

To: Leads methodology expert groups

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Dear WP4 Methodology Expert lead,

We kindly ask you to distribute the following call for c4c experts within your wider network (websites of societies, newsletters, LinkedIn).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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## Call for experts in paediatric clinical trials

Conect4children (c4c, [www.conect4children.org](http://www.conect4children.org)) invites you to apply for **membership of a Methodology Expert Group** in your area of paediatric drug research.

c4c is an EU funded pan-European consortium with a general aim of facilitating the development and availability of new medicines for babies, children and young people through the creation of a large collaborative paediatric network. One task of the consortium is to deliver the advice needed to improve child health and paediatric medicine development.

Groups of experts (methodological, clinical, and parents/patients) will be set up to provide Strategic Feasibility advice to individual requests from pharmaceutical industry and academic consortia in conducting feasible, innovative and scientifically sound paediatric clinical trials.

Therefore, we are now seeking experts interested to be part of **Methodology Expert Groups** and provide advice. *This call is for methodology experts. For clinical experts, in paediatric subspecialties, a separate call is being launched.*

### Who should apply?

Criteria for experts (not all criteria have to be met):

- Has relevant expertise in a specific (paediatric) drug development research field of > 5 years and is currently active in the field of expertise.
- Has knowledge in and experience with methodology advisement and is familiar with regulatory requirements within drug development research.
- Has capacity to provide a minimum of 2 expert advices yearly.
- Is enthusiastic to contribute to building an international expert group in his/her field.

We aim for diversity, including representatives from different career levels, genders, European regions and from a wide range of clinical subspecialties. If you are a clinician specialized in a very specific patient population, but with less experience in research, we still invite you to apply.

We are looking for approximately 8-20 experts per group with diverse background; we may have to do a selection out of the applications. This does not mean we will not need you in the future, as requests maybe very specific. Hence by applying you agree that we keep your contact details in our database so we will be able to approach you at a later stage.

### What am I expected to do?

1. Be available to provide advice on methodology aspects of paediatric clinical trials for at least two projects per year in the *ad hoc* "strategic feasibility advice groups". When requests for advice come to c4c, the WP4 leadership together with the relevant Methodology Expert Group leads will select appropriate expert group members to form these *ad hoc* "strategic feasibility advice groups" (one for each advice request). These groups may also contain clinical experts and patient/parents.
2. Contribute to the development of a standing expert group in your area. We have already nominated expert group leads for most groups whose task is to organise and develop each expert group.
3. Support the expert lead with the creation of guidelines and contribute to white papers
4. Be available for 3 years as expert member, with the possibility to prolong for another term of 3 years if both parties agree.

### How will I benefit?

1. Involvement in the design of paediatric trials resulting in financial (industry requests) and/or academic recognition
2. Opportunity to work with your expert group on White Papers on innovative methodology
3. Expand your network and visibility

### Which groups can I apply for:

Pharmacovigilance  
Formulations  
Study design & Clinical Trial Methodology  
Development Pharmacology  
Pharmacometrics  
Health Technology Assessment  
Ethics  
Pharmacogenomics and other OMICS technologies

Ian Wong  
Catherine Tuleu  
Armin Koch / Kit Roes  
lead to be nominated  
Jean Marc Treluyer  
Francesco Moretti  
Dirk Lanzerath  
Matthias Schwab

### How to apply?

You should fill in the [online application form](#), including motivation a short CV, highlighting your expertise.

### How is this work reimbursed?

The time that you spend on giving expert advice to pharmaceutical companies will be reimbursed. In addition, expert group leads have been allocated funds to develop the expert groups, e.g. for organizing meetings, travel costs, some secretarial support.

### What are the timelines?

Deadline for applications is 26.03.2019  
Notification of acceptance 26.04.2019

### Additional information

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We are looking forward to your application.

C4c WP4 Leadership team

