

OXFORD-RCGP RSC DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE FROM PROF. SIMON DE LUSIGNAN,
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The Pharmacy Show NEC / Birmingham

Our team was excited to promote the Oxford–Royal College of General Practitioners Research and Surveillance Centre at the Pharmacy First Show, held on the 12th and 13th of October — one of the largest gatherings of pharmacy professionals and industry experts in the UK.

Across the two days, the event buzzed with fresh ideas: from digital health innovations and AI-powered dispensing systems to discussions on workforce wellbeing and the evolving role of community pharmacy in integrated care.

We attended several insightful sessions, including Changing Roles in Pharmacy which explored how, in light of changing policies, pharmacists are expanding their clinical and public health responsibilities.

It was a pleasure to meet some of you in person - we always love to chat about research with you. We warmly look forward to collaborating with you in the future.



MONITORY - limited spaces left

We still have a few spaces left for interested practices.

We are recruiting practices for **Round 2 of the MONITORY study (IRAS Project ID: 304871)** - a cluster randomised trial led by the University of Oxford.



The study supports the implementation of **NICE Do-Not-Do recommendations** for patients with cardiometabolic multimorbidity through **audit-based education**.

Your practice will be randomly allocated to either the intervention or control arm (50/50 chance).

If allocated to the Intervention Arm, participation includes:

- A 10-minute introductory meeting via Microsoft Teams.
- Access to a personalised practice dashboard with monthly educational videos (~10 mins/month for 12 months).
- A 20-minute training session for dashboard setup.
- Occasional responses to ad-hoc queries from the study team.

Control Arm: Care as usual.

Benefits for participating practices:

- Financial reimbursement for participation.
- Certificates for Continuing Medical Education (intervention arm only).

If you are interested or would like to know more, please submit a short MONITORY EOI:
[Study Expression of Interest Form — Orchid](#)

Article of the Week

Clarity of healthcare roles in electronic health records

Over the past few years, the general practice workforce in the UK has expanded significantly, with new professional roles being added to the GP teams through schemes such as the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme in England. According to NHS England GP workforce official statistics, there were 48 941 GPs and GP registrars, 23 070 nurses, 23 378 direct patient care staff, and 103 447 administrative and non-clinical staff working in GP practices across England in March 2025.

As more individuals from diverse backgrounds are involved in patient care, electronic health records (EHRs) are becoming populated with information entered by a growing number of healthcare professionals. In addition to practice staff, an increasing number of community-based contributors are adding to these records.

[Read the full article here](#)

