

**Report on One Day Workshop on Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods, UK QuinteT
Recruitment Intervention (QRI), OrION-India Study Proposal**

The Quintet Recruitment Intervention (QRI) has been developed by the Quintet (Qualitative Research Integrated within Trials) team at the University of Bristol, led by Professor Jenny Donovan. The aim of the QRI is to understand the process of recruitment to Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs) as it actually occurs in clinical centres/sites, to gather evidence about the origin of difficulties quickly (using standard and novel research methods), and then to produce a plan to address the difficulties to be put into effect in close collaboration with the Chief Investigator (CI), Trial Management Group (TMG) and Clinical Trials Unit (CTU). The QRI can be applied in the feasibility or pilot stage of a developing RCT or to an RCT that has encountered recruitment difficulties or shortfalls.

In view of the above, VMRF-DU organised a one day workshop on "Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods and QuinteT recruitment Intervention for the faculty members who are involved and interested in Clinical Trials" on 3rd January, 2020 at University Board Room for better understanding the process of recruitment to RCTs and aims to facilitate informed decision making by patients about RCT participation and to increase recruitment..

Resource Person : Dr.Sangeetha Paramasivan, Research Fellow, University of Bristol, UK

Venue: University Board Room, VMRF-DU Salem

Dr.S.Suriyanarayanan, Deputy Director Research Welcomed all the dignitaries and delegates of the workshop. Prof. P.K Sudhir, Vice Chancellor, VMRF-DU delivered presidential address. During his address he emphasized the importance of clinical trials and the benefits of the clinical trials in Health Care Management. Dr.J.Sabarinathan, Director Academics introduced the resource person and congratulated all the participants for their active participation. Dr.Annabelle Rajasekaran, Director VMRF-DU briefed about the importance of clinical trials and the need.

The following Technical sessions were handled by the resource person Dr.Sangeetha Paramasivan, University of Bristol, UK.

Workshop Part 1: Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods (1 hour 15 mins)

Interactive Lecture and Practical: Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods

- What is qualitative research?

- How to do qualitative research?
- How to appraise qualitative research?

Workshop Part 2: UK QRI and OrION-India Study Proposal

UK QRI (QuinteT Recruitment Intervention): An introduction

Challenges of RCT recruitment and the QRI as applied in the UK

Key findings in the UK: Recruitment Strategies

- Identifying patients
- Patient treatment preferences
- Conveying equipoise
- Communicating RCT terminology

Case study: QRI in the UK By-Band-Sleeve RCT

The OrION-India Study Proposal (Optimising Informed consent in clinical trials in India)

- Background and systematic review findings
- Methods
- Progress to date

30 participants were registered from Medical, Dental, Physiotherapy, Homeopathy Colleges of VMRF-DU. All the sessions were very interactive and the speaker answered many queries raised by the participants.

