



## **Pre-clinical Research Policy**

As an organisation founded by people with Parkinson's, it is our strategy to concentrate our efforts wherever possible on supporting clinical trials of potentially disease modifying drugs in people with Parkinson's.

This is borne out by our commitment to a programme of work called International Linked Clinical Trials which seeks to re-purpose drugs already in use for other conditions.

We encourage the use of novel models of Parkinson's wherever possible, such as induced pluripotent stem cells (cells taken and developed from skin samples of individuals with Parkinson's).

We support the principle of using animals in research when it is necessary to advance understanding of health and disease and to develop new treatments. This research only takes place where there is no alternative available. All AMRC member charities support this principle, as outlined here: <https://www.amrc.org.uk/use-of-animals-in-research>