



UK Dermatology Clinical Trials Network

Policy on Working with Commercial Organisations

Scope:

The current remit of the UK DCTN is to answer research questions that are important to the NHS through non-industry funded sources, although we may develop ways of working with industry colleagues in the future.

Policy:

- We do not undertake research studies for the pharmaceutical industry or offer them advice or support.
- All investigators/authors wishing to develop studies with the UK DCTN are requested to declare if their study has any commercial links.
- Commercial involvement may occur in individual studies e.g. provision of drugs/devices and this will be addressed on a study by study basis by the relevant study teams and sponsors.
- Members of the UK DCTN Executive Committee are requested to declare any commercial conflicts of interest.

Queries from companies wishing to work with the UK DCTN should be addressed using the following suggested text:

Many thanks for getting in touch about X and the potential involvement of the UK DCTN in your study. As you will see from our website we have a policy of not working with industry as our remit is very much conducting research with academics and clinicians within the NHS for patient benefit <http://www.ukdctn.org/about/constitution-and-policies/index.aspx>.

We would recommend that you contact the NIHR (National Institute for Health Research) Clinical Research Network Industry team. They have the infrastructure in place to provide the help and support that you require. They will be able to give guidance with regards to feasibility, costings etc in addition to site identification and support once the studies have been set up. This link <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/partners-and-industry/> will give you all the information and contact details.

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