

# DEC collaborations

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# Engagement



## Engagement with industry

- Consultations
  - small focussed
  - or full DEC engagement (all disciplines)
- Attendance at meetings
- Active dissemination of our work
  
- Organic development of ideas for collaborations
- Direct approach – where we have been actively approached with ideas for studies

# Collaboration



## Developing Collaborations

Ideas have resulted in.....

- Joint grant applications which have been
  - industry partner driven
  - or driven by us, with the support of the industry partner
- We have been able to contribute expertise including, but not exclusively
  - Clinical (wide range of departmental clinical interests)
  - Methodology and statistics
  - Health economics
  - Qualitative

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## Challenges / limitations

- Building trust
- Reconciling contrasting objectives/expectations
- Making joint funding submissions within the strictures of the university system
- Our involvement is somewhat limited by departmental interests
- We are not always as immediately accessible as we would like to be

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## Benefits

- Benefits of engaging with researchers from a broad range of disciplines in diagnostics research
- Externally funded model provides benefits for both parties
  - We take on projects which are of interest to us
  - Research outputs are likely to be powerful as we use an open minded approach and are financially independent
- Aim to produce peer reviewed publications rather than closed reports
- Projects give us a privileged insight into exciting novel technologies
- Broad knowledge of the diagnostics landscape can help to inform our work