

Rapid evaluations of new ways of providing care.

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CONFERENCES

Rapid Evaluation in Health Care Conference, 2024

We are delighted to announce that the sixth Rapid evaluation in health care conference, organized by the Nuffield Trust and the Health Foundation in collaboration with RSET and BRACE, will take place on 8th May 2024, at the British Medical Association.

This year's theme is ***Evidence-based decisions when budgets are tight: rapid evaluation and knowledge mobilization.***

[Find out more here!](#)

Health Services Research UK Conference, 2024

This year's HSR UK conference will be held from 8-10 July in Oxford. The conference is dedicated to the promotion of health services research in policy and practice.

[Register](#) before 26th April to take advantage of the Early Bird rates!

ABOUT RSET

Rapid Service Evaluation Team (RSET) is a group of health service researchers from University College London, Nuffield Trust, and University of Cambridge funded by NIHR to rapidly evaluate new health and care services and policies.

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RAPID EVALUATION: REFLECTING ON LAST 5 YEARS, LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As we begin another five years of RSET (October 2023 – September 2028), Naomi Fulop and Chris Sherlaw-Johnson discuss the effect of the team's work so far and why the role of rapid evaluations will be just as important in the future. [Read the blog here!](#)

NEW PROJECTS

Mixed Method Evaluation of Implementing Artificial Intelligence in Chest Diagnostics for Lung Disease

In 2023, NHS England announced the Artificial Intelligence Diagnostic Fund, funding NHS Trusts to implement AI for chest diagnostics, with the aim of supporting more accurate diagnosis, and improved efficiency.

RSET will evaluate implementation of AI for chest diagnostics over the next 8 months, involving. This will involve a rapid review to identify how future evaluations might analyse implementation of AI for diagnostics. We will conduct interviews, observations, and documentary analysis to: (i) analyse procurement and early implementation of AI for chest diagnostics, (ii) understand how services are analysing impact, and (iii) map pathways and associated costs and resources.

We aim to provide lessons on procurement, deployment, and implementation of AI for chest diagnostics, and make recommendations for future in-depth evaluations.

For more information about this study, please contact Angus Ramsay angus.ramsay@ucl.ac.uk

Evaluation of Ready-To-Administer Intravenous Medicines

This evaluation is a mixed-methods rapid evaluation focusing on evaluating Ready-To-Administer (RTA) Intravenous (IV) Medicines. RTA-IV medicines are IV medicines that are 'ready for use', i.e. are provided in the required concentration and volume, in a container that is ready to give straight to the patient. Ready-To-Administer IV medications have been proposed to potentially help to reduce medication errors, adverse events and save staff time. However, they have not been widely used within the NHS in England, and it is not yet known how cost-effective they are, or what staff, patients, and members of the public think of them.

Our evaluation aims to address these evidence gaps and develop recommendations for the use of ready-to-administer medications in future by conducting interviews, observations, and workshops. We have just finalised the study protocol and will obtain ethical approvals in the next couple of months.

For more information about this study, please contact Holly Walton holly.walton@ucl.ac.uk

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- What could **Patient-initiated follow-up (PIFU)** mean for patient care? [Read this blog from Rachel Hutchings for more on the findings.](#)
- [Explainer on what PIFU is](#) from Sarah Reed and Nadia Crellin.
- What are the experiences of patient and staff using **technology-enabled and analogue models of remote home monitoring** during the COVID-19 pandemic? [Read our latest paper to learn more.](#)
- How is **peer support for social care implemented in prisons**? [Read the interview with Chris Sherlaw-Johnson and Dr Holly Walton.](#)

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