



**If you are interested in this study please speak to one of the research team in your clinic, your clinic doctor or contact one of the members of the research team listed below, who can give you more detailed information and help you to decide if this study is right for you.**

**Contact:**



# **HCQ-01 TRIAL**

**Are you interested in taking part in HIV clinical research?**

**If you are not taking any ART medication and have a high CD4 count then this trial might be for you.**



## **What is the HCQ-01 Trial?**

As you may know, HIV causes the immune system to become activated. Treatments that decrease immune activation may have long-term clinical benefits.

The purpose of this trial is to find out if taking hydroxychloroquine will decrease immune activation in people with early HIV infection.

### **What is Hydroxychloroquine?**

Hydroxychloroquine is a medicine that has been used successfully for many years to treat autoimmune diseases (diseases in which the immune system causes damage to the body), e.g. lupus and rheumatoid arthritis. It is generally safe in long-term use.



## **Who can take part?**

You can take part if you have early HIV infection with a CD4 count above 400 and are not taking antiretroviral medication.

### **What is involved?**

We will recruit 100 participants into the trial. The trial is a randomised double-blind, placebo controlled clinical trial. 50 participants will take hydroxychloroquine and 50 participants will take a placebo. Neither the doctor nor you will know which one you are actually taking.

You will need to take the medicine by mouth once a day for 48 weeks, there will be regular clinic visits (1 to 3 monthly) which should correspond with your normal clinic visits.