HSRPP 2018 abstract submission opens 31st July

The 2018 Health Services Research and Pharmacy Practice (HSRPP) conference will be hosted by Newcastle University on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th April. The HSRPP conference presents a unique opportunity for researchers within health service and pharmacy practice research to network with each other and also provides a platform for peers to give presentations on upcoming research in the area. This year the theme is "Innovative Healthcare in the 21st Century: providing smarter, safer and patient-centred health services."

Keynote speakers for the event are:

- Professor Paul Little - Professor of Primary Care Research, University of Southampton
- Professor Aziz Sheikh – Professor of Primary Care Research and Development, University of Edinburgh
- Professor Bryony Dean Franklin – Professor of Medication Safety, University College London

PRUK will be managing the abstracts review process for the upcoming conference.
Abstracts submissions and booking tickets for the event will open on the **31st July** - keep an eye on our [PRUK HSRPP page](#) for further updates and information on how to submit an abstract and to book tickets.

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**PRUK featured in AMRC Impact Report**

The Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC) published their Impact Report on the 3rd July, and PRUK were delighted to be one of the featured charities, highlighting the important work that the charity does. Read our news story [here](#).

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**Congratulations to Dr Frances Notman**

Congratulations to Dr Frances Notman, who has recently [completed her PhD](#) at the University of Aberdeen. Frances has been a long-time friend of the charity and received the Sir Hugh Linstead Fellowship from the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust (one of PRUK’s founding trusts) in 2011 and the Leverhulme Personal Award in 2012 from Pharmacy Research UK. Frances’ awards helped to support her throughout her PhD journey, and culminated in a project in which she collaborated with PRUK [SAP](#) member Professor Christine Bond and her colleagues from the University of
Pharmacy Research profiled by BBC Breakfast

PRUK were delighted to see pharmacy research profiled on BBC Breakfast on the 21st June, highlighting the importance of this research and the impact it will have on patient care. The project profiled is The MEdication Management in Older People: REalist Approaches BAsed on Literature and Evaluation (MEMORABLE) project led by Dr Ian Maidment, Senior Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacy at Aston University’s School of Life and Health Sciences, and a former beneficiary of Pharmacy Research UK’s funding. Keep an eye out for further interviews about the project with Ian, as well as from Sylvia Bailey, a member of the PRUK SAP who is also involved in the MEMORABLE project.

PRUK Research

Global analysis of strategies to tackle antimicrobial resistance

Congratulations to Funke Adeniji from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine who has just had her research published in the International Journal of Pharmacy Practice. The research seeks
to analyse the effectiveness of key policies and strategies in tackling antimicrobial resistance globally, and identify where there are gaps. Funke’s work was funded by Pharmacy Research UK as part of the Leverhulme Research Training Bursaries Scheme.

What can community pharmacy learn from the experiences of transition to practice for novice doctors and nurses?

Congratulations also go to Esnath Magola who has had her research published in the International Journal of Pharmacy Practice. Esnath has been supported by PRUK through our Leverhulme Personal Awards and has been looking into the transition experiences of novice community pharmacists into expert practice.

PRUK developing new strategy

The Pharmacy Research UK Trustees, Scientific Advisory Panel and staff team are meeting on the 26th July to discuss PRUK’s strategy. Watch this space for more information on our exciting strategy launch plans!

Expanding PRUK’s Scientific Advisory Panel
with lay and expert members

PRUK are pleased to announce that we have increased our Scientific Advisory Panel to include four new members: two lay members and two additional expert members. For the lay members we are delighted to welcome Sylvia Bailey and Gerry Bennison. Sylvia has been involved with primary care management in the Walsall and Birmingham area for many years and is involved with various research review panels with organisations such as Cancer Research UK. Gerry has a long history of involvement within Health and Social Care provision through PPI mechanisms with the Department of Health and The National Institute for Health Research, among other organisations.

Our new expert members are Dr Debi Bhattacharya from the University of East Anglia and Dr Doug Steinke from the University of Manchester and we are delighted to welcome them to the panel. Debi has recently completed a research project funded by PRUK on identifying barriers to medical adherence. Debi is also an active clinical pharmacist working in community pharmacy and GP practice and brings a wide range of experience to the panel. Doug has extensive pharmacoepidemiology and clinical background, teaching on the MPharm and postgraduate programme at Manchester University as well as undertaking research into chronic disease drug epidemiology.

Events

Research advice surgeries
Every month PRUK works with the RPS to run research advice surgeries which can be attended in person, by phone or via video conference. If you are thinking about applying for funding and would like to know the types of funding and support available, these sessions are extremely useful. The next surgery is on the 8th August; to book your place please sign up via the RPS website.
RPS Winter Summit: Bridging the gap between industry, academia, policy and practice

The RPS is hosting a new event on the 5th December 2017, which is designed to showcase the latest innovations in science, research and education and will explore how they impact across pharmacy and healthcare in general. The call for abstracts is now open and the deadline for submission is the 11th September. See their guidance on the submission process and booking information.

BOPA Symposium

The annual BOPA Symposium is on 6th to 8th October in Glasgow. BOPA members get a 50% discount if they register before the 19th August and the full programme is now available.

Regional Pharmacy Research Conference, University of Sunderland

PRUK is proud to sponsor the Regional Pharmacy Research Conference on the 21st July. This conference aims to showcase current research conducted by pharmacy researchers, pharmacists and pre-registration trainees.

FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences 2017

This year’s FIP will be held in Seoul in the Republic of Korea and we are delighted that one of PRUK’s researchers, Helen Chang, will be presenting her research on “Progress testing in pharmacy post-registration foundation training”. See more information on FIP.

Welcome to our new Research Coordinator

Romana Kafedzic

We are delighted that Romana has joined PRUK to take on this challenging role within the research team. As Research Coordinator, Romana will be the first port of call for any queries for PRUK as well as being responsible for managing correspondences for the annual Health Services Research and Pharmacy Practice (HSRPP) Conference.
RPS Research, Evidence and Evaluation Toolkit (REET) update

The RPS ran Phase I testing of this new resource between February and May 2017. The overall comments were very encouraging, with that 73% of participants thought the overall impression of the REET was good and 82% would recommend it to a friend. Some improvements will now be made in line with the feedback received to make it more user-friendly.

The RPS is very grateful to all those who signed up and dedicated their time to use and provide feedback on the toolkit. Phase II testing will be launching very soon and RPS members are invited to participate in shaping the future of the REET! If you are not yet part of this initiative, you can sign up now or contact RPS Research and Evaluation.

Further information about the REET and this evaluation can be found here.

Research News

Why community pharmacists should get involved in research

Science Minister launches £100m Rutherford Fund

The go-live date for the EU portal and database has been postponed
Government hints on future of European Medicines Agency