

JLA seminar programme

Seminar 1

How can clinical trialists serve the needs of clinicians and patients more effectively?

A meeting organised jointly by the James Lind Alliance and The Lancet
Held at the Royal Society of Medicine, London, on 25 June 2007

The meeting was convened by the James Lind Alliance and the Lancet to address whether the right trials are being carried out, if the right questions are being asked, if the trials are done in the right way, if they are looking at the right outcomes and to discuss evidence to help individualise treatment decisions.

Morning Session: “DOING THE RIGHT TRIALS – RIGHT QUESTIONS, RIGHT OUTCOMES, RIGHT WAY”

Chair: Iain Chalmers, Coordinator, Database of Uncertainties about the Effects of Treatment

“How can clinical trialists serve the needs of clinicians better?”

David Tovey, Editorial Director, BMJ Knowledge

“How can clinical trialists serve the needs of patients better?”

Hilda Bastian, Head, Patient Information and Research, Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Healthcare, Germany

“The need for trials reflecting the real world of clinical practice”

Stephen Holgate, Professor, University of Southampton and Southampton Universities HT (NHS)

“Comparisons of patients’, clinicians’ and researchers’ agendas”

Sandy Oliver, Reader, Social Science Research Unit, Institute of Education, London

“Identifying research priorities in the UK Clinical Research Network”

Janet Darbyshire, Joint Director UKCRN and Director, UK Clinical Trials Unit

Afternoon session: “EVIDENCE TO HELP INDIVIDUALISE TREATMENT DECISIONS”

Chair : Richard Horton, Editor, The Lancet

“Challenges for a general practitioner and medical columnist”

Margaret McCartney, General Practitioner and Financial Times Columnist

“Use of subgroup analysis and risk modelling”

Peter Rothwell, Professor of Clinical Neurology, University of Oxford

“Individualising treatment decisions in primary care”

Paul Glasziou, Professor of Evidence-Based Medicine, University of Oxford

“Individualising treatment decisions for acute vascular syndromes”

David Kent, Institute for Clinical Research and Health Policy Studies, Tufts-New England Medical Center, Boston, USA

“The case for routine availability of individual patient data”

Doug Altman, Director, Centre for Statistics in Medicine, University of Oxford

For further details and downloads go to

http://www.lindalliance.org/JLA_LANCET_Event_June2007.asp.

Seminar 2

Should Patients tell Researchers what to do? If so, how?

A meeting organised jointly by the James Lind Alliance and the Association of Medical Research Charities at The Wellcome Trust, London on 17 September 2007

The meeting was convened by the James Lind Alliance and the Association of Medical Research Charities to promote debate about the role of patients in deciding what clinical research is important. Case studies were provided as examples of where such engagement has positively changed the research agenda, and the methods that were used.

Morning Session:

Chair: Philippa Yeeles, Programme Manager, UK Clinical Research Collaboration

“Stormy waters, or just uncharted?”

Simon Denegri, Chief Executive, Association of Medical Research Charities

“An industry view”

Richard Tiner, Medical Director, Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry

“Researchers should ignore patients”

Mark Welfare, Consultant Gastroenterologist/Senior Lecturer, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust

Case studies:

1. “Patient involvement in Rheumatoid Arthritis Research”

John R Kirwan, Consultant Rheumatologist and Professor of Rheumatic

Diseases, Bristol Royal Infirmary
Pam Richards, Chair, Patients Advisory Group – Rheumatology Department,
Bristol Royal Infirmary

2. “Identifying the treatment uncertainties of people with asthma”
Colin Gelder, Consultant Respiratory Physician, Penarth; Asthma DUETS editor
Samantha Walker, Research Liaison Officer, Asthma UK
Ivor Cook, Asthma Spokesperson

Afternoon Session:

Chair: Lester Firkins, Chair, JLA Monitoring and Implementation Group

“Putting the public at the heart of research”

Amanda Burls, Director, The International Network for Knowledge about
Wellbeing, (ThinkWell)

Debate: Can the research drivers and interest of patients, industry and the NHS,
be reconciled?

Panel members:

Brian Buckley, Chair, Incontact (Action on Incontinence) and Primary Care
Researcher

Mark Fenton, Editor, Database of Uncertainties about the Effects of Treatments
(DUETs)

Marianne Miles, Patient and Public Involvement Lead, UK Clinical Research
Network

Sophie Petit-Zeman, Head of External Relations, Association of Medical
Research Charities

Pam Richards, Chair of the Patients Advisory Group – Rheumatology
Department, Bristol Royal Infirmary

Richard Tiner, Medical Director, Association of the British Pharmaceutical
Industry

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