

14th Clinical Evaluation and Trials Board Decisions from the meeting of 27th and 28th October 2010

Full proposals

The following full proposals have been recommended for funding subject to certain conditions:

Project ref.	Applicant	Institution	Project Title
09/55/33	Dr Christopher McDermott	The University of Sheffield	A Randomised Controlled Trial In Patients With Respiratory Muscle Weakness Due to Motor Neurone Disease of the NeuRx RA/4 Diaphragm Pacing System (DiPALS)
09/104/19	Dr Mike Thomas	The University of Aberdeen	A controlled study of the effectiveness of breathing training exercises taught by a physiotherapist by either instructional videos/DVDs/internet download or by face-to-face sessions in the management of asthma in adults
09/104/21	Dr Christine Roffe	Keele University	The Stroke Oxygen Study (SO2S): A multi-centre, prospective, randomised, open, blinded-endpoint study to assess whether routine oxygen supplementation (ROS) in the first 72 hours after a stroke improves long-term outcome
09/144/51	Professor Timothy Walsh	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh	The Age of Blood Evaluation Study (ABLE)

Further information on the above projects will be provided on the HTA website, once the project has started.

Outline proposals

The following outline proposals have been shortlisted to submit a full proposal for consideration by the NIHR HTA Clinical Evaluation and Trials Board at its next meeting

Project ref.	Applicant	Institution	Project Title
10/50/02	Professor Robert Howard	King's College London	Can Assistive Technologies Extend Independent Living for People with Dementia?
10/50/04	Dr Miriam Johnson	The University of Hull	Opioids for the relief of breathlessness in stable chronic heart failure
10/50/06	Dr Emma Loveman	The University of Southampton	Treatments for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis: a systematic review and economic evaluation
10/50/14	Professor David Richards	The University of Exeter	COBRA (Cost and Outcome of Behavioural Activation): a Randomised Controlled Trial of Behavioural Activation versus Cognitive Therapy for Depression
10/50/20	Professor Kate Davidson	The University of Glasgow	The impact of cognitive behavioral therapy-enhanced nationally recommended care packages on outcome for those with borderline personality disorder
10/50/23	Professor Irene Higginson	King's College London	OPTIMISE MS (Optimising Palliative Care In Multiple Sclerosis) Study: A randomised trial of the cost-effectiveness of short-term palliative care for people severely affected by Multiple Sclerosis in reducing symptoms and caregiver burden.

Outline proposals (continued)

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Project ref.	Applicant	Institution	Project Title
10/50/27	Professor Mike Murphy	NHS Blood and Transplant and Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust	A multi-centre randomised controlled trial evaluating the feasibility and safety of restrictive versus liberal early blood transfusion strategies in patients presenting with Acute Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding
10/50/41	Dr Nick Maskell	The University of Bristol	Randomised controlled trial evaluating the efficacy of indwelling pleural catheters versus standard pleural management in refractory symptomatic pleural effusions of a benign aetiology
10/50/42	Dr Nick Maskell	The University of Bristol	Prospective randomised trial evaluating the efficacy of local anaesthetic thoracoscopy and talc poudrage versus talc slurry pleurodesis (TAPPS)
10/50/43	Mr Anthony King	Nottingham University Hospitals	Treatment of Advanced Glaucoma Study (TAGS)
10/50/49	Dr Douglas Adamson	Tayside University Hospitals	Palliative radiotherapy in addition to self-expanding metal stent for improving outcomes of dysphagia and survival in advanced oesophageal cancer: ROCS (Radiotherapy after Oesophageal Cancer Stenting) Study
10/50/65	Professor Jane Blazeby	The University of Bristol	The ROLO trial. Randomised oesophagectomy: minimalLly invasive or Open surgery
10/50/70	Mr James Catto	The University of Sheffield	High grade Bladder cancer: A randomised controlled trial of Radical Cystectomy against intra-vesical immunotherapy – A feasibility study. (BRAVO)