The role of the research nurse

Why research nurses are your friend!

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What will you hear today?

• What is a research nurse?
• What do they do?
• What are they like?
• Why do they do it?
• And lots of things about me!
What is a research nurse?
Nurse:
• a person trained to care for the sick or infirm, especially in a hospital.

Research:
• the systematic investigation into and study of materials and sources in order to establish facts and draw conclusions.
Research nurse

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Nurse researcher
What do research nurses do?
Nurturing relationships

- Patients
- Health services staff
- Research Nurse
- Trial management teams
- Local research teams
Conflicting responsibilities?
Caring for your trial protocol

Development

Feasibility

Delivery

Close down
Caring for your patient

- Screening
- Informed consent
- Treatment
- End of study
- Transition of care
Getting the balance right
A dynamic and progressive career
What does it take to be a research nurse?

• Confidence
• Ability to accept responsibility
• Ability to make decisions
• Optimism
• Adaptability
• Stamina
• Assertiveness
• Flexibility
• Negotiating skills
• Conflict resolution skills
• Motivation
• Creativity

Passion
Why do we do it?

I love being a research nurse as I get to not only make a difference to the patient I am seeing’s life, but also to make a positive impact on the lives of potentially thousands of patients who will benefit from new treatments.

You get more quality time with patients.

It felt good to be challenged – even if it was daily. And you grow in ways you never imagine.

Because my job in research is making the future today and everything that I have done will have counted towards the cancer treatment of the future, which will go on forever.
Thank you for listening

Any questions?