

RCPATH Forum: Rapid Genomic Testing for Cancer Patients

24 November 2025, The Royal College of Pathologists, 6 Alie Street, London E1 8QT

Draft Programme

Time	Session	
8.30 – 9.00	Registration (ground floor) Tea and coffee (Elizabeth Foyer)	
Time	Topic – scene setting Chaired by Professor Sarah Coupland	Speaker
9.00 - 9.05	Welcome	Professor Sarah Coupland, RCPATH Registrar
9.05 - 9.10	First survey - demographics	Helen Bentley, Partner, Digital Strategy, Innovation & Experience Design Ernst & Young
9.10 - 9.20	The Future of Pathology	Dr Bernie Croal, RCPATH President
9.20 - 9.50	NHSE Genomics perspective	TBC
9.50 -10.05	NHS Clinical Cancer/ oncology perspective	Dr David Gilligan, Cambridge University Hospitals
10.05 -10.20	Pathologist's perspective	Dr David Moore, UCH NHS Foundation Trust
10.20-10.35	Pharmaceutical industry perspective	Dr Janet Valentine PhD, ABPI
10.35-10.50	Cancer patient's perspective	Lorraine Dallas / Gini Harrison, Roy Castle Foundation
10.50-11.00	Second survey – tailoring testing	Helen Bentley, Partner, Digital Strategy, Innovation & Experience Design Ernst & Young

BREAK: 11:00 – 11:30 – Tea, Coffee etc. Elizabeth Foyer

Time	Topic - Alternative Approaches Chaired by Professor Peter Johnston	Speaker
11.30-11.45	Local Targeted PCR testing	Dr Maria Arcila, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
11.45-12.00	Local Targeted NGS testing	Dr Mark Ewalt, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

12.00 -12 15	Liquid Biopsy	Sian Morgan, RCPATH Genomics SAC Chair
12.15-12.30	Cancer Genomic testing in the USA	Dr Tara Love, Roche
12.30-12.45	Cancer Genomic testing in Australia	Professor Paul Waring, RCPATH Special Advisor on Industry Engagement
12.45- 12.50	Third survey – canvassing opinions	Helen Bentley, Partner, Digital Strategy, Innovation & Experience Design Ernst & Young

LUNCH: 12:50 – 13:30 – Hot buffet lunch served in Elizabeth Room foyer

Time	Topic - Exploring Options	Spokesperson
13.30-14.30	Breakout group discussions	all
14.30-14.35	Gp 1 report – “Quick for the Sick” testing	Elected by group
14.35-14.40	Gp 2 report – Testing for the “Waiting well “	Elected by group
14.40-14.45	Gp 3 report – Integrating biomarkers	Elected by group
14.45-14.50	Gp 4 report – Tissue vs liquid biopsy	Elected by group
14.50-14.55	Gp 5 report – Workforce training	Elected by group
14.55-15.00	Gp 6 report – Clinical trial screening	Elected by group
15.00-15.25	Discussion – Chair TBC	all
15.25-15.30	Fourth survey – identifying solutions	Helen Bentley, Partner, Digital Strategy, Innovation & Experience Design Ernst & Young

BREAK – 15:30 – 16:00 – Tea, Coffee etc. Elizabeth foyer

Time	Topic – Consensus-seeking Chaired by Helen Bentley and Professor Peter Johnston	Speaker
16.00-16.40	Group consensus discussions – chaired by Helen Bentley	all
16.40-16.45	Call for consensus	Professor Peter Johnston, RCPATH Vice President for Corporate Engagement and Workforce
16.45-16.50	AI - generated consensus	Elliott Young, eMeeka Ltd
16.50-17.00	Closing remarks and next steps	Professor Sarah Coupland