Catalysing connections

The Academy of Medical Sciences’ FORUM brings together individuals from across academia, industry, the NHS and Government, and the charity, regulatory and wider healthcare sector to address topics of mutual interest. FORUM events provide a platform for promoting partnerships and networks, as well as joint actions by key stakeholders from across the life sciences sector.

Member organisations

40+

- Academia
- Charities & learned societies
- Health networks
- Industry
- Non-departmental public bodies

Membership breakdown

- Academia: 20%
- Charities & learned societies: 25%
- Health networks: 20%
- Industry: 30%
- Non-departmental public bodies: 5%

- Workshops • Roundtables • Conferences • Lectures •

Number of FORUM meetings a year

4+

Over the last five years

- 30 reports
- 33 events
The FORUM programme covers a broad range of topics relevant to biomedical science and policy, ranging from priorities for research and healthcare, accelerating the translation of research into benefits, and horizon scanning for emerging health challenges. The Academy of Medical Sciences is extremely proud of its expanding FORUM network, the high impact events, and its ongoing ability to shape key policy discussions.

FORUM highlights

**Patient and public involvement in research**
The FORUM is examining how PPI can enhance research through informing priority setting, clinical development programmes and real world usage of medicines and devices.

**Precision medicine**
We have undertaken a portfolio of work on precision medicine, including a series of roundtables with NHS England on stratified approaches, workshops on P4 medicine, and the emerging role of genetics and genomics in medicine.

**Tackling health challenges**
We continue to consider emerging challenges for the future, such as our ageing population, new advances in mental health research, incorporating multimorbidity approaches into research and the increasing importance of prevention.

**Accelerating access to innovation**
The FORUM focuses on driving innovation and translation of research. This includes exploring the translation pathways for early detection and diagnosis technologies, advanced therapies, and the use of innovative clinical trial designs.

**Harnessing biomedical and health data**
In preparing the health system for digital and data advances, we have examined the regulation of health apps, the digital maturity of health systems, safe havens for data and how interdisciplinary approaches can transform research and healthcare.

**Enhancing the UK’s world class research base**
To support the UK’s outstanding science base, we have looked at the UK drug discovery landscape, the role of the UK life sciences clusters in driving research and collaboration, the regulation and governance of health research, and the future skill needs of the clinical research workforce.

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“Very well organised, with lots of interesting talks and discussion”
Adaptive trials: acceptability, utility and versatility workshop

“Excellent expert speakers, interesting provocative debate and fantastic networking opportunities. I really enjoyed the mix of pure science, social science and policy.”
Healthy ageing conference

“Another excellent day to explore this important topic with senior colleagues with a wide range of expertise”
Bridging the preclinical-clinical boundary workshop

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To join the Academy of Medical Sciences’ FORUM or for more information, please contact: forum@acmedsci.ac.uk or visit www.acmedsci.ac.uk/FORUM