



13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Colleague

We are delighted to invite you to the Joint RCSEng (Surgical Trials Initiative) and NIHR Clinical Research Network (National Surgery Specialty Group) Research Event on **Tuesday 16 November 2021,** 10:00 to 17.15, followed by a drinks reception in the College Library. The event will take place at the Royal College of Surgeons of England in Lincolns Inn Field, London.

At this event we will showcase and celebrate the remarkable progress made in clinical surgical research across the UK over the past ten years. The day will include updates on RCSEng research activities (Surgical Trials Initiative, Global Surgery, COVID Research Group, Device and Registries Group) as well as discussing initiatives from the NIHR CRN including the Associate PI Scheme as well as proposals for new collaborative networking and research delivery and development activities across all surgical specialities.

We will be welcoming you all to the newly rebuilt home of RCSEng at this event, which will be a great opportunity to network and create new collaborations between NIHR and RCSEng.

Finally, we will be joined by Professor Lucy Chappell, recently appointed Chief Scientific Adviser for the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), who will give a keynote lecture on her vision for the next era of clinical research in surgery.

Please <u>click here to register</u> for this event. All registrations must be submitted by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, to assist with planning.

With best wishes,

Prof Neil Mortensen

President RCSEng **Prof Peter Hutchinson** 

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