

Illingworth Research launches Specialised Medical Photography Service

5th October 2011, Macclesfield, UK – Illingworth Research, a leading UK clinical research organisation has launched its own specialised medical photography service, aimed at organisations wishing to employ the technique within clinical and pre-clinical trials where accurate, standardised, high quality medical photographs can effectively identify specific characteristics, so visually providing evidence of a treatment or the effectiveness of a study drug.

With over 30 years of photographic experience, 20 years of clinical trial imaging and analysis experience, and working knowledge of the pharmaceutical industry, NHS and forensics, the team is able to offer a wide variety of services including photographer provision, training of healthcare professionals, clinical trial protocol guidance and advice, image analysis, image monitoring and mole mapping.

Jo Truelove, Senior Medical Photographer at Illingworth Research commented: 'Medical photography, and in particular the images taken for clinical trials, should be accurate and consistent whilst also conforming to set procedures and guidelines'. She added: 'There are many fields that can benefit from medical photography including clinical trials for pharmaceuticals and cosmetics as well as specific areas such as plastic surgery, wound healing and dermatology. There are also numerous applications in primary care and also pre-clinical settings'.

Illingworth Research's team of fully qualified medical photographers possess the skills, experience and knowledge to provide training for healthcare professionals currently taking their own medical photographs. A full consultancy service is also in place to offer advice on the input of photography into clinical trial protocols and the selection, purchasing and customising of photographic equipment for specific, specialised requirements.

The medical photographers at Illingworth Research also understand the complexities of security, storage and retrieval of clinical images, the issues of consent and confidentiality and the implications of the relevant legislation such as the Data Protection Act (1998).

John Illingworth, managing director at Illingworth Research, stated why this is important: 'Advances in consumer digital cameras combined with falling prices, have led to research and other healthcare professionals increasingly taking their own photographs. This could, and unfortunately at times does, lead to poor quality images and inconsistent handling of confidential images which could have far reaching implications'.

'Whilst it is not always feasible to have a medical photographer carrying out all clinical trial photography, it is advisable to ensure anyone undertaking any such photography has been trained or advised by a professional' he concluded.

About Illingworth Research and ResearchNurses.co

- Illingworth Research was founded in 1998 as Clinical Development and Support Services Ltd (CDSS).
- By 2010, the company had significantly expanded both its clinical development services and its research nursing provision. Earlier this year it decided to launch two new brands; [Illingworth Research](#) and [ResearchNurses.co](#) into the marketplace.
- Illingworth Research provides clinical research services from project management to clinical monitoring across the world. It is the only clinical research organisation to provide specialised medical photography services for clinical trials.
- ResearchNurses.co is the UK's leading independent provider of research nurses across a whole range of therapeutic areas and a wide variety of settings including homecare.
- Both Illingworth Research and ResearchNurses.co are guided by the same highly experienced [management team](#) and together provide clients with the ultimate clinical research partnership.
- For further information visit [illingworthresearch.com](#) and [researchnurses.co](#).

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