

# My clinical academic journey to Stroke Association Post Graduate Research Fellow

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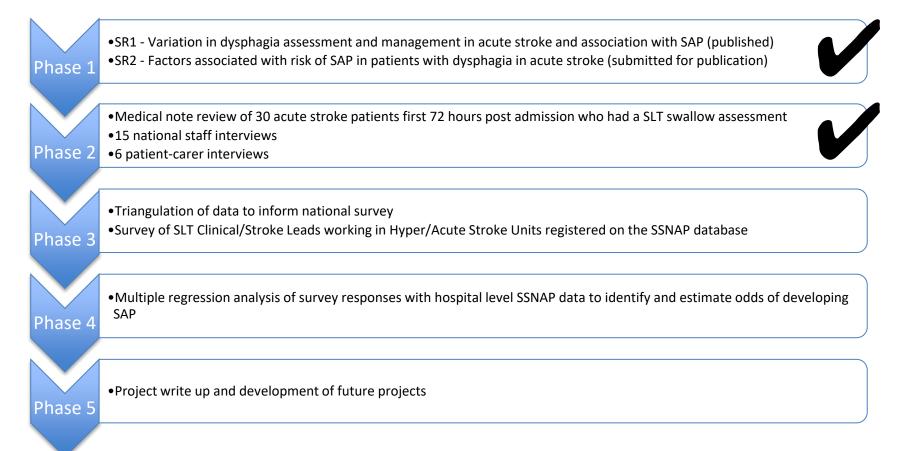
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### My PhD Research

How does variation in assessment and clinical management of dysphagia in acute stroke affect development of stroke-associated pneumonia?





## Enablers and barriers to my journey

#### Enablers

- NIHR training schemes
- Research secondments
- Doctoral fellowship
- Supportive manager
- Clinical environment
- Paid study time from my employer

#### Barriers

- Availability of secondment opportunities
- Non work responsibilities



# My 5 top tips for others on their research journeys

- 1. Discuss your research ideas or proposal with your manager.
- 2. Understand what is achievable in a Masters or PhD project.
- 3. Does your research align with the funders research priorities?
- 4. Build your supervisory team around you.
- Talk to fellow clinical academics that have had success with the funding scheme you are applying for.



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