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| 9.00am – 10am | Arrival, registrations, refreshments, networking, exhibition and poster display | | | |
| 10.00am – 11.15am | **Welcome and opening address**<br>**Leading excellence in pharmacy – Collaboration, innovation and impact**<br>*Tase Oputu, President of the Royal College of Pharmacy*<br>*Karen Baxter, Interim CEO of the Royal College of Pharmacy*<br>*Joan Saddler OBE, Co-Chair of the NHS Equality and Diversity Council and member of the RCP co-creation liaison group, chairing the patient and public reference group*<br><br>This opening session will welcome delegates to the Annual Conference, celebrating the first as the Royal College of Pharmacy. The plenary will celebrate the College's progress, ambitions and commitment to creating a professional home for pharmacy, explore the challenges and opportunities facing pharmacy in the future and set the agenda for a day focused on leadership, collaboration and impact. This inspiring session includes an opportunity to explore how pharmacy can work in partnership with patients, colleagues and wider healthcare systems to improve outcomes for all. | | | |
| 11.15 – 11.45am | Refreshments, networking, UKCPA clinical education zone, exhibition and poster display | | | |
| | **Person-centred care**<br>In-person and online | **Workforce development**<br>In-person only | **Science and research**<br>In-person and online | **Royal College leadership and partnership**<br>In-person only |
| 11.45am - 13.15 | Putting patients at the centre of safety: Patient voices, safer systems, better medicines use | Beyond just a badge: Exploring the real value of credentialing | Excellence in science-led practice: translating innovation into patient care | Leading excellence in the profession through partnership |
| | What role can pharmacists play in creating a culture of patient safety? Patient safety depends on effective partnerships between patients and healthcare professionals. This session will explore how pharmacists can contribute to safer systems through learning culture, patient involvement, and compassionate communication. Speakers will share perspectives from national patient safety leadership and research.<br><br>**Chair's welcome**<br>*Professor Debi Bhattacharya*, Professor of Behavioural Medicine, University of East Anglia<br><br>**Listening to patients**<br>*Professor Henrietta Hughes OBE*, Patient Safety Commissioner for England<br><br>**Patient family involvement in safety using the APICCTHS model (Apology, Person-centred, Inclusive, Communication, Closing the loop, Timing, Heart of the Review, and Support for staff)**<br>*Dr Jean McQueen*, Principal Educator, Public Services Delivery Scotland<br><br>**Panel Discussion**<br>All speakers | What value does credentialing create for pharmacists, employers and the profession? Through a facilitated discussion with credentialed pharmacists and pharmacy employers, this session will explore the motivations for pursuing credentialing, the impact it can have on professional development and career progression, and the benefits it can bring to organisations, services and patient care. Delegates will be invited to contribute their own perspectives.<br><br>**Chair's welcome**<br>*Joseph Oakley*, Associate Director: Assessment & Credentialing, Royal College of Pharmacy<br><br>**Panellists:**<br>*Maxine McCabe*, Advanced Clinical Pharmacist, Mackie's Pharmacy, Senior Educator, Public Services Delivery Scotland<br><br>*Richard Dunne*, Head of Healthcare Capability, Boots Group<br><br>*Thomas Wyllie*, Specialist Pharmacist, Cardiff & Vale UHB<br><br>*Sophie White*, Specialist Rotational Pharmacist, Norwich University Hospitals, Lecturer in Pharmacy Practice, University of East Anglia | How can pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists translate scientific innovation into better patient care? This interactive session will explore how advances in areas such as AI, pharmacogenomics, precision medicine and novel therapies can be applied safely, effectively and equitably in practice. Through realistic future-focused scenarios, delegates will examine the science, evidence and leadership needed to turn innovation into high-quality patient care and deliver excellence in science-based pharmacy practice.<br><br>**Chair's welcome**<br>*Professor Amira Guirguis,* Chief Scientist, Royal College of Pharmacy<br><br>**Innovation, regulation and advanced manufacturing: Shaping the future of pharmacy**<br>*Professor Ryan Donnelly*, Chair in Pharmaceutical Technology, Queen's University Belfast<br><br>**AI in pharmacy: From discovery science to clinical decision support**<br>*Brian McKew*, Co-founder and AI Transformation Adviser, Intelligenta Digital<br><br>**Clinical trials in pharmacy: New regulations, new opportunities**<br>*Professor Andrea Manfrin*, Deputy Director Clinical Investigations and Trials, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)<br><br>**Integrating pharmacogenomics into everyday clinical practice**<br>*Dr Sophie Harding*, All Wales Consultant Pharmacist for Pharmacogenomics, All Wales Therapeutic and Toxicology Centre (NHS Wales) | What can we achieve when we work together? This panel session brings together leaders from the Royal College of Pharmacy and partner organisations to explore how collaboration can drive innovation, improve patient outcomes and strengthen the profession. Through facilitated discussion, panellists will reflect on successful partnerships, the challenges and opportunities to deliver greater impact for the profession and the public.<br><br>**Chair's welcome**<br>*Professor Jamie Hayes MBA*, Professor, Welsh Medicines Resource Centre<br><br>**Panel Discussion**<br><br>*Professor Cathy Harrison*, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, Northern Ireland<br><br>*Karen Baxter*, Chief Executive, Royal College of Pharmacy<br><br>*Kathie Cashell*, Chief Executive and Registrar, General Pharmaceutical Council<br><br>*Amy Laflin*, President, APTUK |

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| 13.15 – 14.15 | Lunch, networking, UKCPA clinical education zone, exhibition and poster display | | | |
| 14.15 – 16.00 | **Person-centred care**<br>In-person only | **Workforce development**<br>In-person and online | **Science and research**<br>In-person and online | **Royal College leadership and partnership**<br>In-person only |
| | Medicines safety: Emerging priorities, system learning and improving patient outcomes | Prescribing excellence in a changing landscape: empowering leadership and workforce advancement | **Safeguarding the Future of Medicines: Innovation, Regulation and Resilience** | **Session delivered by UKCPA**<br>Ready for genomics? Practical insights for every pharmacy professional |
| | Medicines safety is a critical and evolving area of healthcare practice, requiring pharmacists to stay informed of emerging risks, national priorities and strategies for reducing patient harm. This session will explore key medicines safety challenges across healthcare settings, with expert speakers sharing insights from national patient safety programmes, medication-related incidents and system-wide improvement initiatives. We will also examine the role of human factors in medicines safety, highlighting how organisational culture, communication, processes and system design can influence medication use and patient outcomes.<br><br>**Chair's welcome**<br>*Lelly Oboh*, Consultant Pharmacist, Care of older people, Guys and St Thomas NHS Trust<br><br>**Improving medicines safety: What works and how do we put this into practice?**<br>*Professor Tony Avery OBE*, Professor of Primary Health Care, University of Nottingham<br><br>**The impact of culture, systems and behaviours on medicine safety outcomes and what pharmacy teams can do differently**<br>*Angela Carrington*, Lead Pharmacist Medication Safety, HSC Strategic Planning and Performance Group<br><br>**Designing safer systems: National workstreams**<br>*Tony Jamieson*, Lead for Medicines Safety Improvement, NHS England<br><br>**Treat the Person, Save the Planet**<br>*Professor Alpana Mair,* Head of Prescribing & Therapeutics, Scottish Government<br><br>**Panel Discussion**<br>All Speakers | Pharmacist prescribing is evolving at pace across GB, reshaping clinical pathways, professional identity and the way patients experience care.<br><br>This session brings together leaders from across pharmacy to explore how prescribing roles are expanding, what excellence looks like in different settings, and how pharmacists can adapt, influence and thrive in a rapidly changing landscape. It will highlight the innovations driving progress, the challenges we must collectively overcome, and the opportunities emerging for pharmacists to take on expanded roles, lead service redesign, and improve patient outcomes.<br><br>**Chair's welcome**<br>*Nick Kaye,* Immediate Past Chair, National Pharmacy Association<br><br>**Advanced pharmacist prescribing: Realising the vision**<br>*Mairi-Anne McLean*, Pharmacist Prescribing Advisor, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde<br><br>**Expanding scope of pharmacist prescribing practice in Wales**<br>*Dr Rhian Deslandes*, Senior Lecturer, Cardiff School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Cardiff University<br><br>**Moving beyond medicines reviews: new prescribing models in general practice**<br>*Atif Saddiq*, Assistant Professor and Advanced Clinical Practitioner in General Practice, University of Bradford and Central Halifax PCN<br><br>**Bridging health gaps in prevention: Cardiovascular risk assessments in community pharmacies for underserved populations**<br>*Jagjot Chahal,* Cardiovascular Prevention Lead Pharmacist, Barts Health NHS Trust | This session will focus on the evolving role of pharmaceutical scientists and pharmacists in safeguarding patients. We'll start with future-focused patient or practice scenarios (e.g. changing patterns of medicine use, emerging pathogens, or supply challenges) and work backward to explore the science, evidence, and leadership required to ensure safe, effective care. The session will connect scientific research and emerging trends directly to real-world patient outcomes, highlighting the profession's role in shaping the future of medicines safety.<br><br>**Chair's welcome**<br>*Professor Stephen Husbands*, Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, University of Bath<br><br>**Pharmaceutical innovation and supply resilience: Responding to medicines shortages**<br>*Dr Justine Scanlan*, Director of Pharmacy, Royal College of Pharmacy<br><br>**GLP-1 receptor agonists: Game changers, grey areas and the peptide frontier**<br>*Professor Amira Guirguis*, Chief Scientist, Royal College of Pharmacy<br><br>**Qualified Persons and medicines quality: Protecting patients across the product lifecycle**<br>*Gillian Renouf*, Vice president, Head of Quality Mereo BioPharma<br><br>**Panel Discussion: Pharmacy preparedness for emerging health threats**<br>*Marisa Lanzman*, Consultant Pharmacist – Infection, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust<br><br>*Dr Bruce Warner*, EPAC Elected Member, Royal College of Pharmacy<br><br>*Professor Gino Martini*, Chief Executive, Precision Health Technologies Accelerator (PHTA) Ltd<br><br>*Dr Jegak Seo*, Honorary Researcher at University College London and Swansea University and Senior Science Manager, Royal College of Pharmacy | As genomic medicine becomes increasingly embedded in healthcare, pharmacy professionals have a key role in leading its safe and effective use. This interactive session will explore how pharmacogenomics is being translated into everyday practice, highlighting key evidence, resources and the new UKCPA Handbook of Pharmacogenomics. Through case-based discussions and expert insights, delegates will consider how genomic technologies can support personalised prescribing, optimise treatment outcomes and reduce adverse drug reactions, while exploring future opportunities for pharmacy leadership and innovation across healthcare settings.<br><br>**Chair's welcome**<br>*Sarah Knighton*, Senior Clinical Lecturer – Pharmacy, University of Manchester<br><br>**How is pharmacogenomics being translated into everyday practice?**<br>*Hayley Wickens*, Consultant Pharmacist Genomic Medicine, NHS Central and South Genomics<br><br>*Rachel Palmer*, Consultant Pharmacist, NHS South West Genomic Medicine Service<br><br>Panel discussion: **How multidisciplinary collaboration can support more personalised prescribing**<br><br>*David Webb,* Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, NHS England<br><br>*Dr Raliat Onatade,* Chief Pharmacist/Strategic Commissioner for Medicines and Prescribing, North East London ICB<br><br>*Hayley Wickens*, Consultant Pharmacist Genomic Medicine, NHS Central and South Genomics<br><br>*Rachel Palmer*, Consultant Pharmacist, NHS South West Genomic Medicine Service<br><br>**Evaluating the impact of respiratory metagenomics on antimicrobial prescribing**<br>*Professor Cathrine McKenzie,* Professor of Intensive Care Pharmacy, University of Southampton<br><br>*Professor Jonathan Edgeworth*, Consultant Microbiologist, Guy's & St Thomas Hospital |

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| 16.00 – 16.20 | Refreshments, networking, UKCPA clinical education zone, exhibition and poster display |
| 16.20 – 17.00 | **Closing Keynote**<br>*Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon MBE*<br>At a time of rapid technology change, Professor Anne-Marie Imafidon MBE will equip delegates with curiosity, confidence, knowledge to embrace new ways of working, build digital capability, strengthen collaboration across teams, and champion excellence not as more technology, but as better, safer, more patient centred care supported by technology. |
| 17.00 – 17.30 | **Celebrating and honouring RCPharm members**: Awards presentation and closing remarks |
| 17.30 – 18.30 | **Drink's reception**<br>Join us for celebratory drink's reception and continue networking with friends and colleagues from across the pharmacy profession. |