Membership & activities

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



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



Over the last five years





33
events

The FORUM

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.



Adaptive trials: acceptability, utility and versatility workshop

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.

"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 preclinicalclinical boundary workshop