



## Accelerating the deployment of new MSK technologies into the NHS

**Date:** 24 June 2025

**Time:** 13:30–19:30

**Location:** Sarasin & Partners LLP, Juxon House, London

# Programme

- 13:30 Registration**
- 14:00 Welcome and introduction**  
Arash Angadji and Martin Thomas, Orthopaedic Research UK
- 14:05 UK: A globally respected place for research**  
Andy Metcalfe, Professor of Trauma and Orthopaedics, University of Warwick
- 14:10 The challenges we faced...**  
Josh Steer, Chief Executive Officer, Radian Devices
- 14:15 Accelerating Clinical Trials (ACT): What we achieved in leukaemia**  
Charles Craddock CBE, Professor of Haemato-Oncology, University of Warwick
- 14:20 ABHI: MedTech in the UK in 2025**  
Phil Brown, Director, Regulatory and Compliance, ABHI
- 14:25 How MHRA can support innovative medical technology**  
Mark Grumbridge, Head of Clinical Investigations, MHRA
- 14:30 Panel session: Supporting new tech through clinical research**  
Andy Metcalfe, Professor of Trauma and Orthopaedics, University of Warwick  
Charles Craddock CBE, Professor of Haemato-Oncology, University of Warwick  
Josh Steer, Chief Executive Officer, Radian Devices  
Mark Grumbridge, Head of Clinical Investigations, MHRA  
Paul Blakely, Director of Strategic Government Affairs, Newmarket Strategy
- 15:20 What to expect from the Life Science Sector Plan**  
Paul Blakely, Director of Strategic Government Affairs, Newmarket Strategy
- 15:30 Networking: Refreshments**

**16:00 Panel session: Supporting market launch and access with data**

Phil Brown, Director, Regulatory and Compliance, ABHI

Anastasia Chalkidou, Programme Director, Guidance Delivery – HealthTech, NICE

John Naybour, Chief Executive Officer, eventum orthopaedics

Taj Sallamuddin, Information Lawyer, Information Governance Services (IGS)

**17:15 Tackling barriers: Education**

Hiten Thakrar, Head of MedTech SuperConnector, Imperial College London

**17:20 Next steps**

Martin Thomas, Orthopaedic Research UK

**17:30 The Furlong Networking: Drinks and canapés**

**19:30 Close of event**

## Faculty biographies (where supplied)

### **Anastasia Chalkidou**

#### **Programme Director, Guidance Delivery – HealthTech, NICE**

Dr Anastasia Chalkidou is the Programme Director for HealthTech at NICE. She was previously the Associate Director for the King's Technology Evaluation Centre (KITEC) and was a Senior Research Fellow in Health Technology Assessment at King's College London, with a focus on complex interventions, medical devices, and digital health technologies. She has led numerous health technology assessment (HTA) projects, both national and hospital-based, and has provided consultancy to MedTech companies on developing evidence generation strategies and value propositions from inception to market. She is currently a co-investigator on the ASSESS-DHT, a European initiative for HTA of Digital Health Technologies.

Her career began in Clinical Oncology after completing her medical degree in 2004. She holds an MSc in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, a PhD in validating PET biomarkers in oncology, and an MA in Higher Education Practice. She co-chairs the HTAi Medical Devices Interest Group.

### **Mark Grumbridge**

#### **Head of Clinical Investigations, MHRA**

Mark Grumbridge qualified as a registered general nurse in 1991 and holds a BSc Hons in Clinical Leadership from Bournemouth University; Diploma in Nursing Studies from Southampton University; PG Diploma in Healthcare Law and Ethics from Dundee University; and CSci.

He is NMC registered and revalidated until November 2024. His clinical experience is in acute medicine, haematology, blood transfusion, community nursing and project management.

Since March 2022, he has been the Head of Clinical Investigations at MHRA having previously held the role of senior clinical advisor and has worked at the MHRA since January 2012. He is also a committee member for ISO 14155 (clinical investigation of medical devices) and ISO 18969 (clinical evaluation of medical devices) representing MHRA and the UK.

His role at the MHRA involves managing all aspects of clinical investigations including:

- Provision of advice and support for applicants
- Sourcing expertise
- Reviewing applications for clinical investigations
- Managing a team of regulatory handlers
- Implementing regulation

## **Taj Sallamuddin**

### **Information Lawyer, Information Governance Services**

Taj Sallamuddin is an Information Lawyer, who specialises in all aspects of information law, including intellectual property, data protection, data privacy, as well as contracting. He is an experienced lawyer and has held both national and international posts, working with public, private and not-for-profit client's sector, including universities. He sits on the Mental Health Data Ethics panel at the University of Oxford. He helps organisations shape their data strategy and how they can use data to benefit society, as well as meet their own organisational goals. He advises on what your approach to intellectual property should be, and he prides himself in implementing advantageous and lawful data access models whilst also ensuring it remains ethically sound, and always transparent.

## **Josh Steer**

### **Chief Executive Officer, Ralii Devices**

Joshua Steer, PhD is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ralii Devices. He graduated with a PhD in Bioengineering from the University of Southampton in 2020, where he continues as a Visiting Research Fellow. His work has focussed on developing data-driven tools to support clinicians in custom medical device fitting. Within his role as CEO of Ralii, he works with large organisations including the NHS, HP, Philips, and the Department for Veteran Affairs in the USA. He has contributed to 15 peer-reviewed publications with over 500 citations.

## **Hiten Thakrar**

### **Head of MedTech SuperConnector, Imperial College London**

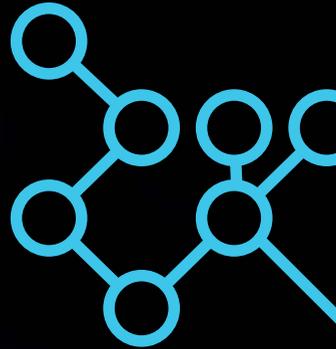
Hiten Thakrar is a strategic innovation leader specialising in commercialising deep technology and fostering entrepreneurship within academia. With an MBA from Imperial College Business School, he brings extensive experience in building successful accelerator programmes and multi-institutional partnerships.

As the Head of Imperial's £8.44M MedTech SuperConnector, he oversees a pioneering initiative that unites London's premier academic institutions. Under his leadership, the programme has established a comprehensive ecosystem that transforms promising research into viable startups, providing Early Career Researchers with essential entrepreneurial training, funding, and access to state-of-the-art prototyping facilities.

Expanding on this model, Hiten is leading the £1.5M AI SuperConnector programme to accelerate AI commercialisation. He has cultivated strategic partnerships with industry leaders including Nvidia, Google, and Novartis, while developing robust early-stage investment networks and innovative post-doctoral programmes. His expertise extends to designing and implementing acceleration programmes for corporations, organisations, and universities, notably launching national MedTech and AI post-doctoral innovation initiatives. His work bridges the gap between academic research and commercial success, creating pathways for the next generation of deep tech entrepreneurs.

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