

OXFORD-RCGP RSC DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE FROM PROF. SIMON DE LUSIGNAN,
DIRECTOR OF THE OXFORD-RCGP RSC

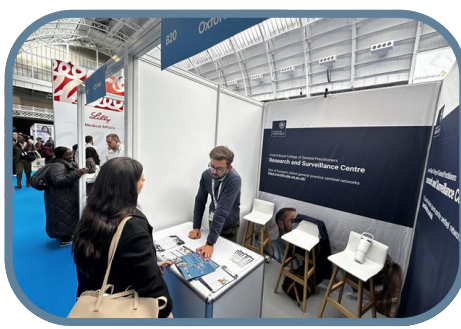
Diabetes Professional Care / London

Our team had a fantastic time at the Diabetes Show in Olympia London on October 21st and 22nd. It's been an exciting few weeks for our team, and this event was certainly a highlight!

We loved connecting with clinicians, pharmacists, and other healthcare professionals from across the country, all dedicated to improving diabetes care for patients. The passion and collaboration across both primary and secondary care settings were truly inspiring.

Speaking with attendees and sharing insights about the Research and Surveillance centre, and our role in supporting innovation in diabetes management is always one of the best parts of what we do.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to chat — we look forward to seeing you at future events! Check out our website for our [upcoming events](#)!



Virology Sampling for the 2025-26 Winter Season

A big thanks to our virology sampling practices for your participation this winter. This season, our priority patient groups are: **under 5 year olds, over 75 year olds, and pregnant patients**. It would also be wonderful if patients who have received a flu and/or RSV vaccination this season are prioritised for sampling.

Our **Take-A-Test-UK patient self-swabbing** pathway is a great way to encourage all of your patients to request a swab kit at the earliest signs of flu. You can promote this on your websites and social media - <https://takeatestuk.com/>. Please include your ODS practice code in your promotion of the pathway, as patients are required to enter this as the mandatory 'Voucher code'. Patients will also need to enter their NHS number to request a self-swab kit.

For advice and queries relating to virology sampling, please contact Dave and Ellya at practiceenquiries@phc.ox.ac.uk

Adult Flu Vaccinations for the 2025-26 Season

We need your help

To support our vaccine effectiveness work for UKHSA, we would like to understand what adult flu vaccines are being used this season. Please could you let us know which type of adult flu vaccines you are using or planning to use this season by completing this short [form](#).

We will only use this information internally to help guide our VE analysis and virology sampling strategies.

We really appreciate all your hard work in supporting this important work.

Weekly Communicable and Respiratory Disease Report

The Centre publishes a weekly report on communicable and respiratory diseases in England and Wales. The report includes data broken down by region and age band for incidences of influenza-like illness (ILI) and other respiratory diseases, as well as information on environmentally sensitive and water and food-borne disorders.

Practice data is used to report on 40 monitored conditions.

[Access the weekly report here](#)

