

OXFORD-RCGP RSC DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



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

Our experience at Best Practice, London

The Oxford-RCGP Research and Surveillance Centre (RSC) was well represented at Best Practice London this week, with colleagues from the University of Oxford and RCGP promoting the centre on both days at an exhibition stand.

It was a great pleasure to meet colleagues from across the primary care sector and we shall look forward to deepening our collaborations in the years to come.

We presented a talk on how the RSC Develops Research and Surveillance Capabilities Across General Practice. This was presented by Prof Simon de Lusignan, Prof Sophie Park, Dr Gavin Jamie, Dr Nick Thomas, Dr Ash Sexton and Tracey Clarke.

With RCGP colleagues helping us to promote the RSC, we were able to promote their digital Research Ready tool, which is great to help practices become research active.

Best Practice London 2026 was great to meet primary care professionals interested in finding more about our surveillance work and joining our network or getting involved in research.

It was also a great opportunity to learn about the latest developments in primary care practice and talk with professionals/businesses supporting innovations in primary care practice, many of which could support better primary care research/surveillance.

We were also grateful to meet with the Primary Care Respiratory Society, a charity that supports best practice in respiratory health in primary care including frontline research. We hope to present our surveillance and research work at their forthcoming conference this year.

We shall look forward to reaching out to all our new friends and colleagues over the coming weeks. See you again next year!



Article of the Week

Epidemiology of virologically confirmed RSV, influenza and COVID-19 in adults in England, 2023-2024: Primary Care Observational Study of Acute Respiratory Infection (ObservatARI)

We analysed data from primary care patients aged ≥ 40 years with an acute respiratory infection. Between 02/10/2023 and 10/04/2024 virology swabs were tested by the UK Health Security Agency for RSV, influenza A and B, and SARS-CoV-2. Percent positivity with 95% confidence intervals (CIs) were estimated. Multivariable logistic regression identified predictors of infection. Clinical presentations were described and compared.

[Read the full article here](#)

Join our Research team

If you're passionate about the disease surveillance and vaccine effectiveness work, which we do in the RSC, we need you!

We're recruiting for part time roles for experts with general practice experience in any of these areas:

- data quality (EMIS/Optum and TPP)
- analyses and/or research in respiratory illness
- evaluation of laboratory pathways and;
- digital innovation (i.e. EMIS/Optum, TPP and laboratory pathways).

If you're interested in working with us, please complete our online [Expression of Interest form](#) and we'll contact you to arrange a Teams meeting to discuss the work on offer.

