

# Research, Clinical Audit and Service Evaluation



## RESEARCH

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**Designed to derive generalisable new knowledge**

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**Designed to test a hypothesis**

**Addresses clearly defined questions, aims and objectives**

**Study design may involve allocating patients to intervention groups**

**Normally required Research Ethics Committee Review**



## AUDIT

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**Designed and conducted to produce information to inform delivery of best care**

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**Designed to answer 'does this service reach a pre-determined standard?'**

**Measures against a standard**

**No allocation to intervention**

**Does not typically require Research Ethics Committee Review**



## EVALUATION

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**Designed and conducted solely to define or judge current care**

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**Designed to answer the question 'what standard does this service achieve?'**

**Measures without reference to a standard**

**No allocation to intervention**

**Does not require Research Ethics Committee Review**