



A study to investigate whether  
"early" use of tracheostomy or "late" use of tracheostomy  
is of benefit to patients in Intensive Care

Dear Relative

This Intensive Care Unit (ICU) supports medical research to improve patient care and is currently involved in the national TracMan Study, funded by the Intensive Care Society. More than 40 UK intensive care units are taking part.

If the consultant in charge of your relative's care thinks that it is appropriate, you may be approached by a member of our ICU team to discuss your relative's possible involvement in this research study.

It is likely that your relative is not well enough to be able to decide for him/herself whether to participate. If this is the case, we will ask you to give your opinion as to whether you think your relative would have objected to taking part in this medical research.

This study has been approved by a Research and Ethics Committee, and the Research and Development Office.

If you would like any more information about the TracMan Study, please speak to a member of the ICU team.

Thank you.