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
Collaboration

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