

# Research and Audit Federation of Trainees (RAFT)

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**RAFT** has had a busy year and we'd love to share what we've been up to.

First, thank-you to everyone who has taken part in our fourth RAFT project – **POPPY**. This investigated pain after daycase surgery and recruited over 9,000 patients earlier this year. This study registered the highest number of associate principal investigators (PIs) ever and we'd like to thank all trainee research networks (TRNs) and trainees for being so engaged. Our initial results will be presented at the AAGBI winter scientific meeting and are being written up for publication.

RAFT is always keen to ensure that all trainees can take part in research and QI by championing and sharing knowledge between our affiliated trainee research networks. We heard about a lot of amazing TRN projects at our AGM – this included REPACC (Retrospective Evaluation of Postoperative Alternatives to Critical Care) and PEACH-SW (Provision of Enhanced And Critical Care for Higher-risk Patients in the South West), which both looked at the provision for enhanced care in different areas of the country.

Finally, we continue to work with other studies that benefit from significant trainee involvement, such as AIRWAYS-3, which is investigating the optimal airway management after in-hospital cardiac arrest. This study has recruited over 700 patients and is offering the ability to become an associate PI. See our website for more details on how to get involved.

## What's next for RAFT?

After supporting the running of the POPPY study, the current committee are handing over to an excellent new committee who will continue to develop RAFT.

- RAFT Chair: Dr Thomas Davies
- Vice Chair (Anaesthetics): Dr John O'Rourke
- Vice Chair (Intensive Care Medicine): Dr Benjamin Milne
- Secretary: Dr Sara Tomassini
- Events: Dr Inez Armstrong
- Treasurer: Dr David Ritchie
- IT and Education: Dr Amelia Van Manen

One of their main goals will be to decide on the topic for the fifth RAFT project from the selection of high-quality proposals recently submitted by TRNs.

Otherwise RAFT will continue to advocate for and highlight trainee research with a presence at many conferences such as NIAA (National Institute of Academic Anaesthesia) anaesthesia research in November. We have also set up a TRN support fund that can provide small amounts of money to support research activities, eg fund websites, small events.

