About
The CORE service from the Clinical Informatics Research Unit, Faculty of Medicine at the University of Southampton offers a range of expert services which include the design, build and running of electronic forms used in clinical trials across the UK and overseas.

Not only does CORE create the forms you need, it also provides randomisation, data management and study statistics.

CORE has developed a fruitful partnership with FormsVision BV from the Netherlands, which the unit first engaged with under a FP7 EU funding framework, and since has successfully deployed ALEA EDC with the features of eCRF (electronic Case Report Form), randomisation, plus other benefits that support clinical trials.

Who uses CORE
The CORE service is currently being used within the UK and in New Zealand at health institutions such as University Hospital Southampton NHS Trust, Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust, The University of Auckland and many more. CORE captures vital information for researchers working in both the academic and commercial setting. Job roles include (but are not limited to): Principle Investigators, Chief Investigators, Research Administrators and PhD students.

Features
- Design and database build (eCRF, EDC)
- Study randomisation
- Drug supply
- Data hosting (ALEA hosting for data/videos/images/documents)
- Data quality
- Data management
- Statistical support

Benefits
- Easy data collection methods
- Efficient data management tools
- Safe and secure electronic systems
- Web-based application for easy access
- Expert advice from a friendly professional team (including funding application, statistics support and advice for writing a protocol)

Pricing
We charge for our CORE services on a consultancy basis, which is calculated by the number of days it takes us to develop and test the database for your study. Also, a monthly charge for hosting your data will be calculated depending on how long the study runs for, along with an annual maintenance charge to cover any necessary changes needed once the study is in the conduct phase. For a free no-obligation quotation get in touch with CIRU Business Manager: r.s.munday@soton.ac.uk

What our clients say
“Using the CORE service and ALEA has made data collection and study management for my clinical trial and PhD project so much quicker, simpler and easier. The system itself is incredibly flexible and we were able to design and set up data-entry forms in any format necessary. It also has all of the added benefits of being a safe and secure electronic recording system and the approachable team are incredibly helpful and always respond quickly to any messages or queries too. I would highly recommend the system and I will definitely be approaching them again for support with future projects.”
Dr Andrew Cumpstey, NIHR BRC Clinical Research Fellow and Specialty Trainee (Anaesthetics), PulseOx study

“Working with CIRU and CORE is an inspiring experience! Masters at the top of their game, sharp insight, seamless delivery, fun to work with!”
Ian Galea, CoroNerve Study, Associate Professor/Consultant Neurologist, Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton

“As an IT-phobic clinician I can thoroughly recommend the Clinical Informatics Research Unit and CORE team to help with all informatics needs! Through them we have established the UK Head and Neck Robotic Inventory, which will help shape this clinical service within the UK.”
Dr Emma King, Consultant Head and Neck Surgeon, Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

“The CORE team have provided us with an invaluable service in all data management aspects of a multi-centre breast cancer research study. After assisting with the design, the team have developed an electronic web-based eCRF ALEA database for use across seven research sites and have also contributed to the development of our data management plan. We’ve been reliably supported by friendly, approachable, professional and knowledgeable staff, each willing to do all they can to help meet our requirements.”
Dr Kesta Durkin, Southampton Centre for Biomedical Research, CANDO-3 study

“It has been a great experience working with the CORE team. The ADDRESS-2 study needed a reliable and adaptable data management system with an easy-to-use electronic case report forms and a platform that could be used by all 150 NHS sites taking part in the study. The team helped us migrate our data and have continued to provide invaluable support and solutions to any issues that we have had since 2016.”
Ms Akaal Kaur, Research Co-ordinator (ADDRESS-2 Study)