

The 11th Edinburgh Clinical Research Methodology Course

Day 1: Monday 11 May 2026

09:00 - 09:30	<i>Day 1 Registration and Coffee</i>	
09:30 - 10:00	Networking for Impostors: How to Talk to People Without Feeling Like a Fraud	
10:00 - 10:15	Research Methods 101	Dr Atul Anand <i>University of Edinburgh</i> Dr Lucy Whitaker <i>University of Edinburgh</i>
10:15 - 10:45	How to ask a research question and set up a hypothesis	Dr Andrea Woolner <i>University of Aberdeen</i>
10:45 - 11:25	Before you start: conduct a systematic review!	Professor Malcolm Macleod tbc <i>University of Edinburgh</i>
11:25 - 12:00	'Bench to bedside – why do translational studies?	Professor Neeraj Dhaun <i>University of Edinburgh</i>
12:00 - 13:00	<i>Lunch and Networking Challenge</i>	
13:00 - 13:30	The Regulatory Maze: how to navigate research approvals & regulations	Jo Merrifield <i>University of Edinburgh</i>
13:30 - 14:30	Engaging with a Research Ethics Committee	Mr Lindsay Murray <i>University of Edinburgh</i> ACCORD Rep tbc
14:30 - 15:00	<i>Tea & Coffee</i>	
15:00 - 15:30	The principles of randomised controlled trials	Professor Andrew Horne <i>University of Edinburgh</i>
15:30 - 16:10	How to assess a diagnostic test	Professor Katie Morris <i>University of Birmingham</i>
16:10 - 16:50	Using record linkage data to address a clinical research question	Dorien Kimenai <i>University of Edinburgh</i>
16:50	<i>Drinks and canapes</i>	

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Day 2: Tuesday 12 May 2026

09:00 - 09:30	Day 2 Registration and Coffee	
09:30 - 10:10	An introduction to health economics	Dr Alex Bates GSK
10:10 - 10:50	Patient & Public Involvement in Clinical Research	
10:50 - 11:20	What can we learn from qualitative research in clinical trials?	Dr Fiona Dobbie University of Edinburgh
11:20 - 11:50	Tea & Coffee	
11:50 - 12:40	PANEL: Creating impact from health research including in collaboration with industry	
12:40 - 13:40	Lunch and Networking	
13:40 - 14:20	Reporting research, writing papers, responding to reviewers, and appealing	Dr Callam Davidson The Lancet
14:30 - 15:00	PANEL: Career pathways for clinical academics & the role of mentoring	
15:00 - 15:30	Tea & Coffee	
15:30 - 16:00	Science Communication – more than just papers	
16:00 - 16:40	How to write the perfect grant proposal	Professor Susan Shenkin University of Edinburgh & NHS Lothian
16:45	Day 2 Close	