



RET @ CRICK

Inaugural Meeting of the RET Research Collaborative Network

Monday 10th June 2019

The Francis Crick Institute, London

Free event for researchers & clinicians



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About the RET Research Collaborative Network

Germline and somatic RET gene mutations are responsible for a range of rare diseases, including Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia type 2, sporadic medullary thyroid cancer and pheochromocytomas, Hirschsprung's disease, intellectual disabilities, congenital kidney and urinary tract abnormalities. Although individually rare, collectively they carry a significant burden to the patients and health care systems because of their complexity and multiple co-morbidities. Their rarity also affects our ability to conduct research into the mechanism of RET associated diseases and recruitment into clinical trials. Optimal care is difficult to deliver because patients with these conditions are looked after by a wide variety of centres across the UK. Awareness and understanding of RET associated diseases can be poor and the majority of patients affected are children.

We propose to establish a RET Research Collaborative Network with the aim of facilitating the exchange of ideas and collaborative initiatives leading to innovative projects and grant applications, and to coordinate research with ongoing clinical care to encourage recruitment into laboratory based projects and clinical trials. We believe that such a network will also enable earlier diagnosis of RET mutations, ensure better treatment options for patients and improve clinical outcomes.

About the Day

The RET@CRICK meeting, envisaged as a stepping stone towards this goal, is a one-day event bringing together scientific and clinical leaders in their field as well as junior doctors and young researchers. The day will consist of four sessions, each comprised of Scientific, Clinical and New Research talks, followed by an open forum discussion and networking breaks. Presentations will cover important aspects of RET related diseases including MEN2, MTC, Hirschsprung's disease, animal models and RET targeting in oncology, as well as the role of RET in development and physiology. RET@CRICK is an excellent opportunity for both scientists and clinicians to test new ideas, find potential collaborators and get engaged in world class translational research.

Convenors:

Mr Tom Kurzawinski, Consultant Endocrine Surgeon, University College & Great Ormond Street Hospitals, London
Dr Louise Izatt, Consultant in Clinical Genetics and Genomics, Guy's & St Thomas' Foundation NHS Trust, London
Dr Rakhee Chauhan, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, The Francis Crick Institute
Professor Neil McDonald, Senior Group Leader, The Francis Crick Institute

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