



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

12th ESO Edinburgh Stroke Research Workshop

1st-3rd September 2025

St Leonard's Hall –

St Trinnean's & Bonnar rooms

The University of Edinburgh Hospitality and Events Collection,

Accommodation – The Scholar Hotel, University of Edinburgh

18 Holyrood Park Road,

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Participant's list:

Participant Name		Country
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Sunday 31st August 2025

19:30	Welcome dinner for particants hosted by Dr Fergus Doubal/Dr Diana Aguiar de Sousa Salisbury Arms Hotel, 58 Dalkeith Road, EH16 5AD - https://maps.app.goo.gl/tSh2bvt564fkZ2gU8
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Day 1: Monday 1st September 2025
Venue: Edinburgh in person conference
Developing Questions

Learning objectives			
To be able to develop a research question that is relevant to:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • patients • clinical practice • science 			
and which has not been answered already and can be answered within reasonable time and cost constraints			
Chair – Fergus and Diana			
09:00-09:30	<i>Welcome</i>	Introduction, questions	Fergus Doubal/ Diana Aguiar de Sousa
09:30-10:00	Lecture 1	Aims and objectives to the course and choosing a research question	Fergus Doubal
10:00-10:30	Lecture 2	Should your study be an observational study or a clinical trial?	Rustam Al-shahi Salman
10:30-11:00	Refreshment break in St Leonard's Foyer		
Chair – Fred			
11:00-11:30		Research prioritisation	Terry Quinn
11:30-12:30	Lecture 3	Developing idea practical 1	Faculty – Terry, Fergus, Diana, Silke, Fred
12:30-13:30	Lunch in St Leonard's Foyer		
Chair –			
13:30-14:00	Lecture 4	How to be published	Terry Quinn
14:00-14:30	Lecture 5	Impact session	Diana Aguiar de Sousa
14:30-15:00	Refreshment break in St Leonard's Foyer		
Chair – Fred			
15:00-15:45		Mixed methodologies (practical session) Qualitative research: what role can it play in clinical trials?	Lisa Kidd
15:45-16:45		Developing idea - Session 2	Faculty - Terry, Fergus, Diana, Silke, Fred
16:45		Close of day	
19:30	Course dinner - Howies Restaurant, The Carlton room, 29 Waterloo Place, EH1 3BQ https://maps.app.goo.gl/MDpfA64BvKnXLkXF8		

Day 2: Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Research Practicalities

Learning objectives			
Obtain knowledge on the planning of a research project including:			
Regulations: ethics, national drug agencies/competent authorities, and data protection agencies, hospitals, MHRA, data governance			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICH-GCP • Development of a protocol: get all the right data that can easily be analyzed and answer your question; find a format that can be shared with others • Means to ensure timely delivery 			
Chair – Silke			
09:00	<i>Welcome</i>	Reminder that grant application and PP deadline is tomorrow – Wednesday 0700hrs	
09:00-09:45	Lecture 6	Regulation made less painful: R&D, Ethics, Medicines, and Data regulation (perhaps focus on first step in ethics)	Bart van der Worp
09:45-10:15	Lecture 7	Literature critical appraisal – practical session	Else Sandset
10:15-10:45	Refreshment break in St Leonard's Foyer		
10:45-11:15		Presenting data	Ben Bray
11:15-12:15		Developing your idea – Session 3	Faculty - Fergus, Diana, Silke, Fred, Bart
12:15-13:15	Lunch in St Leonard's Foyer		

Day 2 Tues 2nd September 2025
Research Practicalities

Chair – Silke



13:15-13:45	Lecture 7	Practical session – visual abstracts	Ben Bray
13:45-14:15	Lecture 8	How statistics makes a difference in medical research?	Francesca Chappell
14:15-14:45	Refreshment break in St Leonard's Foyer		
Chair – Fred			
14:45-15:15	Lecture 9	How to organise your work to deliver better research	Atul Anand
15:30-16:15		Speed Networking	Frederike van Wijck
19:30	Course dinner: Pizza Posto, 16 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9DH https://maps.app.goo.gl/RjFvnnWuPL21tJf78		
Email your power point presentation and one page grant application to Elaine.Lord@ed.ac.uk and Fergus.Doubal@ed.ac.uk by 0700hrs 03/09/25			

Day 3 Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Communicating your ideas

Learning objectives			
Improve your skills as a researcher who:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can present work succinctly and understandably to others • Can critique others' work positively and in a timely fashion • Can apply funding for future work • Has a good reputation as a researcher • Is a good research citizen 			
Chair – Fergus/Diana			
09:00-09:30	Lecture 11	View from the funder's chair – how to be funded!	Eleanor Davies
09:30-11:15	Presentation	Presentations and feedback 3 minute presentation from each student, with 2 PowerPoint slides	Faculty
11:15-11:30	Refreshment break in St Leonard's Foyer		
Chair – Fergus/Diana			
11:30-12:15	Written application review	Grant board meeting	Faculty
12:15-12:45	Lunch in St Leonard's Foyer		
Chair – Fergus			
12:45-13:15	Lecture 12	The workshop and beyond	Brittany Wells
13:15-13:45	Lecture 13	Where next for stroke research?	Jesse Dawson
13:45-14:15	Lecture 14	Living as a researcher – all about balance	Silke Walter
14:15-14:30		Workshop feedback and close of meeting	

