



HSRPP 2017 Nottingham now open for abstract submissions and booking

In 2017 the Health Services Research and Pharmacy Practice (HSRPP) Conference will be hosted by the University of Nottingham from April 10th-11th. Booking and abstract submissions are now open online. You have until **7th October** to submit your abstract.

Keynote speakers for HSRPP 2017 include:

- **Professor Sue Ziebland** – Professor of Medical Sociology from the University of Oxford
- **Professor Justin Waring** – Professor of Organisational Sociology & Director of the Centre for Health Innovation, Leadership & Learning from the University of Nottingham
- **Professor Fiona Patterson** – Founding Director of the Work Psychology Group and Principal Researcher from the University of Cambridge

Abstracts accepted for HSRPP are published in the International Journal of Pharmacy Practice (IJPP). The IJPP is an academic journal with a high-impact factor and a rigorous peer review process.

Visit the HSRPP guidance pages for more information on [abstract submission](#) and to [book your ticket](#).

Our Research

PRUK at the RPS conference

PRUK is delighted to be running a satellite session at this year's Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) conference. The session is entitled "Where do you fall into the unlicensed medicines trap? The challenges of unlicensed medicines" and will be in conjunction with the RPS and UK Clinical Pharmacy Association (UKCPA). The workshop will be led by Gemma Donovan and Lindsay Parkin from the EMULSION study team at the University of Sunderland.

Medicines that are unlicensed fall into the 'no man's land' of medicine regulation and safety; subsequently many of the processes and governance arrangements that we take for granted for licensed medicines simply do not apply. Findings from the UKCPA-PRUK EMULSION study have highlighted many challenges associated with unlicensed medicines use across primary and secondary care. This creates problems for prescribers, pharmacists and patients when trying to use these medicines. The interactive session will be useful for pharmacists at all stages of their career and across all care settings.

To find out more about the RPS conference and book your place, click [here](#).

Pharmacists could provide vital support for young people to manage long term conditions like juvenile arthritis

We are delighted to announce the publication of research funded by PRUK exhibiting the valued role pharmacists can play in supporting young people with juvenile arthritis to self-manage their condition.

The research explores the role of pharmacy for young people with long term conditions (LTCs) through the exemplar of juvenile arthritis. Building on the explorations of an earlier PRUK-funded project, Arthriting, it looks at the experiences of young people and their parents when using medication to treat juvenile arthritis, bringing together pharmacists and rheumatology staff to explore how pharmacy might develop and promote a vision for the care of young people with long term conditions. For more information, you can access the [one page summary](#) or [full report](#).

PRUK in the news

Workplace pressures

The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) has recently announced its intention to work with people and organisations both inside and outside of pharmacy to examine and understand workplace pressures across the sector. PRUK welcomes this plan of action and has long expressed concern about the effect of high mental workload and workplace stress on patient care.

PRUK has funded two high quality pieces of research to show the impact of work place pressures and additionally outlined recommendations to ensure that pharmacists are well supported in the workplace and patient care is not compromised. For the full story click [here](#).

PRUK response to the EU referendum

As a nation we have benefited significantly from EU funding in supporting research and promoting the development of medicines and patient care improvement. Protecting this investment and ensuring continuity of funding support to UK research will be an essential part of our continued success as a world leader in pharmacy research. For PRUK's full statement, click [here](#).

Other research news

Brexit: The science community reacts

UK institutions and researchers have given their perspectives on how a vote to leave the EU will impact the science community. Find out more below.

How Brexit will affect healthcare, science and research:

[The Pharmaceutical Journal](#)

'Too early' to say how Brexit will impact EU pharmacists:

[Chemist+Druggist](#)

RPS statement regarding EU referendum results:

[Royal Pharmaceutical Society](#)

How Brexit could affect the pharmaceutical industry:

[BMJ](#)

Post-Brexit industrial strategy must have science at its heart:

[The Financial Times](#)

UK scientists dropped from EU projects because of post-Brexit funding fears:

[The Guardian](#)

New team members at PRUK

PRUK is delighted to introduce three new team members! Desh Mofidi, Kate Woode and Victoria Evans have all joined PRUK in the last few weeks. Desh is taking over from Yen Truong as Research Manager, Kate is our new Communications and Fundraising Manager and Victoria replaces Cindy as our Research Coordinator. Yen has moved into a Research Development role. Click to see our [full team](#).

Other active research

Supply Chain Disruption within Resilience: Medicines Shortage Management Survey

Aston University is undertaking a unique study to better understand shortage management. This research project investigates supply chain orientation and focuses on post disruption events in the supply of pharmaceuticals. It is concerned with how the actions taken after a supply chain disruption can affect shortage management in acute secondary care. Shortage management is a challenge in any environment and especially important in the healthcare arena. By participating in this research, new insights can be discovered to alleviate the problem.

Aston University would like to invite you to participate in its national survey. Your input is essential to this work and will serve as a foundation for pharmaceutical shortage management research in response to supply chain disruptions. The survey takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and the deadline for submission is 30th August 2016. You can take part at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BWT96Z2>

The results of the research are scheduled to be published, and a copy of the published results will be made available to all participants through a secure and encrypted Aston University URL.

If you have any questions regarding the survey or study please contact Paul Morris, Aston University at morrispj@aston.ac.uk.



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