

# North West Surgical Trials Centre

**ABOUT US:** The North West Surgical Trials Centre (NWSTC) is one of five Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCS) Surgical Trials Units which have been established during 2013. Core funding from the RCS and Cancer Research UK has been provided to support the development of new surgical trials. The NWSTC is a collaboration between University of Liverpool and the University of Manchester and through their trials unit, Liverpool Cancer Trials Unit (LCTU) and the Manchester Academic Health Science Centre (MAHSC) unit.

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## Launch Event

The NWSTC was successfully launched in September 2013 at Haydock Park Racecourse. The event was attended by over 150 surgeons from across the North West region, from across a range of surgical disciplines.



The event was opened by the NWSTC Director, Professor Nigel Bundred, followed by a talk from Professor Derek Alderson on the ***Surgical Trials Initiative*** and closed by Professor Dion Morton on ***Putting Clinical Trials at the Centre of Modern Surgical Practice***

We would like to thank everyone who was involved in making the day so successful and to those that attended.



# Clinical Study Groups

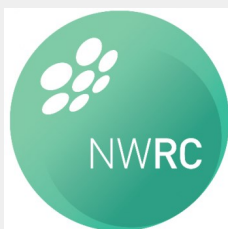
One of the highlights of the launch event, was the breakaway session for the Clinical Studies Group (CSGs). The eventual aim of the CSGs is to be responsible, in liaison with the RCS and NWSTC, for the development and delivery of a trials portfolio that encompasses both academic and industry-funded trials.

Throughout the course of the year, we plan on building on the success at the launch event and further develop the role of the CSGs.

We are holding a meeting with CSG leads on the 10th June at the Holiday Inn, Haydock; which will include representa-

tives from the following surgical disciplines: Breast, Head and Neck, Hepato-biliary, Orthopaedics and Pancreas

If you wish to participate with a CSG, or wish to establish a CSG in your surgical discipline, then please do not hesitate to contact Gemma Nanson on 0151 794 8974



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## Trainees

The NWSTC is pleased to support 2 trainee research collaborative groups: **North West Research Collaborative** and **Mersey Research Group for Surgery**. Please visit their websites for more information:  
[www.nwresearch.org](http://www.nwresearch.org)  
[www.mergsurgery.co.uk](http://www.mergsurgery.co.uk)

We plan to organise a showcase between both collaboratives and the Senior Management of the NWSTC, where the trainees can showcase their upcoming research projects for further guidance and development



### If you wish to discuss:

- A new trial proposal
- Require assistance with a grant application
- Or need general help and advice on trial design, statistics, databases etc.

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