

999 EMS Research Forum Panel Session: Challenges for prehospital care research

- Operational imperative
Helen Snooks
- Research governance and consent
Julia Williams
- Lack of research culture
David FitzPatrick
- Information systems
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Challenges for prehospital care research:-

- Obtaining informed consent
- Operational imperative to meet challenging performance targets
- Lack of research culture
- Compliance of personnel to research protocols
- Information systems
- Necessity to gather data across the emergency care system
- Randomisation methods
- Adversity to complexity - same as any organisation but more challenging in ambulance services
- Largely unrehearsed new or emerging research governance systems
- Strong sense of ownership of patients and data produces barriers to access
- Lack of dedicated funding streams
- Requirement for ambulance trust to self-fund excess treatment costs geographically and temporally distributed workforce / data-gatherers making training, monitoring, and quality control difficult