**Embracing Medical Research**

***We have been delighted by the amount of support we have received from The Good Practice patients and it has been a privilege to work with you on important and life-saving medical research.***

 ***Dr Hammond Principal Research Investigator***

**The Good Practice is working closely with The National Institute of Health Research (**[**NIHR**](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/)**), colleagues in the NHS, academics and pharmaceutical companies on clinical and social care research.**

**As a team we believe strongly in playing a pivotal role in helping to develop and support research. It is critical to finding new treatments and interventions to improve the health and wellbeing of our patient community and the whole of society.**

**We invite all our eligible patients to participate in studies and take participants step by step through the process and monitor everyone carefully. Our research studies vary widely. We undertake social care research studies which can involve brief interventions speaking to and learning from patients and clinical research including genealogy testing and new methodology into the detection of cancers.**

***I am proud to be a part of the research studies that The Good Practice are leading. Their team has helped so much in answering any questions I may have and guide me through every step of the way. I hope that these studies and my participation will pave the way for important findings in medicine to help others around the world.***

 ***Traci Coulter – Participant in the Vaccine Trial***

**Since the emergence of Covid 19 there has been a worldwide search to find effective vaccines.  This has been enormously successful.  However, while vaccination rates are still increasing around the world scientists are still developing new vaccines because current vaccines may not provide sufficient protection against new variants.**

**We are currently contributing in the global Trial 3 phase of a new Covid booster working with the National Institute for Health Research and a number of commercial partners. The study is investigating the safety and immune response of a new booster vaccine. Initial findings have identified no safety concerns and the study will continue throughout 2022.**

**Thorough research is essential to make sure a vaccine is safe and effective for the public. We would like to thank everyone who is**

**participating in this particular trial. With your help we are together contributing to the development of a potentially new treatment and the advancement of healthcare for society.**

***Diversity is paramount in clinical research, as patients of different ethnicities, ages and backgrounds respond differently to the same treatment. We strive to recruit participants from a diverse patient population for all our research studies.***

***Jan du Plessis, Research Coordinator***

***Medicine is always evolving and it is crucial we are a part of that for all our patients to ensure they get the best treatments now and in the future.***

***Cameron McIvor, Deputy Practice Manager***

***Thank you to everyone who has been involved in all our studies so far. Please do get in touch if you are interested in hearing more about how you can be involved with research at The Good Practice.***

***Angela Garvey Hammond, Clinical Research Practitioner***