







Dear Doctor,

PLATINUM Trial

We are writing to encourage you to consider referring patients to a <u>national treatment trial</u> for monkeypox in outpatients.

PLATINUM is a UK-wide trial coordinated by researchers at the University of Oxford, and funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR). The British HIV Association (BHIVA) and British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) endorse referral from their members to the trial. It is evaluating the effects of tecovirimat versus placebo on the rate of self-reported recovery from monkeypox in outpatients and is open to enrolment.

Any clinician looking after someone with suspected or confirmed monkeypox can tell them about the trial and ask if they would be happy to be contacted by the trial team to discuss participation. Referrals should be made by email after reading the eligibility criteria, as soon as possible after the diagnosis has been confirmed by PCR (see how to refer).

Hospitals and clinics do not require any approvals to refer patients to the trial and do not need to be set up as Participant Identification Centres. Any treating clinician in the country is able to refer a patient, irrespective of their place of work. This is consistent with HRA guidance here.

Further information about the study can be found on the study website, <u>PlatinumTrial.org</u>. If you would like to discuss how we can support referral from your workplace, please email the trial team at <u>platinumtrial@ndph.ox.ac.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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