

## Potential future research topics currently being developed by the HTA programme

Please note this download includes possible topics likely to be advertised in **December 2017**. This document was last updated on **2 August 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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### Topic – Likely to be advertised in December 2017

Preoperative ripening of the cervix before operative hysteroscopy
Joint distraction for knee osteoarthritis without alignment correction
Imaging in the management of ankle injuries
Steroid eluting stent or spacer during sinus surgery
Strategies to improve microfracture for the treatment of symptomatic chondral knee defects
Surgery for early osteoarthritis
Letrozole for improving fertility in women with polycystic ovary syndrome
Intervention or expectant management for early onset fetal growth restriction in twin pregnancy
Non-invasive neurally adjusted ventilator assist for neonates requiring respiratory support
Pre-pregnancy weight loss in obese women on LARC
Dose of oxytocin during induction of labour
Intensive day patient versus inpatient treatment for anorexia nervosa in adult specialised eating disorder services
Eye movement desensitisation and reprocessing for post-traumatic stress disorder in people with learning disabilities
Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor to prevent depression following traumatic brain injury
Therapeutic interventions for self-harm - an individual patient data meta-analysis
Psychosocial intervention for internalised stigma in people with schizophrenia
The effectiveness of early treatment with Amitriptyline for the prevention of post-herpetic neuralgia
Optimising the use of statin therapy in cardiovascular disease prevention
Exercise training for people with pulmonary hypertension

Sputum colour charts to guide antibiotic self-treatment of acute exacerbation of COPD
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Prevention and treatment of incontinence-associated dermatitis
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