

Pharmacy Research Resources

These resources are for all pharmacy professionals interested in finding out more about research and audit and quality improvement.

Definitions

Research

designed and conducted to generate new knowledge

Audit

designed to find out whether the quality of a service meets a defined standard

Service evaluation

designed to answer the question
“What standard does this service achieve?”

Quality Improvement

continuous actions to improve outcomes for service users and to develop the workforce that supports using systematic methods (NHSE - Quality Improvement Framework)

Reference: [Research, service evaluation or audit?](#)

Is my project research, audit or quality improvement?

[Is my study research?](#)

[A Guide for Clinical Audit, Research and Service Review](#)

Training and Development Resources

Research	
eLearning for Healthcare (eLfH)	National e-learning platform offering modules relevant to research, audit, & QI. Introductory module covering essential concepts for research and clinical audit. Research and Audit Core Knowledge
The NIHR Pharmacy Incubator	A hub supporting pharmacy professionals to develop research skills and lead research projects. Includes mentoring, resources, and structured support.
CPPE	Training programmes for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and trainees focusing on developing research and writing skills. Research Quiz – A self-assessment quiz to test research knowledge. CPPE Programmes and assessments Research quiz Helps develop skills in structuring academic work and reflective practice. Academic Writing and Reflective Practice - online workshop
NIHR Learn	Free e-learning aimed at pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are new to research. Covers research awareness, processes, and opportunities. <i>Note: Open access will require sign up with an NHS email address</i>
NIHR Portfolio of Funded Studies	Use this site to search for and analyse information on NIHR supported activity in health and care research, including expenditure and research findings.
Pharmacy Research UK (PRUK) – Mentoring Scheme	Provides access to experienced research mentors who support skill development and project progression. You can access the mentee request pages here
NIHR RSS Hub	Offers researchers a wide range of research support, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online or in-person meetings with RSS advisor(s) • Written feedback from RSS advisors on the development of researchers' plans/proposals • Review of near final draft funding applications by RSS advisors • Review of near final draft funding applications by external experts (not RSS staff) • Review of near final draft funding applications at a formal panel meeting (RSS advisors and/or other experts) • Support for literature reviewing • Practice interviews for fellowships and other personal awards • Review of plain English summaries (only) by public contributors

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small awards to support public involvement in research development • Access to RSS-produced research guidance or resources
Career development programmes	National research career development awards programme Regional opportunity for individual developments: YH INSIGHTs HCP Internships (will open in spring 2026)
RPS Research/Evaluation Guides	Research and Evaluation Guides to help critically evaluate evidence, develop your own research study, source funding and disseminate findings. Note: some access restricted to RPS members only
NHS Learning Hub	NHS England has launched two new, free e-learning modules designed to develop a research culture across the entire health service. These self-paced modules, What is Health Research? , are tailored for staff who are not currently research active but wish to enhance their knowledge and understanding of research in the NHS. Available modules: Awareness and foundation and Supporting research participants
Community of Research Practice (CoRP)	A Community of Research Practice (CoRP) is being established across Yorkshire and Humber to support individuals to collaborate, provide peer support, sign post to mentors/ buddies and raise awareness of the different opportunities. If you or any pharmacy colleagues are interested in being part of this, please email yhinternships@nhr.ac.uk to register your interest.
Clinical Academic Training & Careers Hub (CATCH)	A national online resource supporting healthcare professionals who are interested in combining clinical practice with research and academia. It provides clear information on clinical academic career pathways, training opportunities, funding routes, and real-life case studies to help staff explore and progress a clinical academic career at any stage.

Audit & Quality Improvement

eLearning for Healthcare (eLfH)	Explores how QI methodology can be applied to environmentally sustainable healthcare practice. Environmental Sustainability in QI A deeper dive into QI processes, tools and techniques. Quality Improvement Methodology
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CPPE	QI: An Introduction for Pharmacy Professionals Overview of QI principles and how to apply them in practice. Quality Improvement (QI): an introduction for pharmacy professionals

Critical Appraisal	
e-LfH Critically Appraising the Evidence Base	Designed to enable the healthcare workforce (clinical and non-clinical) to build confidence in the critical appraisal process when applying and evaluating research.
Faculty of Public Health - Finding and Appraising Evidence	Six modules take you through the process of how to find the evidence and then how to assess the validity and reliability of the published research to provide effective and efficient healthcare.
Critical Appraisal Online Course	An exclusive multimedia resource for healthcare professionals who want to improve their critical appraisal knowledge and skills. This popular course teaches critical appraisal from first principles, assuming no prior knowledge.
CASP Introduction to Critical Appraisal	Online 30-minute course with a small fee giving you an introduction to critical appraisal. The course covers Challenges using evidence to change practice, 5 steps of evidence-based practice, developing critical appraisal skills, Integrating and acting on the evidence and The Critical Appraisal Skills Programme (CASP).

Credentialing	
RPS Credentialing	Post-registration standards for pharmacists. Support in career progression and research skill development

	<p>Post-registration Foundation information</p> <p>Advanced Pharmacist information</p> <p>Consultant Pharmacist information</p> <p>Note: some access restricted to pharmacists in patient focused roles or those who are RPS members</p>
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