

**Health Research: Easier, Better Faster  
Showcasing UK Translational Research**

**24 November 2011**

**Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park, London**

The National Institute for Health Research Office for Clinical Research Infrastructure (NOCRI) is pleased to announce a major, national conference featuring the UK's leaders in translational research. The conference brings together inspirational speakers from industry, academia, the NHS and the public sector. They will discuss new strategic initiatives and provide key updates in relation to 'Health Research: Easier, Better, Faster'.

The conference will showcase cutting edge translational research that world-leading clinical academics are carrying out today. It will highlight how the nation's strengths and expertise is being harnessed to deliver benefits for industry, the NHS and patients. Confirmed speakers include:

**Earl Howe**, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Quality, Department of Health

**Professor Dame Sally C Davies**, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Scientific Adviser, Department of Health

**Sir John Savill**, Chief Executive and Deputy Chair, Medical Research Council

**Mark Samuels**, Managing Director, NOCRI

**Dr Allison Jeynes-Ellis**, Medical and Innovation Director, ABPI

**Nigel Gaymond**, Chief Executive, BIA

**Professor Ratko Djukanovic**, Director NIHR Southampton Respiratory Biomedical Research Unit

**Professor Peng Tee Khaw**, Moorfields Eye Hospital/ UCL Institute of Ophthalmology NIHR Biomedical Research Centre

This exciting conference, targeted at senior decision makers within the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, will consist of a series of plenary sessions and presentations, followed by panel discussions lead by recognised leaders in translational research.

NOCRI is organising the conference in partnership with the ABPI and BIA.

For further information contact [NOCRI@nih.ac.uk](mailto:NOCRI@nih.ac.uk) or visit the BIA website at [www.bioindustry.org/cgi-bin/events.pl?CD=4128](http://www.bioindustry.org/cgi-bin/events.pl?CD=4128)

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## **Programme**

### **Session 1: Transforming the UK's Health Research Environment**

The Importance of Biomedical Research to the UK  
Translational Research and the NIHR  
The UK Life Sciences Industry Perspective on Health Research  
De-Risking Investment in R&D

### **Session 2: Leading the Way in Translational Research**

UK Funders Supporting Translational Research with Industry  
Rare Disease Research – A Route to a Better Understanding of Complex Diseases  
Fighting Blindness with Gene Therapy  
Dementia Research  
Introducing the UK Translational Research Partnership Programme

### **Session 3: Improving R&D Efficiency**

Risk-Adapted Approaches to the Management of Clinical Trials  
The Health Research Authority  
The Health Research Support Service Update  
Hub & Spoke Models for Patient Recruitment

### **Session 4: The NHS as an Engine for Growth**