

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 **November/early December 2017 (see page 3)** and **March 2018 (see page 2)**. This document was last updated on **9 October 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 in March 2018
Bronchodilators and corticosteroids in bronchiectasis
Extended duration haemodialysis
Sepsis
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
Viscoelastometric point of care testing in postpartum haemorrhage
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 infant attachment
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

Topics – 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

Prevention and treatment of incontinence-associated dermatitis