

## SELF FUNDED PHD OPPORTUNITY

### Pain Levels and Pre-Operative Anxiety within Cardiac Care:

**An in-depth qualitative study to explore patient experience of pain during routine cardiac implantation procedures**

#### Background

Cardiac implantable electronic device (CIED) implantation is a prevalent part of cardiac rhythm management. CIEDs incorporate a range of devices (e.g pacemakers, ICDs, Sub-cutaneous ICDs) all of which are implanted under local anaesthetic, with varying levels of sedation according to patient need.

Research to date has focussed on the adjustment and quality of life of patients following CIED

## References

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