

Clinical trials for dementia research

Why are clinical trials important?

Research funding organisations and pharmaceutical companies fund research into development of new drugs and treatments that could halt the progression of dementia and provide a cure in the future.

All new treatments pass through rigorous clinical trials to show that they are safe and effective. From first testing in people it takes around 10 years, involves thousands of people and costs £15 million to make a drug available to people with dementia.

Clinical trials represent a valuable partnership between researchers and people with dementia.



Search for clinical trials online

There is now [an online database of clinical trials into dementia](#) in the UK.

This [new resource](#) allows people with dementia and their carers to access information about clinical trials and provides contact details for obtaining information on individual trials.

[Read about how to use the clinical trials database](#)



A clinical trials register for Wales

The Wales Dementias and Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network (NEURODEM Cymru) are developing a [patient and carer register](#) of people with dementia and mild cognitive impairment who are willing to take part in research.

This will act as a clinical resource for researchers looking for participants to take part in their study.

Please note that this is a new initiative and the [website](#) is currently a work in progress.

In Scotland join the research interest register

The Scottish Dementia Clinical Research Network (SDCRN) have developed a [patient and carer register](#) of people with dementia who are willing to take part in research.

This is already being used by researchers to find participants to take part in their studies.

Please [go to the website sdcrn.org.uk](http://sdcrn.org.uk) for more information.

Clinical trials funded by Alzheimer's Society

Alzheimer's Society recognises the need to raise awareness about clinical trials, and to recruit volunteers for trials in the UK.

[Find out about ongoing and completed clinical trials funded by Alzheimer's Society.](#)

Alzheimer's Society National Dementia Helpline

England, Wales and Northern Ireland: 0300 222 11 22

9.00am-5.00pm Monday-Friday

10.00am-4.00pm Saturday-Sunday

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