

# Research Proposal: Role of the Clinical Research Coordinator within International Networks for Congenital Heart Disease

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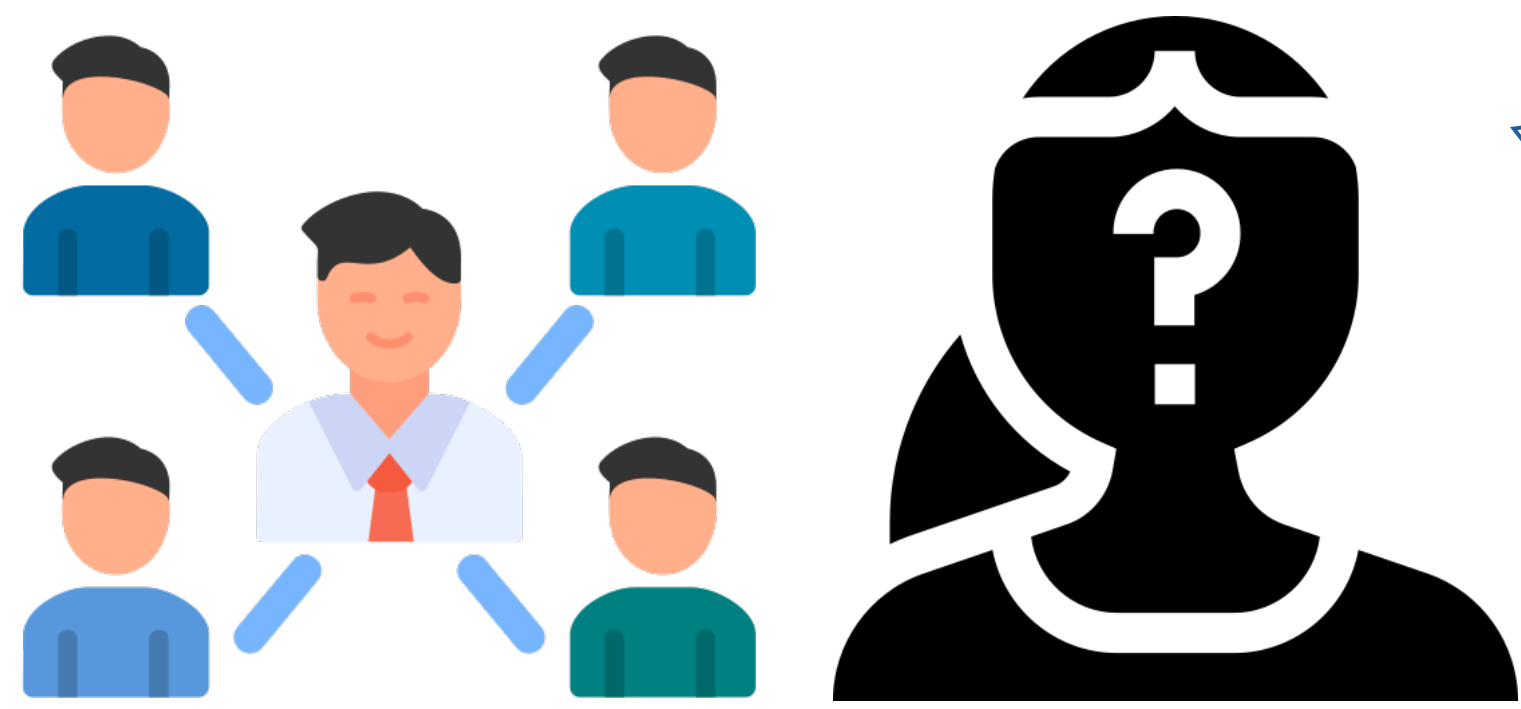
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## Background

### Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC)



- Lack of definition and standardisation of CRC role, especially in Europe
- Lack of dedicated training programs and career pathways
- Limited evidence on the impact of CRCs on the quality of research studies
- Importance of CRCs for CHD research

## Aims

1. Describing the role and responsibilities of CRCs in CHD research
2. Establishing a European network for CRCs involved in CHD research
3. Defining dedicated training programs and career pathways



We welcome your feedback!

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## Methods



**European survey** to understand landscape, identify gaps, and gather interest



**Core working group** to define specific objectives



**Virtual platform** to host meetings and deliver training

## Expected Results

### Survey Outcomes

- Insights into the presence, responsibilities, and challenges of CRCs in CHD research.
- Identification of training needs and interest in a CRC network.

### Long-Term Impact

- Improved efficiency and quality in CHD studies.
- Recognition and advocacy for the vital role of CRCs in rare disease research.

### CRC Network Creation

- Establishment of a European CRC Network to foster collaboration and share best practices.

### Training Program Development

- Launch of specialized training to enhance CRC skills in multicentre CHD research.
- Job description and definition of career pathways.

## Conclusion

This project will advance CHD research by supporting the development of the CRC role within international collaborations. By mapping their presence and expertise across European centres, the findings will guide specialized training programs and establish CRCs as key contributors to efficient and impactful CHD research.