



Royal College of  
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### I have an idea for a new UKOSS Study! What is the next step?



#### Where to start

If you have an idea for a new UKOSS study topic but are unsure what to do next, the UKOSS team can help guide you through the simple study application process.

As long as the study proposal fulfils the criteria listed on our website ([www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/ukoss/research-platform/survey-applications](http://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/ukoss/research-platform/survey-applications)), then all you are initially required to do is complete a two page Preliminary Application form which will be considered by the UKOSS Management Group for suitability. If the project is approved, you will then be invited to submit a full application which will be reviewed by the UKOSS Steering Committee (who meet three times a year).

#### Funding

If your study is accepted onto the UKOSS programme then you will be expected to obtain funding prior to the study being included on the monthly report requests. If you need assistance or advice with how to make funding applications or indeed which funder is most appropriate for your particular study, then the UKOSS Steering Committee will be able to offer support.

#### Ethics

You do not need to worry about obtaining ethical approval as UKOSS already holds REC approval (10/H0717/20) and the team will make a substantial amendment to this to include any new study.

#### Further info

All information regarding the study application process (including the Study Application Guide) can be found on our website [www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/ukoss/research-platform/survey-applications](http://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/ukoss/research-platform/survey-applications).

#### Past experience

Laura Goodfellow was one of the study leads for the EPPROM study and has this to say about her experience with UKOSS...

*'The team at University of Liverpool and our patient representative approached UKOSS with an initial idea to study preterm prelabour rupture of membranes (PPROM) under 23 weeks of pregnancy. I attended a very supportive UKOSS meeting where the proposal was given careful consideration. The UKOSS team helpfully guided us through the process of producing a data collection form, including the types of questions that do and don't work. UKOSS also helped us obtain funding for the study, and the funders were especially receptive to the proven track record of UKOSS. The funders even commented that this was a very good value study! The data collection was handled smoothly by the UKOSS team. Now we are at the data analysis and publication stage, and it is great to know the UKOSS team are behind us for all data queries that come my way.'*

If you or your colleagues would like to approach UKOSS with new study ideas or have any questions at all regarding new UKOSS studies then please do not hesitate to get in touch via [ukoss@npeu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ukoss@npeu.ox.ac.uk). We'd love to hear from you!



THIS MONTH

- Meet a new member of the steering committee
- Reminder of the TMA AKI case definition



# Thrombotic Microangiopathy Associated Pregnancy Acute Kidney Injury (TMA/AKI) Study **\*\*EXTENDED\*\***

We are pleased to announce that the TMA/AKI study has been extended by 12 months so the new study end date is **30th June 2024**.

We thought it would be helpful to remind you of the case definition for the TMA/AKI study to assist you with accurate case identification. The case definition is any pregnant woman with:

- A rise in serum creatinine to  $>200$  mmol/l

AND

- Platelet count  $<150 \times 10^9$

AND

- At least one evidence of haemolysis (fragments on blood film, haptoglobin below lower limit of normal or lactate dehydrogenase above upper limit of normal)

**INCLUDED:** All women who have had a diagnosis of pregnancy-specific complications such as pre-eclampsia or HELLP syndrome.

**Excluded:** All women established on renal replacement therapy prior to the acute AKI episode.

If you are unsure if a woman should be included in the study, please email the UKOSS team at [ukoss@npeu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ukoss@npeu.ox.ac.uk) and we can confirm eligibility.

## Longterm Non-invasive ventilation study – Coding for Ethnic Group

We would like to draw your attention to a change in the ethnic group codes on the Non-invasive ventilation in pregnancy form. The codes are now aligned with those used in the 2021 Census of England and Wales so please check the back of the form to ensure that the correct code is entered\*. The new list is as follows:

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| 1. English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British | 8. White and Asian                               | 15. Caribbean  |
| 2. Irish   | 9. Any other mixed or multiple ethnic background | 16. African  |
| 3. Gypsy or Irish Traveller                            | 10. Indian                                       | 17. Any other black, black British or Caribbean background |
| 4. Roma  | 11. Pakistani                                    | 18. Arab   |
| 5. Any other white background                          | 12. Bangladeshi                                  | 19. Any other ethnic group                                 |
| 6. White and black Caribbean                           | 13. Chinese                                      |  |
| 7. White and black African                             | 14. Any other Asian background                   |  |

*\*Please note that all our other studies prior to 2023 will continue to use the old coding system*

## Case Report Summary for Studies up until the end of May 2023

Study	Actual number of reported cases	Data collection forms returned (%)	Expected number of confirmed cases
Amniotic Fluid Embolism	318	292 (92)	220
Biologic Agents in Pregnancy	126	82 (65)	325
Longterm non-invasive ventilation in pregnancy	7	1 (86)	8
New Therapies for Influenza	10	0 (0)	172
Pregnancy in Women with Known Cardiomyopathy	217	152 (70)	398
Severe Pyelonephritis in pregnancy	76	60 (79)	399
Severe Respiratory Virus – RECOVERY trial	1	1 (100)	59
Thrombotic Microangiopathy Associated Pregnancy Acute Kidney Injury	20	12 (60)	306

# Hospital Monthly Reporting Rates: March 2023 – May 2023

3 months reported, 2 months reported, 1 month reported, 0 months reported

Altnagelvin Area Hospital	Princess of Wales Hospital	Luton and Dunstable University Hospital
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	Princess Royal Hospital (Telford)	Princess Anne Hospital
Antrim Hospital	Princess Royal Maternity Hospital	Princess Elizabeth Hospital (Guernsey)
Arrowe Park Hospital	Queen Alexandra Hospital	Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Woolwich)
Ayrshire Maternity Unit	Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital	Raigmore Hospital
Barnet Hospital (Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust)	Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Gateshead)	Royal Berkshire Hospital
Barnsley Hospital	Queen Elizabeth Hospital (King's Lynn)	Royal Cornwall Hospital
Basildon University Hospital	Queen's Hospital (Burton-on-Trent)	Royal Derby Hospital
Bedford Hospital	Queen's Medical Centre	Royal Lancaster Infirmary
Birmingham Women's Hospital	Rosie Maternity Hospital	Royal Surrey County Hospital
Borders General Hospital	Rotherham District General Hospital	Southmead Hospital
Bronglais Hospital	Royal Albert Edward Infirmary	St Mary's Hospital (Isle of Wight)
Caithness General Hospital	Royal Alexandra Hospital	St Michael's Hospital
Causeway Hospital	Royal Free Hospital	St Richard's Hospital
Chesterfield Royal Hospital	Royal Hampshire County Hospital	Stepping Hill Hospital
City Hospital (Birmingham)	Royal Jubilee Maternity Service	University Hospital Coventry
Conquest Hospital (East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust)	Royal United Hospital	University Hospital Lewisham
Countess of Chester Hospital	Royal Victoria Infirmary	West Suffolk Hospital
Craigavon Area Hospital	Russells Hall Hospital	Whipps Cross University Trust Hospital
Croydon University Hospital	Salisbury District Hospital	Aberdeen Maternity Hospital
Cumberland Infirmary	Simpson Centre for Reproductive Health	Darlington Memorial Hospital
Daisy Hill Hospital	Singleton Hospital	Diana Princess of Wales Hospital
Darent Valley Hospital	South West Acute Hospital	East Surrey Hospital
Doncaster Royal Infirmary	Southend University Hospital	Gloucestershire Royal Hospital
Dorset County Hospital	Southern General Hospital	Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital
Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary	St George's Hospital	Homerton University Hospital
Epsom General Hospital	St Helier Hospital	James Cook University Hospital
Forth Valley Royal Hospital	St James's University Hospital	King's Mill Hospital
Furness General Hospital	St John's Hospital	Milton Keynes University Hospital
George Eliot Hospital	St Mary's Hospital (Manchester)	North Middlesex University Hospital
Glan Clwyd District General Hospital	St Peter's Hospital	Poole Hospital
Glangwili General Hospital	Stoke Mandeville Hospital	Princess Royal University Hospital
Good Hope Hospital	Sunderland Royal Hospital	Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital
Heartlands Hospital	Sunderland Royal Hospital	Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital
Hereford County Hospital	Tameside General Hospital	Scunthorpe General Hospital
Hinchingbrooke Hospital	The Great Western Hospital	St Mary's Hospital (London)
Hull Royal Infirmary	The Jessop Wing	Airedale General Hospital
Ipswich Hospital	The Portland Hospital	Bassetlaw District General Hospital
James Paget University Hospital	The Tunbridge Wells Hospital	Calderdale Royal Hospital
Jersey General Hospital	Torbay Hospital	Chelsea & Westminster Hospital
Kettering General Hospital	Ulster Hospital	Derriford Hospital
King's College Hospital	University Hospital of North Midlands	Frimley Park Hospital
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals (Royal Preston Hospital)	University Hospital of North Tees	John Radcliffe Hospital
Leeds General Infirmary	University Hospital of Wales	Lancashire Women and Newborn Centre
Leighton Hospital	Victoria Hospital (Blackpool)	Leicester General Hospital
Lincoln County Hospital	Victoria Hospital (Kirkcaldy)	North Manchester General Hospital
Lister Hospital	Warrington Hospital	Northampton General Hospital
Liverpool Women's Hospital	Warwick Hospital	Princess Royal Hospital (Haywards Heath)
Manor Hospital (Walsall)	Watford General Hospital	Queen's Hospital (Romford)
Medway Maritime Hospital	West Cumberland Hospital	Royal Bolton Hospital
Musgrove Park Hospital	West Middlesex University Hospital	Royal London Hospital
New Cross Hospital	Western Isles Hospital	Royal Oldham Hospital
Newham General Hospital	Wexham Park Hospital	Royal Sussex County Hospital
Ninewells Hospital & Medical School	Whiston Hospital	Scarborough Hospital
Nobles Hospital (Isle of Man)	Whittington Hospital	The Hillingdon Hospital
Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital	William Harvey Hospital	University College Hospital
North Devon District Hospital	Wishaw General Hospital	University Hospital of North Durham
Northumbria Specialist Emergency Hospital	Worthing Hospital	Worcestershire Royal Hospital
Northwick Park Hospital	Wrexham Maelor Hospital	
Nottingham City Hospital	Wythenshawe Hospital	
Ormskirk District General Hospital	Yeovil Women's Hospital	
Peterborough City Hospital	York Hospital	
Pilgrim Hospital	Ysbyty Gwynedd District General Hospital	
Pinderfields General Hospital	Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital	
Prince Charles Hospital	Bradford Royal Infirmary	
Princess Alexandra Hospital	Broomfield Hospital	
	Colchester General Hospital	
	Harrogate District Hospital	
	Kingston Hospital	
	Leicester Royal Infirmary	





## UKOSS Steering Committee

Applications are currently being sought for a Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Representative on the UKOSS Steering Committee.

We are seeking a PPI Representative to join the Steering Committee. If you are aware of anyone who may be interested in joining us, please ask them to contact us at [ukoss@npeu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ukoss@npeu.ox.ac.uk) for an informal discussion about the role. Further information and details on how to apply can be found on our website at:



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[www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/ukoss/news/2209-applications-sought-for-ppi-representative-on-the-ukoss-steering-committee](http://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/ukoss/news/2209-applications-sought-for-ppi-representative-on-the-ukoss-steering-committee)

PPI representatives are paid at NIHR recommended rates for each meeting attended.

**The deadline for applications is 1st September 2023.**

## Star Reporters



This newsletter we would like to thank **Alice Arch**, Obstetric Anaesthetist from Arrowse Park Hospital, **Sandra Sibanda**, Midwife from Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and **Simon Walker**, Clinical Risk Manager from North Devon District Hospital for returning every monthly report **since January 2017!!**

Your edible goodies will be in the post very soon!



## UKOSS Certificates of Contribution



We are aware that as part of your GMC revalidation or NMC Continual Professional Development, you are required to provide evidence of participation in national audit and research. If any UKOSS reporters would like to receive a certificate confirming their contribution to UKOSS, please email us at [ukoss@npeu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ukoss@npeu.ox.ac.uk) and we will get one emailed to you.

## Meet Barbara Macafee who joined the UKOSS Steering Committee in January 2023...



Dr Barbara Macafee has been a consultant anaesthetist for the past 11 years and currently works in the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. Her specialist interests include obstetric and orthopaedic anaesthesia. She practises her obstetric anaesthesia in the tertiary referral Royal Jubilee Maternity Hospital in Belfast. Focal areas for her are perioperative medicine and quality improvement, acting as one of the RCOA POM Leads for the Trust, and contributes regularly to maternity governance and risk management. She continues her involvement in projects relating to blood conservation strategies, TEG/ROTEM and cell salvage in major

haemorrhage and has a developing interest in human factor training and simulation. Barbara is an experienced educational supervisor and RCOA College Tutor and is heavily involved in teaching and training multidisciplinary teams.

She has enjoyed being part of the UKOSS steering committee so far, due to the collaborative, informative and progressive nature of the work plus the multidisciplinary representation on the committee. She looks forward to using her anaesthetic experience to contribute to project discussions, supporting research into rare disorders in obstetrics and learning from work being undertaken across the country.

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