



Research and Surveillance Centre

Patient Information Leaflet



What is the Oxford-RCGP RSC?

The Oxford-RCGP RSC stands for the University of Oxford - Royal College of General Practitioners (**RCGP**) Research and Surveillance Centre (**RSC**). The Oxford-RCGP RSC is a University of Oxford based group that oversees a network of general practices who share their infectious diseases data. Sharing this data plays an important role in public health monitoring and response to infectious diseases. The data may also be used for health research.

Our practice is part of the Oxford-RCGP RSC network.

You can access the Oxford-RCGP RSC website through the QR Code in the top right corner.



What about data protection?

The data collected is "pseudonymised". This means personal details that can identify you are removed and replaced with a code number, and that only a portion of your information is used e.g. only the month and year of your birth date is shared. Some details are never shared e.g. your name, phone number, email address, etc.

Your data is stored securely in a University of Oxford database called ORCHID. The ORCHID database complies with UK GDPR and Data Protection Legislation to keep data secure.

For more details, please read the <https://orchid.phc.ox.ac.uk/privacy-policy>



Patient Information: Why is this data collected?

The data collected about diseases are shared with the UK Health Security Agency (**UKHSA**). UKHSA is the government body that monitors public health in the UK. This data helps the government to identify disease outbreaks and assess how well vaccines are working. This helps to ensure that the NHS is ready to meet patient needs. We may invite you to take part in virology or serology (blood) sampling.



How does this affect me?

Sharing data helps UKHSA and researchers better understand diseases and health conditions. This helps to develop new ways of predicting or diagnosing illness, and identify ways to improve clinical care. Sharing pseudonymised data does not affect your care or privacy.

However, if you do not want your data to be shared please read this information or talk to your GP Practice.



What about health research?

The Oxford-RCGP RSC take part in approved health research. This research is vital to understand how disease spreads, and about patient health and NHS services. We may invite you to take part in health research studies.



Contact Us

For queries relating to the Oxford RCGP-RSC and data sharing, please contact: practiceenquiries@phc.ox.ac.uk

For queries relating to your sample, please contact your GP.