R user group for Amsterdam UMC (RUM-UMC) proposal

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**Aim**

To connect R users from across the university for the purposes of learning, sharing ongoing work, refining best practices, and discussing challenges to using R at Amsterdam UMC.

**Target audience**

Researchers and support staff at Amsterdam UMC that are currently using or wishing to learn R. This includes doctoral students, postdocs, senior researchers, teaching staff and research support personnel, among others. We welcome all levels, from beginners to experienced users.

**Proposed format**

Bi-weekly meetings on Teams. This limits the organisational demands of booking rooms, and avoids the IT challenges of hybrid sessions. Sessions can be easily listed with minimal administrative effort on a website, for which we already have [a template online](https://langtonhugh.github.io/rum_umc/). The website and format is partially based on a (tried and tested) R user group at [the NSCR](https://nscrweb.netlify.app/). An email list can be maintained via Groups in Outlook.

**Desired outcomes**

The meet-ups serve to (1) build a community of R users, connecting individuals that would otherwise work in isolation; (2) give beginner users motivation to continue using R following courses such as Carpentries and the AUMC doctoral school; (3) identify and refine best practices, for instance, reproducible workflows; (4) provide a platform for users to discuss challenges (and solutions) for using R within AUMC (e.g., IT infrastructure).