

PUBLIC AND PATIENT INVOLVEMENT (PPI) RESEARCH

SCONE's aim is to build a Scotland-wide retinal image resource for innovation in eye research, healthcare and education. The SCONE repository now has a vast collection of retinal images from the Scottish population. Recognising the pivotal role of the community, we are conducting PPI work to ensure that research development and findings align with community needs.

As we continue to grow, we've strengthened our team. We are pleased to announce Ana Rubio, as our PPI researcher.



Who I am?

With five years of diverse experience, I've connected intricate research with community needs, aiming to empower participation and enhance health outcomes.

What is PPI?

PPI entails actively involving relevant stakeholders throughout all stages of research to address needs.

What is the purpose of PPI in SCONE?

To ensure SCONE aligns with community needs, we engage patients, the public, and optometrists to address concerns and explore areas for improvement.

What is my role in SCONE?

I lead PPI research to ensure alignment with the population SCONE aims to serve. I will be working to shape the development of SCONE to meet the needs of optometrists and patients.

Our PPI group is now fully subscribed and the first meeting took place on the 3rd May in Edinburgh.

Patient & Public Queries Email: ask.scone@ed.ac.uk

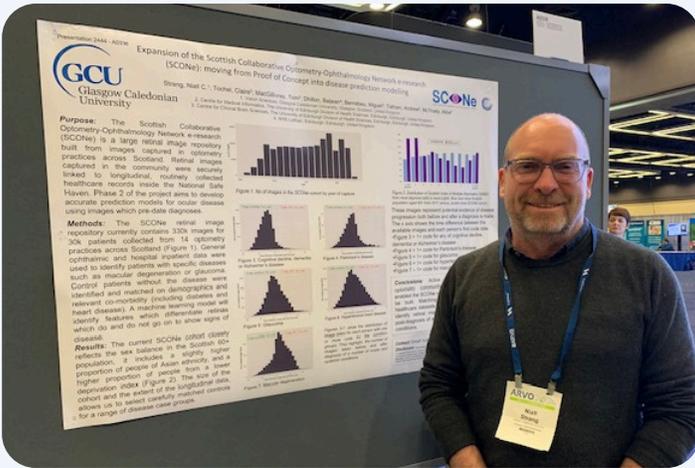




ARVO 2024

Professor Niall Strang presented a poster at the **ARVO Conference** (Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology) in Seattle this month.

Expansion of SCONE: Moving from Proof of Concept into Disease Prediction Modelling.



Niall discussed the SCONE project and reported on the number of retinal images that have been captured in optometry practices across Scotland.

The poster highlighted the large number of **longitudinal** retinal images collected **both pre and post diagnosis** of conditions such as AMD, glaucoma, systemic hypertension, Alzheimer's & Parkinson's.

PhD students Fabian Yii and Justin Engelman who are linked to the SCONE project also presented work linked to retinal image analysis in healthy and myopic eyes.



NEW TEAM MEMBERS

SCONE has been recruiting and we are pleased to also welcome:



Heather Cloete

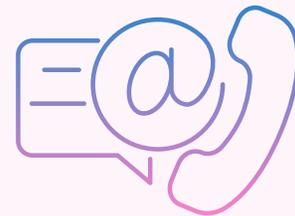
Retinal Imaging Research Associate



Andrey Elizondo

Research Associate Medical Informatics

Keep an eye on the **jobs section** of our website for new opportunities to work with SCONE.



TAKE PART IN SCONE

Optometry practices can register their interest or request more information about the project online.

Click the link below to **fill out our simple online form** and a member of the SCONE team will get in touch at a time that suits you. Alternatively, you can email us at **scone@ed.ac.uk**.

[Click HERE to register with SCONE](#)

