

# THE MSOP MEMO

December 2025

## Congratulations to Dr Tyers- Fellowship of the RPS

Congratulations to Dr Nicola Tyers who was awarded a Fellowship of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) last month.

RPS Fellows are members who have attained distinction in their pharmacy career. For Dr Tyers this relates to so much more than her work as the Head of Medway School of Pharmacy. Nicola is involved in a wide range of outside activities and takes an active role in raising the profile of pharmacy in the wider health economy.



Did you know for example she worked as a Covid vaccinator during the pandemic and uses that experience for the benefit of our students now as she leads on this important aspect of service delivery for our undergraduate students? Fellowship is one of the highest honours the RPS can bestow upon its members, and it means so much because RPS Fellows are nominated by their peers and chosen by a distinguished panel of fellows. So huge congratulations to Nicola.

*(Thank you to Dr Trudy Thomas for this message).*

## When Sleep Goes Wrong Event



Dr Aiste Stepononaitė recently co-organised the “When Sleep Goes Wrong” event with colleagues from KMMS, UoK, CCCU and Queen Victoria Hospital on 8th November.

This initiative aims to enhance insomnia care in primary settings by equipping healthcare/practice professionals with foundational knowledge and skills in managing chronic insomnia.

The course introduces participants to the science of sleep, the diagnosis and treatment of insomnia, and emerging technologies in sleep tracking. It also explores complex sleep disorders through engaging case studies and expert-led discussions.

MSoP PhD student Uche Ani also presented his research on “Enhancing Awareness of Sleep Disordered breathing Among Primary Healthcare workers (PHCWs) in Nigeria and UK”.

The next “When Sleep Goes Wrong Event” event is scheduled for 14th March to celebrate World Sleep Day by educating primary healthcare professionals on sleep. Booking will be open soon.



## Introducing... Paraceta-mole!

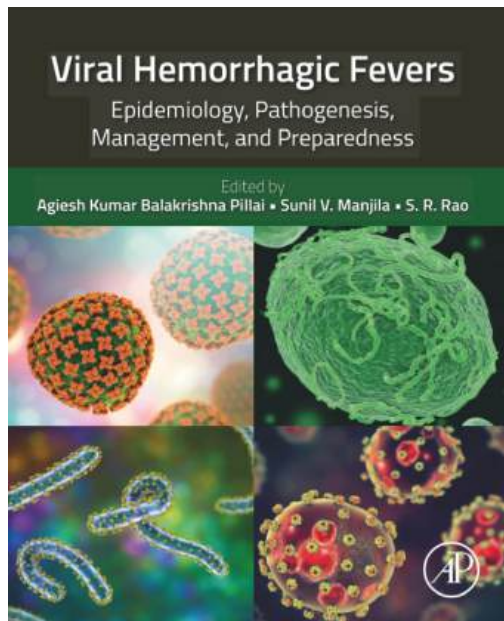
You may have spotted our new MSOP mascot chilling out in Anson reception over the last few weeks (Sporting a rather festive hat at the moment).

Handmade by our Undergraduate Assistant, Leanne, Moley (for short) will be a regular feature at the Student Hatch as well as getting involved in our events.



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## Publication News



### **Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers: Epidemiology, Pathogenesis, Management, and Preparedness**

Congratulations to Professor Nigel Temperton and Dr Simon Scott who have authored a chapter in recently published book, Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers: Epidemiology, Pathogenesis, Management, and Preparedness.

Title of chapter: Chapter 11: Molecular pathogenesis—Part B. Chinedu Ugwu, Diego Cantoni, Martin Mayora Neto, Richard A. Urbanowicz, Edward Wright, Simon Scott and Nigel Temperton

The book was published on 1st Dec 2025. The chapter was solicited by invitation during one of Professor Temperton and Dr Scott's visits to India which were funded by a Royal Society grant which Dr Scott led.

### **Supporting people living with Long Covid**

Dr Suky Bhamra has been part of a team who have published a new CPPE (Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education) online learning resource on Long Covid. This was part of a funded grant. View the resource here- <https://www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes/l/covid-a-01/>

### **Interplay of EGFR, JNK, and ROS signaling in soma-germline communication in the Drosophila testis**

Congratulations to Dr Fani Papagiannouli for her recent publication, published at Stem Cell Reports. Access the article here- <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.stemcr.2025.102676>

### **Tau oligomers can occur in human brains within days of a single traumatic brain injury**

Congratulations to Dr Romina Vuono for her recent publication in BioRxiv. This article can be viewed in full here- <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2025.11.18.688238v1>

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### **A Novel dual Influenza virus and SARS-CoV-2 neutralisation assay**

Professor Nigel Temperton has published a pre-print on BioRxiv. The project team led by Kelly da Costa includes Medway School of Pharmacy VPU and includes our Pharmacy students. It's exciting to see that all 6 SRP students from the class of 23/24 are co-authors on the publication which can be accessed here: <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2025.09.19.677384v1>

### **Fitness to practice concerns**

If you have any fitness to practice concerns these can be reported by using the reporting form or by emailing [d.m.e.rabbette@gre.ac.uk](mailto:d.m.e.rabbette@gre.ac.uk)



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## Student Sustainability Group Project Presentation



Well done to Di Chu Gurung and the Sustainability Group who have been accepted to present their project and poster at the London Student Sustainability Conference (LSSC) in February 2026.

Their goal is to provoke conversations about the role of pharmacists in climate action and by presenting at the LSSC, to build connections, gather feedback, and develop this project further into workshops and public-facing exhibitions that promote sustainable pharmacy practice on a larger scale.

## Student EDI x Sustainability Exhibition

Thank you to both the EDI and Sustainability teams who created a mini exhibition focusing on EDI and Sustainability as part of this year's Welcome Week.



The event was held in Anson reception and was an opportunity for our current students to get creative and show how equality, diversity and inclusion connect with sustainability in the context of pharmacy.

Students were encouraged to submit a poster, artwork, photography or mixed-media pieces that fit the theme, with a particular focus on the use of recycled or sustainable craft materials.



## Pharmacy Pumpkin Prize Draw

In October we held our second annual 'Pharmacy Pumpkin Prize Draw' which was open to all MSOP students who could enter to win one of four luxury hampers and one of two mini photo printers. Congratulations to our winners who were drawn at random on 31st October.



## Festive Arts & Crafts

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our festive 'Crafternoons' which were held every Wednesday afternoon in Anson reception between 12th November and 10th December.

We had wooden tree decoration painting, bauble making, paper chains and gift boxes (Not forgetting the beautiful decorating of Anson reception itself in time for Open Day on 22nd November.

