

Workshop 2.3 Overview

Enabling lower carbon clinical trials

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Clinical trials are a fundamental part of routine health and social care. However, they also contribute to healthcare related greenhouse gas emissions responsible for anthropocentric climate change. This introductory level workshop is aimed at anyone involved in the planning, design and conduct of academic clinical trials and/or those interested in reducing their environmental impact.

Attendees will learn what carbon footprinting is and how to use available guidance to carbon footprint clinical trial activities to inform future lower carbon trial design. The more trials are footprinted, the more robust, comprehensive, and applicable the guidance will become, and the more data we will have to draw conclusions from. We will also start to think about how behaviour change might affect the transition to lower carbon trial design.