

OXFORD-RCGP RSC DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



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

Introducing Jhoann Miyajima, our newest Practice Liaison Officer



Hello everyone. My name is Jhoann and I'm thrilled to be joining the team as a Practice Liaison Officer / Research Facilitator. I recently came on board and am really looking forward to getting to know everyone and learning the ropes.

A little about me — I'm originally from the sunny island of Singapore, but I spent a gap year in Denmark before moving to the UK about three months ago. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree (Hons) in Computational Biology from the National University of Singapore (NUS) and spent the past five years working as a Senior Research Officer at the Bioinformatics Institute, A*STAR. My work focused on protein sequence and structure analysis, with a strong emphasis on the application of AI in enzyme optimisation for biocatalysis processes.

While I've loved being part of the research world, I'm now eager to broaden my skillset and explore new areas such as project and product management. I'm especially excited to learn from the talented PLO team and contribute wherever I can.

Outside of work, I've been enjoying exploring Oxford and the greater UK — there's so much history and charm here! I'm a big fan of plays and concerts.

I'm really looking forward to working with everyone and becoming part of this wonderful community!

TakeATestUK Swabbing Pathway

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.

We ask that practices promote this on their websites and social media - <https://takeatestuk.com/>. Do feel free to tag any of our social accounts. **We are in the process of creating assets for practices to share and will provide these once complete.**

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

Help us collect vital vaccination data

Thank you to the practices that have completed this form already

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.

Article of the Week

Correcting for the Inflated Adult Population Denominator in an English Nationwide Health Care Cohort: Database Analysis Study

Electronic health care databases are widely used for epidemiological studies. However, they may contain inactive records of individuals no longer participating in the health care system. These inactive records create a methodological challenge as they systematically appear as unexposed with no recorded outcomes. Given the widespread health care system engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic, the English National Health Service (NHS), which hosts a national pandemic planning and research dataset with linkage to COVID-19 vaccination and emergency care data, makes it an ideal setting to identify the extent of overrepresentation due to inactive health care records and assess ways to mitigate them.

[Read the full article here](#)

