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# Using Technology in Practice

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## We Support Tech-Enabled Practice

- We embrace digital tools and AI to enhance patient care.
- Technology can aid accessibility needs for both patients and practitioner.
- We encourage innovation across private and NHS practice
- We support members to adopt new, efficient, evidence-based approaches



## Innovation Must GO Hand-in-Hand with Responsibility

- Patient data = sensitive data
- Be aware of data storage, sharing, and privacy issues
- Protecting trust is just as important as improving care



## Before Using AI or Digital Tools ...

- Is the tool ICO compliant?
- Are the servers located in the UK or EU?
- Do you have clear patient consent, especially for recordings?
- Have you updated your privacy policy?
- Is the tech clinically validated?



## Recording Consultations? Get Explicit Consent

- Patients must be informed why recordings are made and how they will be kept/stored and then destroyed.
- Consent must be documented and voluntary.
- Offer alternatives if consent is declined.



## Consent Forms

The College has template forms that you can use for:

- Consent for Podiatry Treatment (used for signed consent at first consultation)
- Consent for specific treatment (such as nail surgery and other treatments requiring signed consent)
- Consent for photography or video recording
- Consent for examination and treatment by a student or someone in training situation



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