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Association of Breast Surgery Criteria of the Badging of Trials

Badging of a clinical trial by the Association of Breast Surgery will be by the Academic and Research Committee. The intention of badging is to support and encourage participation and recruitment to the study across the Association's membership.

The following criteria must be met by the trial for the Academic and Research committee* to recommend to the president for a clinical trial to be badged by the association:

1. The trial must be fully funded, adopted onto the NIHR portfolio and have NRES (National Research Ethics Service) approval
2. The trial must be multicentre and open to recruitment across ABS membership.
3. The trial must have breast surgical involvement or relevance, and should therefore involve ABS member participation and include ABS members as co-applicants or members of the Trial Management Group or Steering Committee.
4. The trial must meet the objects or aims of the Association of Breast Surgery and its Academic and Research Committee
5. The trial must demonstrate sufficient support within the surgical and research community to recruit and complete

Trials that do not meet these criteria can still be supported and promoted by the ABS, and absence of badging does not imply an absence of support. Badging by the ABS does not infer any governance of the trial or supervision of the conduct of the trial by the ABS.

It is understood that the support of the Association of Breast Surgery through the badging process will be acknowledged in the study literature and publications

* Members of the A&R committee who have a conflict of interest, e.g. those who are involved in the trial, will not be part of the recommendation process.