



ECMC network meeting

Wednesday 24 May 2023, 10.30am-5.30pm

Leonardo Royal Hotel London Tower Bridge, 45 Prescott Street, London, E1 8GP

Agenda

09.30 – 10.30	Registration and Refreshments
10.30 – 12.40	Morning Plenary Session Chair: Dr Catherine Elliott, Cancer Research UK
10.35 – 10.45	ECMC network: aims & achievements Dr Sheona Scales, ECMC Programme Office
10.45 – 11.00	The role of the ECMC network in the UK clinical trials landscape Lord James O'Shaughnessy
11.00 – 11.20	Trial case study: Inobrodib trial Karen Clegg, CellCentric
11.20 – 12.15	Panel Discussion- innovation in clinical trial delivery Chair: Lord O'Shaughnessy. Panel members: Elspeth Banks, Patient representative; Professor Sarah Blagden, Oxford ECMC; Sir Martin Landray, Oxford University & Angela Topping, UK R&D
12.15 – 12.35	Trial case study: DETERMINE Dr Natalie Cook, Manchester ECMC & Ravindhi Murphy, Cancer Research UK
12.35 – 12.40	Close of morning session & intro to afternoon sessions
12.40 – 14.00	Networking Lunch (including poster session)
14.00 – 15.30	Afternoon Parallel Sessions
14.00 – 15.30	Session 1: Translational research: network approaches to sample collection, resource sharing and data integration
14.00 – 15.30	Session 2: Working Together: Optimising National Systems to Accelerate Study Set Up Across the ECMC Network
14.00 – 15.30	Session 3: Finding innovative ways to improve clinical research capacity
15.30 – 15.50	Refreshment break
15.50 – 16.30	Closing session: Increasing representation in clinical trials Dr Peter Hall, Barts ECMC; Dr Patricia Roxburgh, Glasgow ECMC; Mary Van Zyl, ICR ECMC and Dr Esther Moss, Leicester ECMC
16.30 – 17.30	Meeting close and drinks reception



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Parallel session 1

Translational research: network approaches to sample collection, resource sharing and data integration'

This session will consider network approaches to facilitating translational research and discuss the question 'Where can the network add most value?' The initial focus of the session will be on sample collection and data integration approaches to enable translational research

14:00 – 14:05	Introduction to session
14:05 – 14:20	Data integration and the Childhood Cancer Databank Darren Hargrave, GOSH/UCL ECMC
14:20 – 14:30	Oxford's Translational Data Platform Andrew Blake, Oxford ECMC
14:30 – 14:45	Target National Natalie Cook, Manchester ECMC
14:45 – 14:55	Facilitating Translational Research through Data Integration Liz Merrifield, Cardiff ECMC
14:55 – 15:30	Discussion: Challenges and opportunities for network facilitation of translational research via sample collection and data integration

Parallel session 2

Working together: Optimising national systems to accelerate study set-up across the ECMC network

This session will include an update on the ECMC project to improve the setup of early phase oncology trials across the network. The focus will be on how we can advance the interactive Costing Tool (iCT) and National Contract Value Review (NCVR)

14:00 – 14:05	Introduction to session Amanda Rees, Manchester ECMC
14:05 – 14:20	An ECMC project on improving the efficiency & set-up of early phase trials Sharan Sandhu, ECMC PO and Luke Brewer, WFC
14:20 – 14:40	Standardising the costing element of contracting for early phase trials Ali Austin, NHS England and Laura Bousfield, NIHR
14:40 – 15:00	A minimum costing standard and the current interactive Costing Tool (iCT) Chris Barron and Helen Porteous, Newcastle ECMC
15:00 – 15:25	Panel discussion: How can the ECMC network operate and shape the use of national tools like iCT and the NCVR process to effectively cost research whilst also accelerating study set-up?
15:25 – 15:30	Summary and close of session Amanda Rees, Manchester ECMC



Parallel session 3

Finding innovative ways to improve clinical research capacity

This session will look at the current clinical workforce pressures, hear examples of what sites are doing to address them and allow for discussion on other potential solutions. This session will be led by the Policy team at Cancer Research UK to help to translate what we know into policy asks. It will also inform what work the ECMC Programme Office could do in this area and how we should work with others.

14:00 – 14:15	Purpose of the session Sheona Scales, ECMC PO and Zoe Martin, Cancer Research UK
14:15 – 14:30	Defining the problem
14:30 – 14:50	How have sites addressed clinical research workforce pressures
14:50 – 15:25	Discussion: developing national policy solutions to overcome the workforce barriers out of sites' control
15:25 – 15:30	Summary and close of session