



Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust uses UpToDate to help improve patient care

Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (LUHNFT) employs nearly 15,000 people and serves a community of two million. Over 600 clinicians at the Trust currently use UpToDate®, the leading clinical decision support (CDS) tool.

Prof. Mike Fisher, Consultant Cardiologist and Chief Clinical Information Officer for the Trust, sums up why LUHNFT choose to use UpToDate: “education and safety.”

Making UpToDate accessible at the point of care

From September 2023 to September 2024, over **60,000 UpToDate searches** were made by the Trust, representing 8,298 individual topics. Some topics were searched for hundreds of times. But 2,564 topics were searched only once.

Prof. Fisher says, “Clinicians I’ve talked to across the Trust say UpToDate supports them in assessing, diagnosing and treating patients, and increasing efficiency.”

Prof. Fisher observes that UpToDate can also help manage conditions outside the clinician’s specialty. “Patients can have lots of different things wrong with them at the same time,” says Prof. Fisher. “A patient of mine had a flare-up of Crohn’s Disease. I referred them to a gastroenterology specialist, but I was also able to start the appropriate treatment based on UpToDate suggestions. Having UpToDate is like having another specialist on hand.”

Faster access to evidence-based answers

“The rate at which modern healthcare information is growing is unmanageable for individuals to manage. Clinicians need tools like UpToDate to organise and filter this information,” says Prof. Fisher.

Prof. Fisher was instrumental in ensuring UpToDate was embedded into the Trust’s day-to-day workflow. Integrating UpToDate with the Electronic Patient Record (EPR) enabled faster access to evidence-based answers so clinicians could feel more confident in their decisions. And UpToDate provides patient education materials in up to 20 languages, helping doctors to build higher levels of trust and engage patients in their own care, which helps to improve outcomes.

→ **CDS tools like UpToDate help clinicians across the UK make the right decision, the first time. Because every decision counts.**



“UpToDate gives you the perspective and confidence to make a decision.”

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