Thinking of undertaking some research in your practice? The RCGP can help with Research Ready online governance tool.

“The ‘Research Ready’ process increased the knowledge of research and level of interest in research matters at the practice.”
  
  Dr Carol Jones, Creffield Road Surgery, Colchester

“Primary care research is extremely rewarding and if you do get involved, you are giving your practice the opportunity to make a difference to this very important area.”
  
  Dr David Seamark, Honiton Surgery, Devon

What Is It?

- **Research Ready** is a streamlined web based self-assessment tool designed to ensure that practices engaged in research, to whatever extent, are aware of their responsibilities, have the ability to carry these out, as well as ensuring patient safety and professional protection.
- **Research Ready** is aimed at all practices taking part in research, and to those that wish to become involved in research studies.
- Practices will be asked to complete a self-assessed form based on 5 Core Competencies and enter information on their practice demographics and research interests.

Why be Assessed Under this Scheme?

The Research Ready scheme:

- Enables practices to reflect on their ability and capacity to conduct high quality research.
- Helps practices ensure they meet with the requirements of the Research Governance Framework.
- Provides a means for chief investigators, study teams, MHRA inspections and Research Management & Governance staff to be satisfied that any practice accredited to Research Ready level is up-to-date and compliant with these standards.
- Provide a practice feel good factor – that the practice is at the leading edge of primary care research.
- Can be used as evidence for the research domain in your appraisal, and during revalidation.
- Practices will also be provided with information about local research opportunities.

What Does It Involve?

- Every practice in the UK is invited to undertake the Research Ready self-accreditation.
- The practice identifies a Research Lead, who must be a clinician, to manage the assessment, however they do not need to be a member of the RCGP.
- The practice is issued with a username and password and, works through the assessment with staff in the practice who are, or might be, involved in research. The whole process takes about 4 hours.
- RCGP can provide virtual support for practices interested in Research Ready self-accreditation.
- Local NIHR CRN network staff can provide practical, local support, if needed.

Does It Cost Anything?

- Yes - One-off charge of £150 for a 3-year period of accreditation. Practices accredited before October 2011 will be required to pay when they renew their accreditation.
- Funding for this charge can be offset against any income the practice receives from its research activities.

Interested?
Then why not visit [www.rcgp.org.uk/researchready](http://www.rcgp.org.uk/researchready) or call 0203 188 7594.

Research Ready has been developed in conjunction with the National Institute for Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network (CRN).