

Making Sense of Evidence Annual Conference 2026

PROGRAMME

09:00 | Registration & refreshments

09:30 | Welcome & Introduction

09:45 | Creating evidence, changing practice: lessons from a career. **Professor Nick Barber**

10:40 | How to ask a focussed question

11:00 | Refreshments

11:30 | Workshops

- Critical Appraisal of a Randomised Controlled Trial
- Critical Appraisal of a Systematic Review
- Tracking down the evidence
- Introduction to Qualitative Research Evidence
- Introduction to Diagnostic Studies

13:00 | Lunch

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15:15 | What happens next?

15:30 | Refreshments & networking, meet the tutors

SPEAKER

Professor Nick Barber

Nick is Emeritus Professor of Pharmacy at University College London School of Pharmacy. Nick is a pharmacist with an international reputation in patient safety, patient centredness and technology implementation, with related experience in organisational change and national health strategy.

WORKSHOPS

Critical Appraisal of a Randomised Controlled Trial (RCT) Learn how to use PICO and appraisal checklists to critically evaluate RCTs and apply research evidence to clinical questions.

Critical Appraisal of a Systematic Review (SR) Develop practical skills in assessing systematic reviews and meta-analyses to determine the quality, relevance, and application of evidence.

Tracking Down the Evidence

Gain confidence in creating effective search strategies, selecting appropriate databases, and finding high-quality evidence efficiently.

Introduction to Qualitative Research Evidence & Critical Appraisal Explore the principles of qualitative research, and how to critically appraise studies to inform clinical practice.

Introduction to Diagnostic Studies & Critical Appraisal Understand how diagnostic tests are evaluated and critically appraise diagnostic studies to inform clinical decisions.



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9:00 - 16:00



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