

Why get involved in community pharmacy practice based research?

What is COPPER (Centre for Optimising Pharmacy Practice-based Excellence in Research)?

- Platform for research collaboration between academics & community based pharmacist networks.
- Links between experienced researchers & community based pharmacist networks allow 'real world' practice problems to be identified, developed and addressed.

Practicing pharmacists want to be involved in research because...



Things that prevent pharmacists from becoming involved in research...



How can COPPER help you become a researcher?

- **Four key pillars of COPPER** enable community based pharmacists to become involved in research:
 1. *Research networks* (community pharmacists & primary care pharmacists) - like-minded pharmacists interested in engaging in research
 2. *Communities of practice* (using social media platform, Facebook) – peer support, mechanism to exchange information (between peers & between pharmacists and academics, bounce ideas and seek advice)
 3. *CPD opportunities/links* (quarterly online offerings to build research skills)
 4. Links to *academic support* (matching pharmacists to appropriate academics for research advice/support)
- **Flexibility in your level of involvement.** There are many stages of any research project – developing research ideas, questions and plans, getting Ethics approval from a Research Ethics Committee, recruiting participants for a study, collecting data, analysing the study results, writing up the study, submitting it for publication and presenting study findings at a conference – to list a few. COPPER research activities allow flexibility for network pharmacists. **You can be involved as much or as little as you like.**
- **Resources to help you be engaged.** COPPER can provide research assistance (E.g. pharmacy students).