



A new study looking at antibiotic treatment duration for cellulitis

Are you interested in helping the research team?

What are we doing?

We are conducting a research study to see if a shorter antibiotic treatment course works as well as a longer treatment course in people being treated for cellulitis of the leg in primary care.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking to recruit someone to join a Data Monitoring Committee for the study. We are looking for someone who:

- is familiar with cellulitis as a patient, a carer or in some other capacity;
- has experience of reading and interpreting large amounts of numerical data;
- is confident contributing to formal meetings.

We particularly encourage those who are from under-represented groups to apply.

How could you be involved?

If you are interested, we would like to invite you to be a **public member** of the independent Data Monitoring Committee for the COAT trial. This will involve:

- attending an online (MS Teams) meeting approximately once every six months for up an hour and a half, to discuss the project;
- reviewing data collected during the study;
- together with other members of the Data Monitoring Committee, make decisions about safety and feasibility of the study.

Please note that you will **not** be participating in the research or receive treatment as a patient or public member of the research team.

How we will support you?

We will help you to understand the topic of our research and the research methods we are using. We will also give you specific training on being part of a data monitoring committee and understanding the emerging trial data. We will pay you for your time when you attend meetings including reasonable preparation time e.g. reading documents. If meeting face to face, we will reimburse travel costs and any reasonable carer costs that might be incurred.

What do you need to do now?

If you are interested in becoming involved and would like more information, please contact: COAT Trial Manager – Sophie Varkonyi-Clifford: coat@soton.ac.uk

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