Informed Consent in a Paediatric Setting e-learning:
A practical guide to ethical and scientific quality standards in clinical research

Aims

This course is designed to provide an introduction to the process of informed consent in a paediatric setting. It explores who can give consent for a child to participate in research and the process of assent, through which the views and agreement of the child are sought. The requirements for CTIMP and non-CTIMP research are covered including those included in the Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) regulations.

The course is written with the assumption that you have an introductory level understanding of the processes of Informed Consent which apply to all clinical research. If you do not already have this we recommend that you complete the Introduction to Good Clinical Practice e-learning course, which includes this module on Informed Consent in Paediatric Research.

The e-learning course has a practical focus, with the key aim that participants know what to do to practise excellent GCP when they return to their workplace to ensure the rights, safety and well-being of patients and the quality of the research data.

Duration

The course will take about 30-45 minutes to complete. If you are very familiar with the requirements and practical application of informed consent in paediatric research it is possible to complete the course in less time. However, we still recommend you dedicate 30-45 minutes in order to fully engage with the course materials.

Expected learning outcomes

Following the course, participants will have a demonstrable understanding of the background and practical implications of informed consent in paediatric research. This understanding is intended to be a foundation for action, bridging the gap between theory and practice in their places of work.

Following the course participants should be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of the interwoven laws, frameworks and guidelines which govern informed consent in paediatric research
- Understand the process of receiving informed consent and the roles and responsibilities of those involved in this process
- Know where to go for further advice and support and how to keep updated.