

## Events 2018-19



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### **FORUM 15th anniversary reception** (18 June 2018)

Celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Academy's FORUM through a drinks and networking reception. Introductory talks were given from Sir Malcolm Grant, NHS England, Dr Fiona Marshall FMedSci, MSD and Professor Jackie Hunter FMedSci, BenevolentAI.

### **2018 FORUM Annual Lecture on 'Transforming healthcare through bioengineering and technology'** (5 September 2018)

Held in partnership with the Royal Academy of Engineering. Dr Omar Ishrak, Chief Executive Officer of Medtronic, gave the keynote talk followed by a panel of distinguished speakers exploring the potential impact of emerging technologies and engineering on different parts of the patient pathway from research and development through to healthcare delivery.

### **Delivering novel therapies in the 21<sup>st</sup> century** (24-25 October 2018)

A two-day conference held with the Royal Society to explore some of the exciting scientific advances in drug modalities and delivery such as gene therapies, immunotherapies and bioelectronics. The meeting explored these developments in the context of the policy environment and how the healthcare system can prepare for such novel approaches.

### **Adaptive trial designs** (23 January 2019)

A workshop in partnership with the MHRA, MRC and NICE exploring the acceptability, utility and versatility of adaptive trials, and horizon scanning for future novel trial designs.

### **Gene therapy** (March 2019)

A workshop with the Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult exploring the challenges in the early clinical development of gene therapies including aspects such as evidence generation, funding, and investment manufacturing and scale up for promising gene therapies and how we might support their development.

### **Clinical research skills base** (Spring 2019)

This workshop will bring together stakeholders from across the life sciences sector to discuss how we might address skill gaps across the clinical research pathway.