

Potential future research topics currently being developed by the HTA programme

Please note this download includes possible topics likely to be advertised towards the end of **March 2018**. This document was last updated on **27 November 2017**.

If you would like to leave a comment about any of these possible topic areas please [email](#) us.

Alternatively, if you are interested in contributing to the development of our future topic areas, you can help by [becoming a reviewer](#).

The HTA Programme is considering the following topic areas for future commissioned research. Please note that not all of these topics will ultimately be advertised, but if they are then it is likely to be on the dates listed below. Please also note that topic areas and timings are subject to change. The individual commissioning briefs, which will be published when the call opens, will define the details of the call.

Please note that **commissioning briefs take priority over applications to researcher led funding calls**.

If an Expression of Interest (EoI) is submitted to the research-led programme on a similar topic to a [commissioning brief](#) or any [proposed research areas](#) for HTA commissioned calls, it will not be considered and either:

- once the commissioning brief is advertised, the applicant can tailor their application to the commissioning brief and submit it in response to this
- or
- if a decision is made not to advertise a commissioning brief, applicants can apply through the researcher-led workstream in the usual way.

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Topics – Likely to be advertised end of March 2018
Bronchodilators and corticosteroids in bronchiectasis
Extended duration haemodialysis
Imaging in the management of ankle injuries
Paediatric wrist fracture - operate or not?
Non-operative vs operative management of unstable ankle fractures
Microsurgical repair of digital nerve injury
Stroke thrombectomy care
Surgical management of pressure ulcers
Perioperative glycaemic control
Radiation therapy for early Dupuytren's
Surgical repair of rhegmatogenous retinal detachment

Treatment of avascular necrosis in people with sickle cell disease
Radiotherapy in first-line treatment of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma
Outpatient management of ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome
Rotation of the fetal head at full cervical dilatation
Hysteroscopic removal of retained placenta
Antenatal computerised cardiotocography
Dietary supplementation with calcium for women at high-risk of pre-eclampsia
Foot orthoses for children with symptomatic flat feet
Behavioural intervention to treat anxiety in adults with autism and moderate to severe learning disabilities.
Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor for treating anxiety in adults with autism
Anticonvulsant augmentation of antipsychotic medication in the management of psychosis
Preventing job loss in people with a long term physical health condition
Routinely used interventions for improving attachment in infants and young children
Nebulised saline to aid sputum expectoration in patients with COPD
Exercise treatment for greater trochanteric pain syndrome
Active case finding of coeliac disease in at-risk groups in primary care
Alternative to the indwelling Foley catheter
Prevention and treatment of incontinence-associated dermatitis
Steroid eluting stent or spacer during sinus surgery
Strategies to improve microfracture for the treatment of symptomatic chondral knee defects