



## **Paediatric Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (PedCRIN)**

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## The POPART trial is ready for recruitment: interview with principal investigator

**Colm O'Donnell is a neonatologist** and a professor at the National Maternity Hospital & Our Lady's Children's Hospital; University College Dublin; Director of Clinical Research, National Children's Research Centre in Dublin, Ireland. We recently spoke to him about the use of the prophylactic oropharyngeal surfactant for preterm infants, the POPART trial and the importance of establishing multinational neonatal clinical trials and research infrastructures. The **PedCRIN supported POPART trial** is now ready for recruitment. This is one of the major successes of the PedCRIN project achieved.



The goal of the POPART trial (Prophylactic Oropharyngeal surfactant for Preterm babies: A Randomised Trial) is to examine whether, in addition to CPAP, giving premature babies surfactant into the pharynx immediately after birth so that they will aspirate it directly into their lungs will reduce the number of them that are later intubated for breathing support. Find the entire interview [here](#).

## PedCRIN support for multinational clinical studies

PedCRIN started support for two of the participating studies: The **WE-study** and the **POPART-study**. The support for the third study: **OTBB3** will continue this year. More **information about the selection process and about the participating studies can be found on the PedCRIN [website](#)**.

Project Title	Country
Project 1: The WE study-Walking Easier with cerebral palsy	Norway
Project Synopses: WE Study	France
Website: <a href="https://stake.no/WE-studen">https://stake.no/WE-studen</a>	Poland (ZigZag)
	Ireland
Project 2: A randomised trial of prophylactic oropharyngeal surfactant for preterm infants: the POPART trial	Denmark
Project Synopses: POPART	Sweden
	Norway
	Italy
	Portugal
	Czech Republic
Project 3: Oxyboon Treatment in Neonates/Infants with Prader-Willi syndrome: effects of intranasal administrations of oxytocin in infants aged from 0 to 3 months vs placebo on sucking and swallowing (phase III clinical trial)	France
Project Synopses: OTBB3	Belgium
	Italy
	Netherlands
	Germany

## PedCRIN Interim Review Meeting

The **PedCRIN Interim Review Meeting** took place in Brussels, November 26th 2018. PedCRIN work packages presented their work and discussed progress with the European Commission and an external reviewer. The conclusions were positive about the past and the current activities of the project with recommendations for the sustainability of the tools and the services developed in the project.

## Communication and Consultation Toolkits

Work package 5 (WP5) developed two toolkits to **increase the networking and patient empowerment activities**. These toolkits can be used by the beneficiaries participating in WP5. A

**‘communication toolkit’ is developed to support networking activities and activities in regard to spreading the word about PedCRIN. A ‘consultation toolkit’ is developed to support consultation activities** with parents and children concerning the studies supported by PedCRIN (WE-study, POPART-study and OTBB3-study).

Those beneficiaries able to perform such consultations can use the consultation tool kit.

The tool kit will help them organize such consultations. **A survey to explore among the**

**beneficiaries how they can help and support networking and/or patient empowerment activities is being developed**. As soon as the toolkits are finalized they will be shared.



## PedCRIN participation in KoNECT-MFDS

PedCRIN participated in the “2018 **KoNECT-MFDS International Conference**” in Seoul, Korea. This event took place from October 31st to November 2nd 2018. **ECRIN’s Director General, Jacques Demotes, gave a talk on “Rare diseases and paediatric clinical research networks in Europe”**. He highlighted initiatives in Europe to improve support for clinical research on rare diseases and paediatrics, including the Paediatric Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (PedCRIN) project.

## What's PedCRIN?

The Paediatric Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (**PedCRIN**) brings **together** the European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (**ECRIN**) and the founding partners of the European Paediatric Clinical Trial Research Infrastructure (**EPCT-RI**) to **develop capacity for the management of multinational paediatric non-commercial clinical trials**. **PedCRIN is a four-year project funded by the European Union’s Horizon 2020 programme**, launched on the 1st January 2017 (grant agreement number 731046).





The aim of PedCRIN is to develop the necessary tools and capacity to enhance the quality, safety, efficacy and ethical standards of multinational, non-commercial paediatric clinical trials. PedCRIN will effectively bridge paediatricians and other partners across Europe (and internationally) to combine resources and expertise to conduct and manage robust studies, while minimising risk and protecting the child participants. **Continue reading about the PedCRIN project, the work packages it contains and the project partners on the [website](#). If you would like to stay informed about PedCRIN follow its [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) profiles.**



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