



PPI UPDATE & DOORS OPEN DAYS EVENT

SCONE's initial PPI group meetings took place on 3rd May and 5th July in Edinburgh.

The meetings were hosted by our PPI Lead, Ana Rubio. Participants expressed strong interest and commitment to being part of the PPI initiative for SCONE.

The next meeting is due to take place in September.

Our group currently includes individuals with macular degeneration and their caregivers. However, we're in the process of **expanding to include a broader demographic**, such as young adults and patients with other conditions. This expansion aims to **ensure our PPI group reflects the wider Scottish population**. The ultimate goal of this diverse advisory panel will be to **determine research priorities** for the SCONE repository and guide how we conduct our research.

Through PPI work, SCONE aims to **build transparency and trust with patients**. To this end, the PPI group in SCONE is currently reviewing the data governance process. The goal is to produce a lay-friendly document that clearly explains how we manage data and to create a video that disseminates this information, **ensuring that patients understand and trust the processes**

SCONE uses. We aim to foster a sense of care and responsibility around the data we collect.

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

**DOORS
OPEN
DAYS** 2024

SCONE is also welcoming the public to their **Edinburgh BioQuarter** base as part of [Doors Open Days 2024](#) on **Saturday 28th September**, from 10am to 4pm.

Explore where SCONE is based, meet our team, and learn about our cutting-edge research through guided tours and interactive activities.

If you're in the area, we would love to see you there!

Find us at:

BioQuarter (IRR and Usher Building) -
University of Edinburgh
4 Little France Road,
Edinburgh BioQuarter – Gate 3
Edinburgh
EH16 4UX





SCONe OPTOMETRY SURVEY



We are inviting optometrists in Scotland to **take part in our survey** to help **understand the challenges faced in practice** and how **AI and Clinical Decision Support (CDS) tools** can be **tailored to support you** in diagnosing and managing eye conditions more efficiently.

Our goal is to gather insights and feedback from optometrists of **all levels of experience**. We do not expect you to be expert in these technologies. The survey will take about 15-20 minutes to complete.

If you know other optometrists who might be interested in contributing to this research, please forward the link to them. Your participation can **advance research in eye care** and **benefit the wider optometry community**.

The survey is divided into three parts.

- **Demographics:** Understanding the context of your work.
- **Challenges:** Identifying the limitations and challenges you face in early diagnosis of pathologies.
- **AI and CDS:** Gathering your perspectives on the potential benefits and concerns you envisage when they are introduced into optometry practices.

Please use the **link below or scan the QR code** to go directly to the survey:

[SCONe Optometry Survey 2024](#)



UPCOMING EVENT



SCONe team members will be attending the **Scottish Optical Conference** in **November**.

Visit our stand and find out how to **unlock the potential of retinal images** captured in your optometry practice.

SCONe Co-Chief Investigator Professor Niall Strang will be giving a short update on SCONe at 8:45am.

Event Details:

Sunday 17th November
Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow



TAKE PART IN SCONe

The SCONe repository currently contains **over 600,000** retinal images. **Unlock the potential of retinal images captured in your practice:** register your interest or request more information about the project.

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**.

[Register with SCONe](#)

If you know any optoms who may be interested in SCONe, please share our contact details with them.

