Human Infection Challenge Network

We are an international network of researchers, carrying out human infection studies to speed up the development of vaccines and treatments.

WHAT ARE HUMAN INFECTION STUDIES?

Researchers ask for volunteers to join a study. People are given lots of information so they can decide whether to take part or not.

Volunteers are given a carefully controlled infection, with healthcare support. Sometimes this will involve staying in a healthcare centre.

Researchers can learn more about the disease, and develop and test ways to treat or prevent it. It’s often quicker, more thorough and more cost effective than studying the disease in nature.

HUMAN INFECTION STUDIES ARE...

- **safe**
  - Infections are never life threatening
  - It can be treated or will clear up itself
  - There are measures to stop it escaping into the environment

- **ethical**
  - Justified by their potential global benefits
  - No other way of getting the same scientific information

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