



NCRI Newsletter

Dear Colleague,

We recently announced the appointment of Dr Iain Frame as NCRI's CEO. Iain, who is currently Director of Research at Prostate Cancer UK, will take over from Dr Karen Kennedy who is leaving the NCRI after more than four years at the helm. We're looking forward to welcoming Iain to NCRI when he joins us at the beginning of August. [Read more about Iain's appointment in our press release.](#)

Our new Clinical Trials Pathology Advisory Group (CT-PAG) has opened its first call for proposals - this is a great chance for researchers to [get expert feedback on the pathology component of their clinical trials proposals](#). And if you work with biosamples then you may also be interested in our [Biobanking Sample Quality Improvement Tool](#) which has just been launched by our pathology initiative, CM-Path.

[Applications for Consumer Membership to NCRI's Clinical Research Groups is now open](#). If you have recently experienced cancer as a patient or carer and want to help improve patient outcomes and experience then we want to hear from you.

[You can now submit your ideas](#) for how the NCRI can further progress towards the goals set out in our five-year strategy.

We also have the latest news from our Partners, and events and opportunities.

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NCRI News

Dr Iain Frame appointed as NCRI's CEO



We're pleased to announce that Dr Iain Frame has been appointed as NCRI's CEO, taking over from Dr Karen Kennedy who is leaving after more than four years at the helm. Iain is currently Director of Research at Prostate Cancer UK, an NCRI Partner organisation, and has previously served as an NCRI trustee. We look forward to welcoming Iain to the NCRI at the beginning of August.

[» Read our press release to find out more](#)

Last chance to register for the NCRI's lung cancer trials meeting

The NCRI Lung Clinical Studies Group (CSG) are holding a Trials Meeting on 13 June 2018 in the Crowne Plaza London – Kings Cross. The meeting will bring together experts in lung cancer research to discuss latest advances and emerging research opportunities and view the current

portfolio and planned work of the Lung CSG; sharing aspirations and agendas with other CSGs and research groups in UK and beyond. It is relevant for medical oncologists, clinical oncologists, thoracic surgeons, respiratory physicians, radiologists, research nurses, trial coordinators and other medical professionals involved in the diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of patients with lung cancer.



[» Find out more](#)

Get expert feedback to enhance the pathology component of your clinical trial



NCRI's Clinical Trials Pathology Advisory Group (CT-PAG) aims to support the continued enhancement of excellence in biomarker-led clinical investigation in the UK. It will help researchers by providing a succinct assessment of their proposed biomarker research, and improve the delivery of cellular and molecular pathology for patient benefit. It will also help funders ensure that they are funding high quality, well designed proposals.

The first call for proposals is now open. Following this a workshop will be held to discuss feedback on relevant proposals.

[» Further information and submit your proposal](#)

Thank you from our Living With and Beyond Cancer initiative

The second UK-wide survey from the NCRI Living With and Beyond Cancer (LWBC) initiative's priority setting partnership has now closed. Nearly 2,000 of you responded. Thank you for taking the time to tell us what really matters to you. We will identify the national living with and beyond cancer research priorities in June and launch the priorities at this year's NCRI Cancer Conference.



[» Sign-up to our mailing list to hear updates](#)

Applications for Consumer Membership to NCRI's clinical research groups are now open



Could you help to design and deliver cancer research in the UK? If you have recently experienced cancer as a patient or carer and want to help improve patient outcomes and experiences, we want to hear from you! We are looking for applications to our Clinical Studies Groups (CSGs) and Clinical and Translational Radiotherapy Research Working Group (CTRad).

[» For more information and to apply.](#)

NCRI's Biobanking Sample Quality Improvement Tool is now live

NCRI's pathology initiative, CM-Path, have launched a Biobanking Sample Quality Improvement Tool on the CM-Path website. The tool is a free and confidential self-assessment of current practices within biobanks. The questions are focused on the quality of tissue samples, with links to



evidence and a personalised summary of any areas with potential for improvement.

[» More information and to download the tool](#)

NCRI Consumer Forum Member, Margaret Grayson, receives the Iris Colvin Lifetime Achievement Award for Health

Many congratulations to Margaret Grayson who received the Iris Lifetime Achievement Award for Health. Margaret is Chair of the Northern Ireland Cancer Research Forum (NICRF) and, among many other important roles, is also a member of the NCRI Consumer Forum and its Steering Group

[» Find out more](#)

Submit an Expression of Interest outlining how the NCRI can further the goals set out in its strategy

We want to hear your ideas for how the NCRI can further progress towards the goals set out in our five-year strategy. Your idea might be as simple as running a workshop to consider a specific issue, or as large as a five-year initiative. We want to see ideas:

- That help the NCRI progress against our goals.
- Where it is clear that the NCRI can add value above that which could be provided by other organisations.
- That are related to cancer research.

[» Submit your idea using the form here](#)



Conference News

Submit your abstract by 10 June

With abstract submission closing on Sunday 10 June, make sure you submit your research to the 2018 NCRI Cancer Conference for the chance to showcase your work to the UK and international research community, receive feedback from your peers, and win prestigious research prizes and awards.

New for 2018: all accepted abstracts will be considered for publication in a supplement of the *British Journal of Cancer*, which will be made available to all *BJC* subscribers, Conference participants and NCRI Partners.

[» Find out more and submit your abstract](#)



Partner news and opportunities

Tenovus Cancer Care release 2017-2018 Research Impact Report



Tenovus Cancer Care have recently released a report of their research impact over the 2017-2018 financial year. In that period they handled 50 different active grant awards including laboratory and community research, conducted by academics and medical practitioners. The report also details engagement activity and publications resulting from these research projects

[» Read the report](#)

Cancer Research UK joins forces with the American Association for Cancer Research



Cancer Research UK and The American Association for Cancer Research are launching an ambitious new international alliance to speed the pace of progress against cancer. The overarching goal of the alliance is to stimulate leading-edge discoveries in cancer research that will ultimately help to save lives from this complex disease.

[» Find out more](#)

New NIHR Highlight on how commissioners use research evidence



The NIHR Dissemination Centre has published a new Highlight of NIHR research into how commissioners use research evidence. The highlight includes studies into the behaviour of individual managers and the way in which commissioning organisations make sense of and use research information when making decisions. The findings provide some practical pointers for researchers to make their work more accessible and relevant to commissioners and managers.

[» Find out more](#)

Cancer Research UK is launching the Early Detection Primer Award



Do you have an 'outside the box' idea that can be applied to early detection of cancer? Cancer Research UK is launching the Early Detection Primer Award to draw in new expertise into the field of cancer early detection. This award is open for researchers from all disciplines and all career stages who want to develop an 'outside the box' idea, corroborate an idea, or form new collaborations to tackle cancer early detection. Funding up to £100,000 for up to one year.

[» Apply today.](#)

Macmillan Cancer Support launches 2018 call for research



Outline applications are invited that address: 1) The impact of new developments in cancer treatment on people's lives. 2) How to most effectively get information about diagnosis and prognosis to people living with cancer. 3) Inequalities in experience and outcomes following a cancer diagnosis. Maximum award: £250,000.

[» To apply, visit the Macmillan website](#)

Upcoming events

NCRI CTRad: Molecular Radiotherapy meeting

8 June, London

This meeting will review the challenges and opportunities for clinical trials in Molecular Radiotherapy, particularly focusing on investigator-led trials that incorporate imaging and dosimetry, and to discuss how the community can move forward.

[» For more information and to register, click here.](#)

NCRI Lung CSG Annual Trials Meeting

13 June, London

The aims of the meeting are to bring together experts in lung cancer research to hear of the latest advances and emerging research opportunities, view the current portfolio and to share aspirations and agendas with other research groups in UK and beyond. It is relevant for medical oncologists, clinical oncologists, thoracic surgeons, respiratory physicians, radiologists, research nurses, trial coordinators and other medical professionals involved in the diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of patients with lung cancer.

[» Find out more](#)

MRC Symposium on Communicating Trial Results

19 June, London

This symposium aims to share examples of good practice, challenges and solutions around communicating the results of clinical trials, and to foster future collaboration. It is co-hosted by the Medical Research Council Clinical Trials Unit at University College London and the Association of Medical Research Charities.

[» Find out more](#)

RCR Clinical Oncology Research Day

26 June, Manchester

For those interested in an academic career in clinical oncology. An opportunity for trainees to meet researchers from different backgrounds at various stages of their careers. Snapshots of current research programmes and tips and tricks from those who have successfully achieved academic roles will be discussed.

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