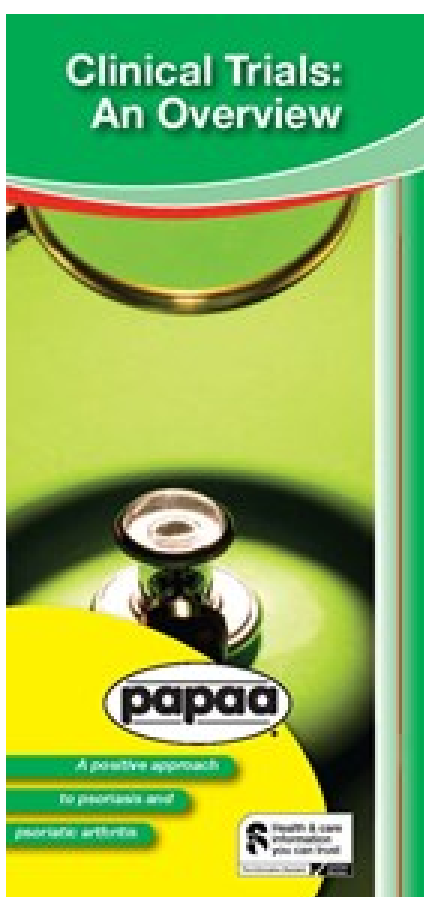




What is a clinical trial?

Most research in the National Health Service (NHS) involves people, often patients, and is usually referred to as clinical research or medical research.

Clinical trials may compare a new medical approach to one that is already available or to a placebo (a substance that has no therapeutic effect) or to no intervention at all. Some clinical trials compare interventions that are already available to each other.

A clinical trial may be researching a particular IMP, and may therefore be called a Clinical Trial of an Investigational Medicinal Product (CTIMP). However, the clinical trial may also be looking at medical devices, procedures, or changes to participants' behaviour, such as their diet.

When a new product or approach is being studied, it is not usually known whether it will be helpful, harmful, or no different from available alternatives (including no intervention). The investigators try to work out the safety and efficacy (effectiveness) of the intervention by measuring certain outcomes. For example, they can measure how psoriasis or psoriatic arthritis improves by using a scoring system.

Clinical trials used in drug development are sometimes described by phase. This highly controlled process is regulated by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Authority (MHRA), which is the government agency responsible for making sure medicines and medical devices work and are acceptably safe. To read more about what happens in clinical trials [click here](#)

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Research opportunities

PAPAA supports well run medical research and does this via the following:

- Supporting research by providing research grants
- Promoting research programmes
- Publicising results of research
- Helping to recruit into research

PAPAA is open to applications for funds [via grant giving process](#).

NIHR Partner Organisation status

The Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Alliance (PAPAA) meets the criteria for National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Partner Organisation status for its Research Grants funding stream.

Therefore, the Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Alliance is an NIHR Partner Organisation in respect of its Research Grants funding stream. Studies funded through this funding stream are eligible for inclusion in the NIHR Clinical Research Network Portfolio and therefore able to access NHS support via the NIHR Clinical Research Network infrastructure.

You can find further information at: [NIHR Clinical Research Network Portfolio](#)



Recruits needed

Do you have psoriasis?

- Are you interested in helping to test a potential new treatment?
- A total of 3 overnight stays and 8-10 outpatient visits (Part C)
- A total of 2x3 & 1x2 overnight stays and 12 outpatient visits (Part D)

People are needed to take part in a forthcoming clinical trial and help to treat psoriasis in the future.

You will be reimbursed for your time and inconvenience

To find out if you qualify, ***please call*** the researchers on:

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