

**Conect4children (c4c) -  
Collaborative Network for European  
Clinical Trials For Children**



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**CREATION OF A PAN-EUROPEAN PAEDIATRIC CLINICAL TRIALS NETWORK.**

Paediatric medicines development is embedded in the European policy, legislation and in the work of the pharmaceutical industry but currently the potential of this effort is not realised. Conect4children is a **large collaborative European network** which goal is to facilitate the development of new drugs and other therapies in children. This project is a unique opportunity to **build capacity** for the implementation of multinational paediatric clinical trials **ensuring the needs of babies, children, young people and their families** are met. Academic and private partners are collaborating to generate a sustainable infrastructure that **optimises the delivery of clinical trials in children** through: a) a single point of contact for all stakeholders; b) efficient implementation of trials adopting consistent approaches, aligned quality standards and coordination of sites at national and international level; c) collaboration with specialist networks; d) high quality input to study design and preparation through rigorous strategic and operational feasibility assessment and e) the promotion of innovative methodologies. The **voices of children, young people and their families** will be central to the network.

To test the capacity of the network, 4 academic projects have been selected among 27 candidates. Treocapa "Prophylactic treatment of the ductus arteriosus in preterm infants by acetaminophen" coordinated by Jean-Christophe Rozé (Nantes) is one of the selected projects.



**Total C4C Budget**

**137 M€**

**Total HCL Budget**

**321 159 €**

**ROLE OF THE HOSPICES CIVILS DE LYON**

The HCL are represented in C4C by the Clinical Investigation Centre (CIC, paediatrics - Behrouz Kassai). The CIC of Lyon is member of Pedstart, the French network of paediatric clinical research involved as a national hub in c4c. The following tasks are conducted with the expertise developed at CIC:

- 1) Patients and Young people expertise (**Segolene Gaillard - Kids France**)  
=> **To ensure that all activities of the c4c project are patient centered.**  
=> **To represent the views of young people and disease specific patients and families related to the clinical trials to be executed by the network.**
- 2) Quality management of the network (**Sabrina Pierre, Inserm - Pedstart**)  
=> **Build quality management processes to ensure all network activities are in compliance with common research standards and (inter)national regulations for the conduct of clinical trials.**
- 3) Data Management of the **Treocapa** project (**Francois Guevffier and Magali Hervé - ECRIN Platform**)