New Drugs for Bad Bugs

We are involved in an exciting European 3-year study that is finding new ways to fight “bad bugs”. You may be aware that strains of bacteria that are resistant to standard antibiotic treatment are an increasing problem. This European research study is developing new treatments for infections with multi-resistant bacteria.

We are keen to gain the views of people who have either suffered from a serious infection that required hospital treatment, or a close family member of someone who has had a serious infection requiring hospitalisation, to be part of a patient/public focus group. We would like to discuss with you some of the issues involved in developing a new drug and the steps we need to take before we can use this new drug to treat patients.

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People who have experienced a serious infection, or their families, may have a different perspective to researchers. You can help us to understand what is important to people who may benefit from new treatments. We would also like you to help us to ensure that the research stays relevant and that what we are expecting of patients who take part in trials is reasonable. We anticipate that you will be involved in:

- Informal discussions to gain your views on the research itself and any ethical questions raised.
- Reading and commenting on research documentation to help us ensure it is easy to understand and communicates an appropriate amount of information for patients who might wish to take part in research e.g: Patient Information Sheets.
- Discussions on some of the practical aspects of the research and whether this raises any difficulties for patients.

Starting in September 2015, we anticipate holding meetings every two months for approximately two hours. However, the frequency could change over time and we would not expect you to attend every meeting.

If you are interested in being involved would you please contact Sally Grier, Research Nurse, by e-mail or telephone. We will then set up an initial group meeting to explain the project in more detail, what will be involved, and to give you the opportunity to ask any questions.

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