

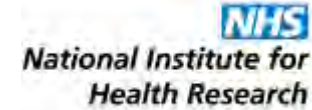


What is the Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre Network?

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The Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre Initiative is jointly funded by Cancer Research UK, the National Institute for Health Research in England and the Health Departments for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland



Centres of excellence funded by CRUK & health departments
for England, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland

Experimental Cancer Medicine Centres
**drive the development of new therapies to bring
benefits to patients faster**



Basic Science

Proof of concept

Product development

Experimental medicine

Confirmatory trials



Centres



Clinical Trials Units



Institutes



Trials Units



Biomedical Research Centres/ Units (England only)



Industry

What is the discovery?

Does it have treatment potential?

Can a treatment be developed?

Is the treatment safe/ tolerated?

Is the treatment effective?



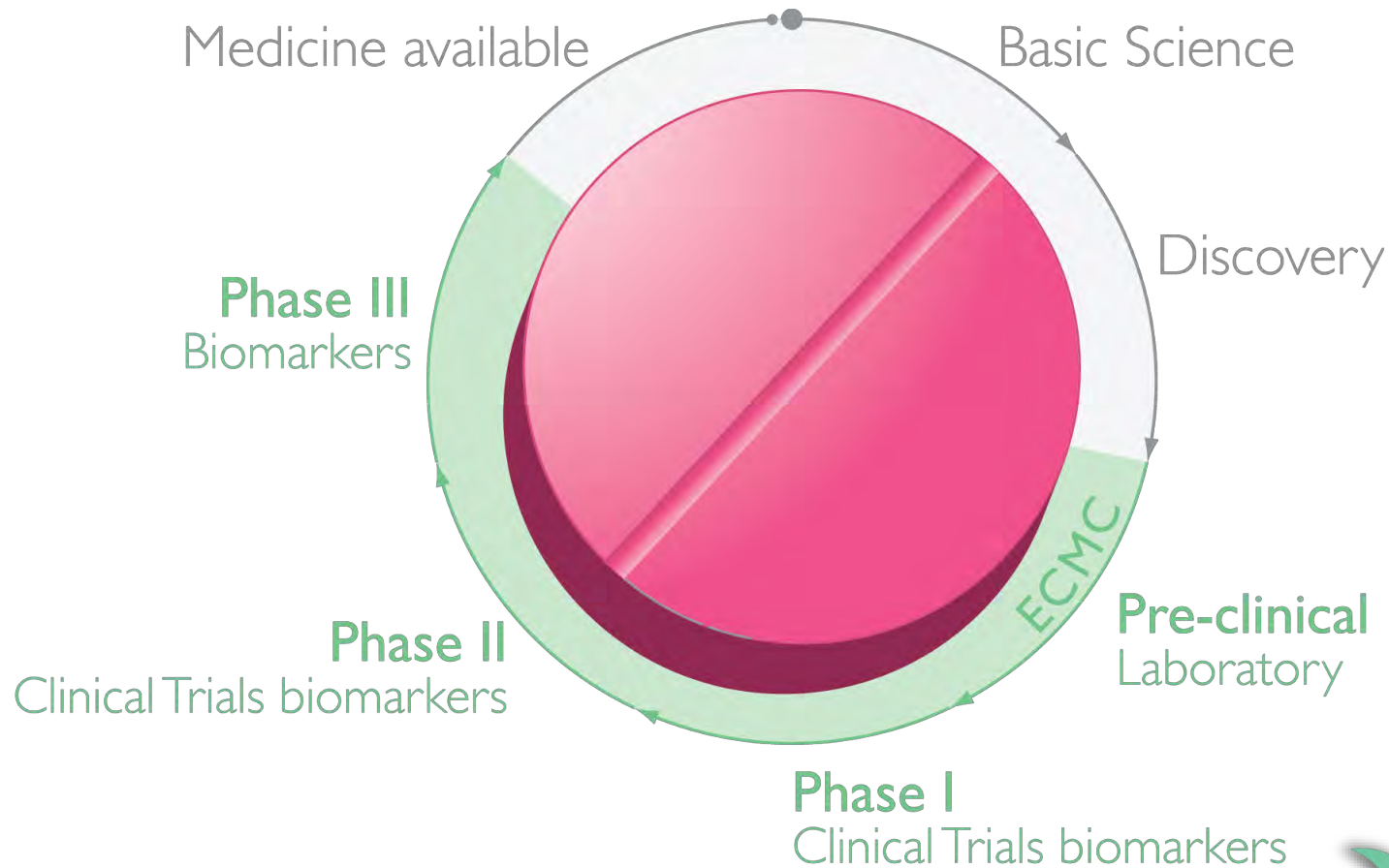
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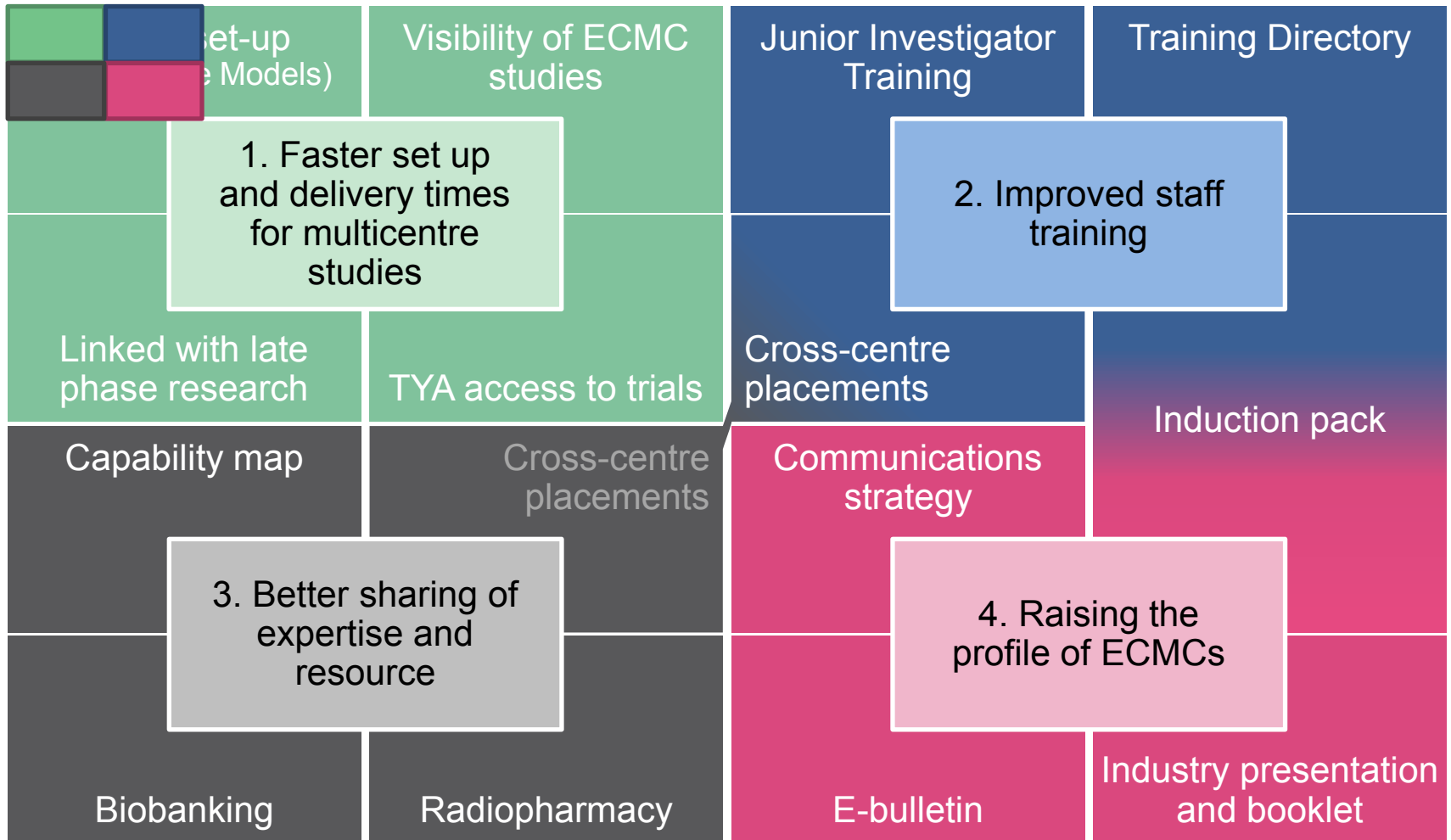
● 18 Centres

○ Plus a Network of 9 Paediatric Centres

What is ECMCs space?



The ECMC networking strategy...



Faster set up and delivery times for multicentre studies



Multi-centre agreements



Linking up portfolio management systems



Faster set-up
(Multi-centre Models)

Visibility of ECMC studies

1. Faster set up and delivery times for multicentre studies

Linked with late phase research

TYA access to trials

Studies looking for new centres promoted in the e-bulletin



New Network Group looking at age eligibility criteria



Links with NCRI Clinical Studies Groups



Improved staff training



New Network Group looking at training needs of junior investigators



Cross-centre placements between centres



Searchable training directory for ECMC staff



Induction for staff offered at all centres



Better sharing of expertise and resource



Mapping the areas of specialisation in the network



Collaboration between ECMC & Confederation of Cancer Biobanks to support the set up of biobanks in ECMCs



Capability map

Cross-centre placements

3. Better sharing of expertise and resource

Biobanking

Radiopharmacy

Cross-centre placements between centres



Joint initiative between ECMC and CRUK to support the radiopharmacy community



Raising the profile of ECMCs



Re-development of ECMC website and annual network meeting format

E-bulletin of events & opportunities circulated to all ECMC staff



Communications strategy

Induction pack

4. Raising the profile of ECMCs

E-bulletin

Industry presentation and booklet

Induction for staff offered at all centres



Industry booklet for forging new links and relationships as a network



ECMC Network Groups

Imaging

**Quality Assurance and Translational Science
(QATS)**

Research Nurse

Junior Investigator

Teenagers and Young Adults

Cellular and Molecular Pathology

UK Therapeutic Cancer Prevention Network

**CRUK ECMC and UK Radiopharmacy Taskforce
(CERT)**

Workshops for R&D and cfDNA in development



ECMC Research Nurse Network Group

- **Workshops and training days:**
looking at the role of the research nurse and specific 'hot' topics
e.g. genetics, biomarkers, personalised medicine
- **Sharing best practice** – out of hours survey
- **Introduction to early phase cancer trials training day**



Who to contact?

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