

Patient and Public Involvement

How you can help our injury research



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Why we need you

Who are the Centre for Trauma Sciences (C4TS)?

We are a research team made up of health care professionals – doctors, nurses, therapists, a clinical trials teams and scientific researchers.

What is Trauma?

Our research team studies physical trauma and its effects on the body. Trauma is a disease caused by injury, which can either be blunt or penetrating. Blunt trauma can be caused by falls, road traffic crashes; crush injuries and assaults, whereas, penetrating trauma includes injuries caused by being shot, stabbed or falling onto a sharp object.

What do we do?

As a group, we conduct research into how trauma effects the body and how this affects recovery. To do this we conduct clinical trials involving trauma patients.

Clinical trials can be observational or interventional.

Observational studies: this type of research does not alter the patients care. Patients clinical data are collected and blood samples are collected in order to find out more about how bodies react to injury.

Interventional studies: this type of research tests new medicines, techniques, or systems to compare them to existing medical care. The research doctor may alter some aspects of patient care. These trials are rigorously monitored to ensure safety.

What is Patient, Public Involvement (PPI)?

It is important that we involve patients and the public in our research to make sure that their views, opinions and experiences are listened to. 'PPI' or Patient and Public involvement refers to engaging interested patient and public members in actively contributing to the planning and conduct of research and clinical trials. People wishing to participate in a PPI group can be involved throughout the study, from its conception to contributing to how findings are disseminated to the wider population. PPI does not involve being recruited into our clinical trials or actively participating in the study itself. You can find out on our Patient/ Public Advisors for Injury Research web page: c4ts.qmul.ac.uk/get-involved/pair



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