



# FUTURE HORIZONS:

## 6<sup>th</sup> International Colorectal Symposium

### Colorectal Research Strategy Update and PPIE event

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Royal Society of Medicine

## PROGRAMME

### Objectives for the day:

To give updates on all our trials

For trial delivery teams to discuss and get support in delivering our trials

For funders and investigators to meet and network

For invited patients and public to join in a session to discuss how to improve our engagement and inclusivity

To help research supervisors and research fellows with career development

### 08:00 Registration and arrival pastries

#### 08:45 Introduction and Welcome

*Prof Gina Brown, Imperial College London*

### 09:00 - 10:50 Session 1: Trials round up

COMET: tumour deposits vs lymph nodes

MARVEL: evaluation of EMVI positive rectal cancer

DRIVEN: pre-operative prognostic biomarkers and the influence of operative approach on survival

Beyond TME: primary endpoint results

6 vs 12: primary endpoint results

AI and rectal cancers: challenges and advances

Pelvic side wall lymph nodes - just how (un)important are they....?

MERCURY 3: Whatever happened to straight to surgery?

**Invited Faculty panel discussion**

### 10:55 Morning coffee



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### 11:15 - 12:05 Session 2: Why a randomised trial for watch and wait is necessary

TRIGGER - the only international randomised trial for watch and wait

ctDNA in TRIGGER: the molecular component

Invited Faculty panel discussion

### 11:15 - 12:05 Session 3: PRESERVE: aiming to improve rectal preservation rates in patients with early rectal cancer

Implementing PRESERVE in an EID trial

Invited Faculty panel discussion

PRESERVE: how are we progressing?

Invited Faculty panel discussion

### 13:15 - 14:00 Lunch

### 14:00 - 15:45 Session 4: Patient and public engagement and inclusivity forum

Reflections on the day

*Prof Gina Brown, Imperial College London*

### 15:45 Afternoon tea

### 15:45 - 17:00 Session 5: Future Horizons networking - supporting careers in research at Imperial College London

Consultations with Senior Faculty from Imperial College London

Existing and future research fellows and their supervisors are invited to a networking session addressing career development

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