



ResearchTogether

Patients guiding the future of science

Tuesday 11th February 2025
AM Session: 09:00 - 11:30

Edgbaston Park Hotel,
Birmingham, B15 2RS

Registration and Refreshments

09:00 - 09:30

MORNING SESSION 1

Welcome: David Fraser, Facilitator	09:30
Introduction to lifETIME CDT Prof Matthew Dalby and Michelle Carmichael	09:40
Introduction to programme grants and the evolution of PPIE strategy Prof Mhairi Copland and Michelle Connolly	09:50

Keynote | Charity & Patient Talk **10:00 - 10:20**
Charlotte Coates and Lottie Pollak | The Scar Free Foundation

Researcher Talks - part 1 **10:20 - 11:00**

Exploring the potential of different body fluids to implement rapid testing for multiple sclerosis (MS) Bianca Castelli	10:20
Enhancing epilepsy treatment with targeted nanoparticle delivery Katy McGonigal	10:25
Wearable sensors for health monitoring and sport performance Clara Cosa Garcia and Junxiang Wang	10:30
Smart coatings to limit blood clot formation on synthetic vascular grafts Justine Clarke	10:35
Stretching macrophages to affect their wound healing potency Cian Whelan	10:40
Cells at the stem of our being Dr Katie Miari	10:45
Q&A Group Panel	10:50

Tea and Coffee Break

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PM Session: 11:30 - 16:30

MORNING SESSION 2

Keynote | Charity & Patient Talk 11:30 - 11:50
Dr Amy Capper and Sophie Tinley | Myeloma UK

Researcher Talks - part 2 11:50 - 12:30

"Osteosarcoma, I have a bone to pick with you!" 11:50
Treating osteosarcoma: a small molecule approach
Francesca Kokkinos

Magnetic gels to speed up bone healing 11:55
Emma Jackson

Ready-to-use bone marrow models for drug testing 12:00
Conor Robinson

How breast cancer cells feel their surroundings - and why it matters 12:05
Lola Ajayi

Understanding cancer, one cell at a time 12:10
William Mills

Miniaturising bone marrows on-a-chip to expand cancer research 12:15
Dr Olivia Johnson Love and Dr Rozan Vroman

Q&A Group Panel 12:20

Lunch and Group Photo Session 12:30 - 13:40

THEME DISCUSSIONS 13:40 - 16:45

Open space discussion - Introduction 13:40
David Fraser

Open space discussion - Round 1 14:10


Tea and Coffee Break 14:50 - 15:20

Open space discussion - Round 2 15:20

Open space discussion - Conclusion 16:00

Closing remarks 16:30
Prof Matthew Dalby

Evening Social Event 18:45 - 21:00

	Drinks Reception	18:45-19:00	
	Murder Mystery Begins	19:00-19:30	
	Murder Mystery Dinner	19:30-21:00	