

1.04 Patients' Attitudes towards Medical Research in the Severe Asthma Clinic in Cork University Hospital.

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Background: Asthma research has led to significant advances in understanding disease pathogenesis and subsequent treatment. The severe asthma clinic in CUH is involved in multiple asthma clinical trials. The aim of this survey was to assess patients' attitudes to research, their willingness to partake in research including clinical trials and to determine any barriers which may prevent engagement.

Methods: An exploratory, closed ended, Likert and dichotomous survey questionnaire was distributed over 3 months to patients attending the Severe Asthma Clinic in C.U.H.

Results: All patients' felt research was an important part of medical care. The vast majority of outcomes demonstrated a positive attitude towards research with a majority happy to partake in research if they were asked.

Conclusion: This survey demonstrated that patients understood the value of clinical research. It is promising that a majority of patients attending the severe asthma clinic are happy to partake in clinical research.

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