case reports forms and questionnaires
3. Extracted data on explicit exclusions and data collection
4. Coded the data per trial, per protocol / patient information leaflet / data collection, and per under-served group
5. Verified extraction and coding

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Impact so far in PC-CTU...

- ▶ Determined rates of explicit exclusions
- ▶ Prioritised specific under-served groups to support, including people with low socio-economic status
- ▶ Nominated for an award *“...inspiring colleagues and driving adoption of inclusive practices across the department.”*
- ▶ Evidence to support funding and ethics applications

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- ▶ Improving data capture at screening to inform agile recruitment strategies
- ▶ Exploring attitudes towards new preventative treatments with PPIE and participants
- ▶ Enhancing readability of patient-facing materials

and beyond

- ▶ A multi-institution collaboration - we will apply for funding to repeat and extend our work