Workshop 9 - Involving medical students in primary care research

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Background
Cambridge medical students have the opportunity to participate in primary care research in both their pre-clinical and clinical years. This includes the Biological and Biomedical Sciences (BBS) module (in General Practice and Primary Care Research) in their third year, a 6-week Student Selected Component (SSC) block in Year 5, and the Systematic Review Group available for year 4-6 students. These provide students with the opportunity to develop research skills including writing an abstract, searching literature, presentation of material and producing a piece of medical writing (e.g. a literature review).

This workshop will provide attendees with the opportunity to explore how students can be actively involved in primary care research.

Aims
Participants will gain knowledge of:
- Examples of recent student research projects
- Practical considerations for projects
- Factors that facilitated the success of projects
- How medical students can be further actively engaged in primary care research

Content
This interactive workshop will involve:
- Introduction (5 mins)
- An brief presentation of Cambridge’s SSC, BBS minor and Systematic Review Group by a member of the staff and a student who has undertaken the activity (3x7mins)
- Small group discussion to discuss current opportunities within their own work programmes with which to engage students in primary care research (20 mins).
- Feedback from each small group (10mins)
- Conclusions and questions (4mins)

Intended Audience
Those involved in medical education or research in primary care.