

**Public support for research in the NHS
Association of Medical Research Charities**

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- Ipsos MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 990 adults in GB aged 15+.
- Interviews were carried out face-to-face, in home, using CAPI (Computer Aided Personal Interviewing Laptops), as part of the Ipsos MORI Omnibus (Capibus).
- Fieldwork was conducted between 27 May and 2 June 2011.
- The results have been weighted to reflect the known profile of the adult population. They are weighted on age, social grade, region and work status- within gender. The data are also weighted on tenure and ethnicity.
- Results are based on all respondents unless otherwise stated.
- Where results do not sum to 100%, this may be due to multiple responses, computer rounding or the exclusion of 'don't know' categories.
- An asterisk (*) denotes a finding of less than half of one per cent but greater than zero.

I am now going to ask you some questions about health research in the NHS.

Health research includes different types of research, for example trialing a new medicine or treatment with patients to see how well it works, or research in laboratories, or with people or patients in clinics and in the community, to help understand diseases or conditions and how to treat or prevent them.

Health research is carried out by scientists and NHS staff working in universities, hospitals and institutes. It's paid for by different funders, including the government, medical research charities such as Cancer Research UK or the British Heart Foundation, and pharmaceutical companies.

These scientists and NHS staff are supported by the NHS to conduct their research. This support might be to find the right patients to take part in the research, to allow NHS staff time to conduct research projects, or other kinds of help.

Q1. How important do you think it is, if at all, for the NHS to support research into new treatments for patients?

	%
Very important	80
Fairly important	17
Not very important	2
Not important at all	1
Don't know	*
Important	97
Not important	3

- Q2. And thinking about **medical research charities** in particular, how important do you think it is, if at all, for the NHS to support research funded by these charities into new treatments for patients?

	%
Very important	67
Fairly important	25
Not very important	4
Not important at all	2
Don't know	2
Important	92
Not important	6

- Q3. Looking at this card, please select the option that best describes what you think.

	%
My local NHS should be <u>required</u> to support research	46
My local NHS should be <u>encouraged</u> to support research but not required to	48
My local NHS should <u>not</u> be encouraged or required to support research	4
Don't know	3

- Q4. There are opportunities for NHS patients to get involved in research. Please imagine that you have a health condition such as heart disease or cancer, which affects your day-to-day life.

For each of the types of research I'm about to read out, taking the answers from this card, would you like your doctor to tell you about research that you would be able to take part in?

If the research would involve...

	Yes, definitely %	Yes, probably %	No, probably not %	No, definitely not %	Don't know %
A Trialing a new medicine or treatment	35	37	16	7	4
B Taking a sample of your blood and testing it in a laboratory	60	28	6	4	2
C Talking to researchers about your family history to help them understand if there are any factors that may be passed down in your family	60	28	6	4	2
D Allowing a researcher confidential access to your medical records but no other involvement	46	34	11	6	3