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Meet the Panel!

Medical Statistics Careers Event



Alex Zimmerman from Oxford CTRU: I'm a medical statistician currently working for the University of Oxford in the Oxford Clinical Trials Research Unit (OCTRU). I enjoy working on several trials across a wide variety of therapeutic areas including oncology, rheumatology, surgery, trauma, and gastroenterology. Working in an academic setting, I also have the pleasure of working on other academic activities alongside my normal trial work. I have previously worked in a pharmaceutical company, so I have a range of experiences, and I look forward to answering your questions at the Panel Discussion!

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Ailsa Neil from AstraZeneca: I'm a Senior Statistician in Oncology R&D at AstraZeneca. I joined AstraZeneca in 2023 through the Graduate Programme after completing a BSc in Mathematics and an MSc in Statistics at the University of St Andrews. Over the past three years, I have completed rotations across Early and Late Oncology and I'm now permanently based within Late Oncology. I have contributed to a range of activities across global oncology clinical trials, while also supporting early-career development through AstraZeneca initiatives and my involvement with the PSI Career Young and PSI Career Universities committees.

Susan Lovick from Plus-Project: I have over 20 years of experience as a statistician. After gaining my PhD from Lancaster University I joined the graduate scheme at AZ in 2002. Whilst at AZ I worked on a variety of phases spanning Translational Medicine through to submissions and life cycle management; and TAs including Oncology & Infection. After taking redundancy in 2015, I have worked in large and small CROs and I'm currently the Head of Statistics at Plus-Project Ltd. Throughout my career as a statistician, I've enjoyed the variety of work and option for continuous learning, and I have a passion for developing others.



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Andrew Davies from Novartis: I'm a biostatistician with 7 years of experience across academic clinical trials and pharmaceutical drug development. After studying Mathematics at the University of Bath, a placement year at Roche sparked my interest in medical statistics. This led to an MSc in Medical Statistics at LSHTM alongside working at the MRC Clinical Trials Unit, before returning to industry at Roche and subsequently joining Novartis. I have been involved in many early-career initiatives, including supporting placement students and MSc apprenticeships.

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Lucy Williams from Pfizer: I'm a Clinical Statistician in the Internal Medicine R&D division at Pfizer. In my past 2 years at Pfizer, I have provided statistical input into the design, conduct, and analysis of phase 1-3 clinical trials in RSV, COVID-19, and obesity, as well as involvement in several non-project initiatives. Prior to joining Pfizer, I completed my PhD in Vaccine Biostatistics at Imperial College London and completed internships in health research at Gilead Sciences and the World Health Organisation.



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Emma Crawford from Adelphi Values: I'm a Principal Statistician within the Health Economics and Data Analysis team at Adelphi Values PROVE, where I lead statistical strategy and delivery for HTA-focused evidence generation projects. I specialise in indirect treatment comparisons, particularly MAIC, and survival analysis, supporting the development of robust, decision-ready analyses. I work closely with cross-functional teams including health economists, systematic reviewers, and medical writers to deliver high-quality outputs. I have over 12 years of experience across pharmaceutical and CRO settings prior to moving into consultancy, with experience spanning early-phase clinical development and HTA across a range of therapeutic areas including oncology, respiratory, rheumatology, paediatric vaccines, ophthalmology, and pain. I have hands-on experience delivering MAIC/ITC analyses and supporting the review and interpretation of systematic literature review outputs. I'm a member of PSI and the Institute of Leadership, and have contributed to external publications and presented posters, presentations, and workshops at international conferences including ISPOR, PSI, and EFSPI. I hold an MSc in Medical Statistics from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and a first-class BSc (Hons) in Mathematics.

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