

Launch of a new programme of workshops to support Medical Technology Companies: Optimising MedTech Development & Innovation through Research

The NIHR Office for Clinical Research Infrastructure (NOCRI) and HealthTech & Medicines KTN has launched a new series of regional workshops to support the medical technology industry. For the first time, the NIHR is providing companies with a comprehensive overview of the innovation landscape on a regional basis.

With speakers from the NIHR, industry, ABHI, Department of Health and NICE, each event provides companies with a “route map” to successfully translate ideas into commercial products. To support the uptake of new technology into clinical practice, these events will highlight the importance of understanding unmet clinical need and the generation of appropriate clinical evidence for medical technologies.

NOCRI, the KTN and their partners piloted this approach in York early this summer. Companies gave the pilot overwhelmingly positive feedback about the value of the day. South Yorkshire & Humber Medilink hosted the pilot, which featured a number of speakers from the NIHR Clinical Research Network, and the NIHR Clinical Research Infrastructure, including Dr Ceri Williams from the Leeds NIHR Biomedical Research Unit in Musculoskeletal Disease, and Prof Gareth Lloyd-Jones from the Devices for Dignity NIHR Healthcare Technology Cooperative. Industry speakers gave advice from the coalface, with examples of working with the NIHR and valuable in-sight into the regulatory environment and NICE Medical Technologies Evaluation Programme.

NOCRI and the KTN are leading this programme with in partnership with the Department of Health, NICE, ABHI and NIHR CRN.

Dates for the regional workshops:

10 November 2011– SPark, The Bristol & Bath Science Park, hosted by South West Biomedical iNet

6 December 2011 – Wellcome Collection, London, hosted by ABHI

w/c 23 January 2012 – Scotland, hosted by Scottish Enterprise (TBC)

23 February 2012 – BioCity, Nottingham, hosted by East Midlands Medilink

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**Optimising MedTech Development & Innovation through Research
Workshop programme**

Session 1: The MedTech Innovation Pathway

- An introduction to the Innovation Pathway
- Understanding the Importance of Unmet Clinical Need
- Regulatory Requirements & Medical Device Studies
- Funding for Innovation

Session 2: Understanding Clinical Research

- Clinical Research in the NHS
- An Introduction to the NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN)
- An Industry Perspective: Working with the NIHR CRN
- Collaborative Research – Engaging with World-Leading Clinical Academics
- Delivering Collaborative Research through the NIHR Clinical Research Infrastructure

Session 3: Adoption of Innovation

- NICE & the Medical Technologies Evaluation Programme
- An Industry Perspective of the NICE Medical Technologies Evaluation Programme

Useful links:

NOCRI: www.nihr.ac.uk/NOCRI

HealthTech & Medicines KTN: <https://ktn.innovateuk.org/web/healthktn>

ABHI: www.abhi.org.uk/

Medilink UK: www.medilinkuk.com/

NICE Medical Technologies Evaluation Programme: www.nice.org.uk/MT

South West Biomedical iNet: <http://www.inets-sw.co.uk/biomedical/>

Scottish Enterprise: <http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/>