

## Glossary of terms used on this website and commonly used in research applications:

Full glossary of research terms also available on:  
<http://www.ct-toolkit.ac.uk/glossary.cfm>

Acronym	Definition
ARSAC	Administration of Radioactive Substances Advisory Committee
CAS	Central Allocation System
CCRN	Comprehensive Clinical Research Network
CI	Chief Investigator
CLRN	Comprehensive Local Research Network
COREC	Central Office of Research Ethics Committees (superseded by NRES)
CRUK	Cancer Research UK
CSP	Co-ordinated System for gaining NHS Permission
CT	Computerized Tomography
CTA	Clinical Trial Authorisation
CTAAC	Clinical Trials Advisory and Awards Committee
CTAg	Clinical Trial Agreement
CTG	Clinical Trials Group
CTIMP	Clinical Trial of an Investigational Medicinal Product
DCE MRI	Dynamic contrast-enhanced magnetic resonance imaging
DENDRON	Dementias and Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network
DRN	Diabetes Research Network
ECG or Echo	Echocardiogram
ECG	Electrocardiogram
EU Directive	European Union Clinical Trials Directive (2001/20 EC) <a href="http://www.wctn.org.uk/downloads/EU_Directive/Directive.pdf">www.wctn.org.uk/downloads/EU_Directive/Directive.pdf</a>
EudraCT	European clinical trials database
GCP	Good Clinical Practice
HHH	Hemel Hempstead Hospital
(H)RDSU	Health Research & Development Support Unit
HTA	Human Tissue Authority
ICAS	Independent Complaints Advocacy Service
ICH GCP	International Conference for Harmonization of Good Clinical Practice
IRAS	Integrated Research Application System
IRMER	Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations
MCRN	Medicines for Children Research Network
MHRA	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
MHRN	Mental Health Research Network
MREC	Multicentre Research Ethics Committee
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MUGA	Multigated Acquisition
NCRN	National Cancer Research Network
NPSA	National Patient Safety Agency
NRES	National Research Ethics Service
PALS	Patient Advisory & Liaison Service
PCRN	Primary Care Research Network
PET CT	Positron emission tomography & Computerized tomography
PI	Principle Investigator
QEII	Queen Elizabeth II Hospital
RDSG	Research & Development Steering Group

REC	Research Ethics Committee
SACH	St. Albans City Hospital
SAE	Serious Adverse Event
SHA	Strategic Health Authority
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SPCRN	Scottish Primary Care Research Network
SRN	Stroke Research Network
SSA	Site Specific Assessment
SSAe	Site Specific Assessment Exempt
SSAR	Suspected Serious Adverse Reaction
SSIF	Site Specific Information Form
SUSAR	Suspected Unexpected Serious Adverse Reaction
UKCRN	United Kingdom Clinical Research Network
WGH	Watford General Hospital
WHHT	West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust
WORD	Wales Office of Research and Development in Health and Social Care