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SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION PORTAL

The Surgical Technology Evaluation Portal (STEP) provides companies and innovators with a single point of access to clinicians and researchers in the NHS, for the purpose of undertaking research on new surgical medical devices and technologies.

The STEP was developed by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and the Royal College of Surgeons in order to provide:

- early engagement with specialist research, clinical and technical experts and teams in the NHS
- efficient development of the device or technology
- safe and high quality research
- access to clinical trials specialists, including the NIHR Clinical Research Network
- support with generation of evidence
- rapid feedback to the innovator or company

The STEP is available to any companies or innovators who are looking to develop innovative surgical medical devices and technologies. It is not able to support research into existing technologies or devices.

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In response to the low level of clinical trials taking place in surgery in the UK, the Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCS) set out to develop a nationwide research infrastructure to expand clinical trials in surgery. Surgical Trials Centres (STCs), embedded within existing surgical clinical trials units, were set up to enable surgeons to deliver clinical studies to assess new surgical techniques, and develop breakthroughs in treatment that will help to deliver new and better care to thousands of patients. These STCs support the development of new surgical trials and trialists.

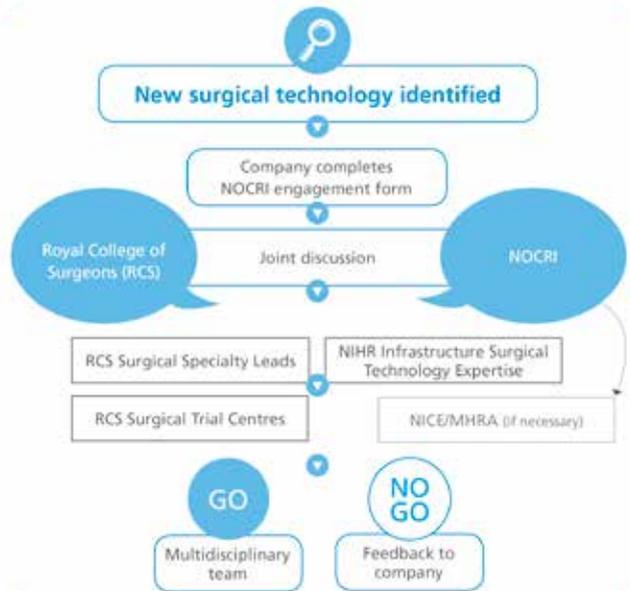
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The NIHR underpins the NHS as a test bed for new treatments, diagnostics and medical technologies, getting them to patients faster. Its integrated health research system supports expert researchers in cutting-edge facilities across the innovation pathway. The NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN), as the research delivery arm of the NHS, provides services including feasibility assessment, study set-up and performance management to support the life sciences industry to deliver research to time and target.

The NIHR Office for Clinical Research Infrastructure (NOCRI) simplifies access to these expert facilities and researchers, facilitating partnerships with life science companies, including SMEs and charities to drive innovation.

STEP PROCESS

The Surgical Technology Evaluation Portal (STEP) links world-leading researchers in the NIHR with research active surgeons. The resulting multidisciplinary teams can provide rapid feedback to the innovator and undertake high quality collaborative research. This can support the generation of evidence that could lead to faster and safer adoption of new surgical technologies into the NHS.



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