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Welcome to the October edition of the Bionow monthly update!



Bionow News and Events

The latest Bionow news and upcoming events



Register for and activate your Glue Up account

Bionow have migrated their website and CRM system to Glue Up, which is a significant upgrade and is great news for Bionow members.

The new website makes it much easier for members to post news and jobs and register for events.

Once you have activated your account, you can access all the Bionow membership services available for your membership type. **You will need a Glue Up account to access these.**

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Bionow is delighted to welcome xx new members!

We look forward to working with:

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Our members are at the heart of what we do and by joining Bionow and working together we can achieve more. Bionow members have access to a fantastic range of benefits and services to assist with being globally competitive, delivering world class innovation and inspiring the next generation. Become part of our community!

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Fisher Scientific is a Bionow Preferred Partner for laboratory consumables, chemicals, low value apparatus and life science supplies.

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Meet the Member: National Measurement Laboratory



As the National Measurement Laboratory (NML), hosted at LGC, we are the UK's Designated Institute for chemical and biological measurement and support the work of the [Government Chemist](#). We predominantly deliver measurement research, enabling us to offer reference materials, calibration facilities and services as well as specialised advice and training. Our work has a significant impact both internationally and nationally.

NML plays a leading international role in standardising measurements, driving innovation, and supporting productivity and economic growth on behalf of the UK government.

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Bionow's inaugural Biolgnite conference sparks conversation and collaboration



More than 90 delegates, speakers and exhibitors came together for the first conference in the new Biolgnite event series, which focuses on the achievements of the life sciences industry in the Northwest and unites industry and academia.

Hosted at Sci-Tech Daresbury, the agenda kicked off with an opportunity to tour the lab facilities before the conference began, followed by sessions on skills development; funding and investment; AI, digital and data in healthcare; early-stage innovation and scaling in industrial biotech into 2026 and beyond.

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Empowering Women in Biotech: Bringing attendees together through shared experiences



Empowering Women in Biotech by Bionow was back for the second time this year, this time with Ward Hadaway's Newcastle office playing host to more than 70 delegates and speakers.

There were two panel discussions on the agenda, *Navigating Career Paths: From Lab to Leadership* and *The Future of Biotech: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Science*, along with a session of Early Career Journey presentations and two keynotes from Alcyomics CEO, Prof. Anne Dickinson, and CEO and Co-Founder of ClotProtect, Prof. Helen Philippou.

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Biotech & Beers
The Town Wall Pub, Newcastle

Thursday 13th November



Biotech & Beers Returns to Newcastle! All welcome.

Christmas is approaching and we thought it would be great to bring everyone together again just before the party season gets into full swing and people go on their holidays, so Biotech and Beers returns to Newcastle bringing with it a chance to get together and network ahead of the holidays.

Join Bionow for an agenda-free networking evening which provides opportunities for key people from companies working in or with the life sciences sector to network and socialise with their peers in an informal setting over a drink or two.

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CONFERENCE 2025

Bionow Oncology Conference
Alderley Park

Thursday 27th November



Exploring the Future of Oncology

Join Bionow, industry experts, and colleagues for the highly anticipated 2025 Oncology Conference. This event will delve into the latest advancements and challenges in cancer research, fostering collaboration and innovation across the healthcare sector.

Why Attend?

Cancer remains one of the most significant global health challenges, with millions of lives impacted each year. Oncology research and development is vital for improving early detection, advancing treatment options, and ultimately saving lives. By addressing gaps in our understanding of cancer and investing in cutting-edge innovation, we can pave the way for better patient outcomes and a healthier future for all.

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Biotech & Beers
The Churchill Tree, Alderley Park

Thursday 27th November



Biotech & Beers returns to Alderley Park on the evening of the Oncology Conference

Why not join Bionow and [Appleyard Lees](#) after the Oncology Conference for an agenda-free networking evening that provides opportunities for key people from companies working in or with the life sciences sector to network and socialise with their peers in an informal setting over a drink or two.

We look forward to catching up with you **from 5.30 pm onwards at the Churchill Tree Pub, Alderley Park.**

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Genesis 2025
1 Wimpole Street, London

Wednesday 3rd December

Under a headline theme of Maximising Returns from Life Science Innovation, Genesis 2025 will feature:

- High content mix of keynote talks and panel discussions from key opinion leaders
- Networking with 300 delegates on the day
- Option to arrange 1 to 1 meetings with delegates via the event app
- Genesis Fringe events for informal in-person networking
- Exhibition for invaluable innovation support from our network

The One Nucleus Genesis 2025 conference is set to deliver a fantastic opportunity for the ecosystem to connect, collaborate and create return for innovators, investors, patients and society.

As a proud collaborator for this event, Bionow is offering members 10% off entry.

Contact clara.borg@bionow.co.uk for details

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Candidate to Clinic Webinar and Live Q&A Online

Thursday 4th December

Candidate to Clinic: A live Q&A Session presented Seda PDS and Apconix, hosted by Bionow

Our Recent DMPK and Pharmaceuticals Experiences of Project Optimus

In alignment with [FDA's Project Optimus](#) which aims to reform dose optimisation and selection in oncology drug development, Apconix and Seda PDS will share insights from our collaborative experiences in DMPK, toxicology and pharmaceuticals. We aim to provide valuable knowledge on how these disciplines can address challenges, facilitate the design and discovery of new therapies and support both preclinical and clinical stages of drug development.

Join us for an engaging evening where our team will answer your questions and discuss how our expertise can support your projects. This is an opportunity to gain deeper understanding and explore innovative solutions in drug development.

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Meet with Secerna at Biotech & Beers



Build your network and grow your business at BioNow's annual [Biotech & Beers 2025](#) event.

Join Senior Associate [Huw Jenkins](#) and European Patent Attorney [John Harbottle](#) in Newcastle on Thursday, 13th November, from 5:30 PM.

Join a supportive community of focused life science leaders. This is the perfect relaxed setting to build new contacts, compare notes, and exchange insights that drive real company growth.

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HGF Relocates Leeds Office to 1 City Square as Part of Ongoing Growth



HGF has relocated its office in Leeds to 1 City Square, occupying newly refurbished premises on the building's fourth floor. The move marks another step forward in the firm's continued expansion following private equity investment and reflects HGF's commitment to providing its people with high-quality,

modern workplaces that support collaboration and growth.

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Wilton Centre marks 50 years as a leader of excellence in biomanufacturing and the circular economy



Last week, the Teesside business community and local guests came together at Wilton Centre, near Redcar, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the iconic research space, a renowned landmark in Europe's R&D landscape.

Pioneer Group, the UK's specialist in life sciences space, community and venture building, led the Centre's celebration, marking five decades of empowering companies and entrepreneurs to shape the circular economy.

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Collaboration strengthens research commercialisation across Greater Manchester



A groundbreaking project, led by the University of Manchester Innovation Factory, has brought together four Greater Manchester universities in a joint effort to strengthen research commercialisation across the region.

The six-month initiative, funded by Research England's Connecting Capability Fund (RED Fund), united the technology transfer offices (TTOs) of Manchester Metropolitan University, the Royal Northern College of Music, the University of Manchester (through its Innovation Factory) and the University of Salford.

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Manchester Met welcomes its largest cohort of Bioscience Apprentices



On 22nd September, Manchester Metropolitan University welcomed 25 new Biological Scientist Degree Apprentices from industries across England. This marks the beginning of their journey to becoming future leaders in the sector. By combining academic learning with hands-on experience, these apprentices will contribute to innovation in bioscience and deliver high-impact projects from day one.

The Scientist (Biological Scientist) Degree Apprenticeship is an industry-driven programme that gives apprentices the opportunity to explore key areas such as microbiology, molecular biology, genetics, disease, diagnostics, environmental monitoring, and cell biology.

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Scitech Engineering Ltd Joins Ekium Group, Becoming Scitech–EKIUM



Ekium is a leading European engineering and automation firm, employing over 2,500 professionals across 14 countries. This partnership marks a significant milestone for both organisations, combining Scitech's deep expertise in delivering complex, GMP-compliant projects in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, life sciences and advanced technology sectors with Ekium's global reach and multidisciplinary capabilities.

This collaboration enhances Scitech's ability to expand its service offering and project capacity, while supporting Ekium's strategic growth and presence in the UK market. It particularly strengthens our local capabilities in the pulp and paper and nuclear sectors. Clients can expect the same high standards of technical excellence, innovation and client-focused delivery, now backed by a broader international network.

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PACE Announces £6 Million Funding for Antibacterial Treatment Innovations to Fill Critical Gap in R&D Pipeline



In its latest funding round, PACE, one of the UK's largest public-private initiatives targeting early-stage antimicrobial drug and diagnostic development, is seeking truly innovative therapeutic projects that focus on bacterial infections with the [highest AMR burden and unmet need](#) as defined by the WHO. These include lower respiratory tract infections, urinary tract infections and bloodstream infections. AMR is making these infections increasingly harder to treat, often leading to unresolved or recurrent infections and an increased risk of sepsis, which can be fatal.

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The University of Manchester recognised as a national leader in IP and commercialisation



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The University of Manchester has been recognised as one of the best universities in England for intellectual property (IP) and commercialisation performance in the latest Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF) results.

The results highlight the outstanding contribution of the University's wholly owned subsidiary, the University of Manchester Innovation Factory, which has once again achieved the highest possible rating in IP and Commercialisation. This reflects the Innovation Factory's strong performance across licensing, IP income, investment, and the turnover of its portfolio of spinout companies.

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A Specialist's Guide to Claiming Overseas R&D Costs for the Med-Tech and Life Sciences Industries

LimestoneGrey

Many companies working within the Med-Tech and life sciences sectors are tackling global challenges such as antimicrobial resistance, ageing populations and chronic disease management. Addressing these complex issues often requires research that extends beyond the UK's borders.

However, as part of major reforms to R&D tax relief, the government has now imposed strict limits on the eligibility of overseas expenditure. The new rules aim to encourage domestic innovation, meaning that, by default, most overseas R&D activity no longer qualifies for tax relief.

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Beyond Maintenance: How Provision Service Contracts Keep Labs Moving



When your instruments stop, your science does too. That's why at Provision, we believe support should be simple, fast, and human.

Our **comprehensive service contracts** give you peace of mind knowing your mass spectrometers are in expert hands. Whether you're running Waters or Sciex systems, our engineers bring decades of experience to every call. We handle everything — preventative

maintenance, repairs, system optimisation, and emergency response — all covered under one contract.

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How a Website Project Created Company Clarity



A Story of Discovery and Digital Success

In the complex world of large technical industries — from life sciences and biotech to sustainable manufacturing — it's easy for internal knowledge to become fragmented. When information lives in spreadsheets, siloed systems, and individual minds, even the most established organisations can lose track of who does what, where, and how.

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Compliance in Life Sciences: A Strategic Imperative for Bionow Members



In the life sciences sector, compliance isn't just a regulatory requirement, it's the backbone of trust, innovation, and sustainable growth. Whether you're a biotech startup preparing for your first clinical trial or a global manufacturer scaling operations, a robust compliance framework is essential to ensure product quality, patient safety, and market access.

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Embed, Build, Accelerate – Manchester BRC Director's blog – October 2025



Hello and a very warm welcome to my latest **Embed, Build, Accelerate** blog as the Director of the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Manchester Biomedical Research Centre (BRC). In this edition I want to focus on **commercialisation, collaboration and co-development** in partnership with industry.

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Electron Microscopy Services at the University of Manchester: Practical Solutions for Industry



What the EM Platform Offers

The EM Technology Platform at Manchester is equipped with a range of electron microscopes and staffed by experienced specialists. The facility supports projects involving:

- Proteins and protein complexes
- Vaccines and virus-like particles (VLPs)
- Membranes, cells, and tissues
- Chemical samples, including detergents and self-assembling materials

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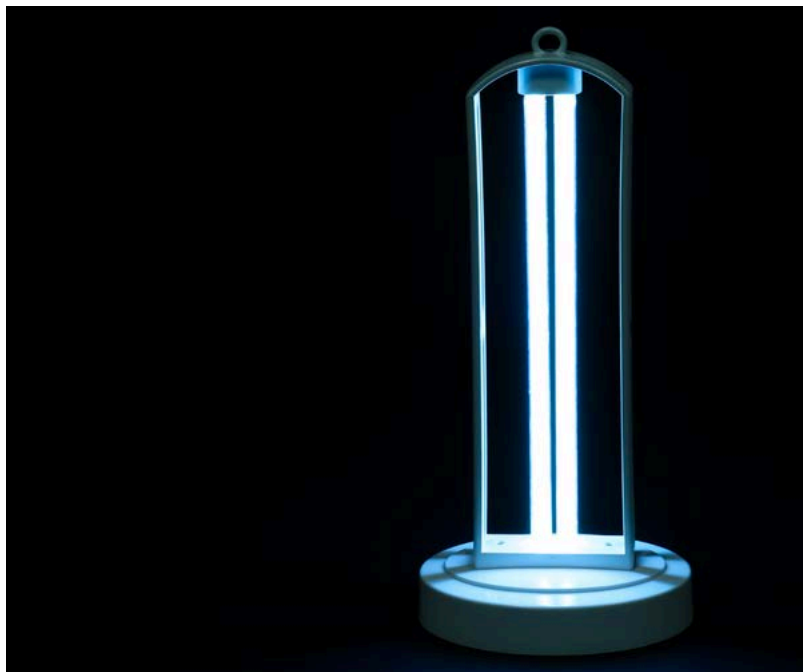
Powering North East University Life Sciences Spin-outs



Some of the most transformative innovations in biotech, life sciences, and digital health are born in university labs. Across the North East of the UK, we know that world-class research constantly innovates in institutions like Newcastle, Northumbria, Sunderland, Durham, and Teesside Universities, pushing the boundaries of science and medicine and ultimately a healthier world.

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Securing Innovation: Strategic Intellectual Property Layering for Medical Devices



The intellectual property (IP) landscape for medical devices is characterised by complexity and rapid technological advancement, necessitating a strategic approach that extends far beyond relying on singular protective measures.

Secerna LLP Patent Attorney [Melvyn Ansell](#) and Trainee Patent Attorney, [Ella Hudson](#) recently contributed an insightful guest article to [Outlook](#), the digital publication by Test

Labs focused on insights, innovation, and success stories from across the medical device industry.

Melvyn and Ella explore the common misconception that a single patent can provide comprehensive protection for a sophisticated medical device. In reality, a robust defence strategy demands a multi-faceted IP portfolio.

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The CHAI Hub is expanding: Become an industry partner!



Discover how causal AI can accelerate, de-risk, and transform your healthcare R&D pipelines.

At the forefront of innovation, the CHAI (Causality in Healthcare AI) Hub is conducting causal AI research to create real-world impact in healthcare. Backed by world-class expertise from leading institutions including:

- The University of Edinburgh
- University College London
- The University of Manchester
- The University of Exeter
- King's College London
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NEW RESOURCE: We're excited to share our FREE Guide to Reversed-Phase Liquid Chromatography Method Development!



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Guardtech open partnership with Dry Air to offer game-changing dry room facility installations for Battery industry and beyond



The Guardtech Group have opened up a partnership with dry room specialists Dry Air Ltd to take the UK Battery industry's facility installations to exciting new heights.

The Suffolk-based cleanroom construction specialists have been installing controlled environments across a wide range of applications for 25 years now.

From Aerospace to Medical Device manufacturing, Optical provision to Pharmaceuticals, there aren't many industries Guardtech haven't provided cleanrooms for.

And whilst they have forayed into the world of battery tech on occasion over that time, the new arrangement to work alongside Dry Air Ltd is set to be a game-changer for both companies.

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A CMC worst-case scenario: An Alphalyse case study

**A CMC worst-case scenario:**

- A recombinant drug candidate expressed in E. coli contained several Host Cell Proteins (HCPs), including flagellin.
- Clinical trials were suspended in Phase II after a patient suffered a severe reaction during infusion.

Following the failed clinical trials, the developer required more than a decade to eliminate the HCPs and bring the drug to market.

This case study underscores the need for enhanced analytical methods to ensure the safe and effective development of drugs. Failure to identify and monitor problematic HCPs puts patients and projects at risk.

[Read the full study here](#)

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The breadth and depth of the Fisher Scientific product range creates a virtual one-stop shop for scientists with a core list that helps to simplify your ordering whilst providing great value and long-term price stability. Browse a dynamic, fully-interactive web catalogue that provides product information and real-time stock availability.

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Events

Upcoming Member and sector events



RAREsummit25

6th November

Wellcome Genome Campus, Cambridge

RAREsummit25 brings the right people together – thought leaders, researchers, healthcare professionals, industry pioneers, policy-makers and — most importantly — individuals living with rare conditions and the organisations that support and advocate for them.

Through inspiring keynotes, dynamic discussions and workshops, and interactive networking opportunities, the event will reflect on the past 10 years of impact while shaping the future of rare disease collaboration.

Bionow members can save 10% off ticket prices by requesting a discount code from BioPartner UK.

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Investival Showcase 2025

17th November
Old Billingsgate, London

Connecting life science & healthcare executives with capital & partners

Investival Showcase is your Ultimate Biotech, Healthtech and Medtech Networking & Pitching Event in London.

With 8 incredible presenting stages for startup, growth stage and publicly listed Biotech, Healthtech, Medtech, TechBio, Digital Health and DeepTech companies.

Bionow members can save 15% off ticket prices by requesting a discount code from BioPartner UK.

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Cancer Research Horizons Innovation Summit 2025

18th November
The Royal Institution, London

The [Summit](#) provides researchers with a great opportunity to connect with the community, expand their network and build their entrepreneurship skills by bringing together inspiring guests, field-leading speakers and thought-provoking panellists.

This free, one-day event offers invaluable insights from industry leaders, networking opportunities with fellow innovators, and the chance to learn essential entrepreneurial skills.

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Futures Foresight and Horizon Scanning Conference 2025

19th - 20th November
The Catalyst, Newcastle & Online

This two-day hybrid event will bring together researchers, policymakers, data scientists, health professionals, and innovators to explore how futures thinking and horizon scanning can shape smarter, more equitable, and sustainable health systems.

Across all discussions and sessions, the central theme of equity, ethics, and inclusivity will be explored through the following categories:

- **Advancing Horizon Scanning, Foresight & Futures Methodologies** – Exploring cutting-edge methodologies in horizon scanning, foresight & futures.
- **Emerging Disruptors** – A deep dive into new and transformative trends, such as AI-driven health solutions, digital transformation, and sector-wide challenges
- **Insight to Implementation** – Bridging the gap between horizon scanning, foresight, futures thinking, and real-world adoption of technology and innovation.

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Biotech Outsourcing Strategies (BOS) Manchester 2025

25th - 26th November
Manchester Central

Biotech Outsourcing Strategies Events bring together stakeholders in R&D outsourcing to share experience, build existing outsourcing partnerships and forge new buyer/supplier business relationships. BOS is an event where business gets done and where you can be confident of high quality interactions with potential business partners. You will receive a warm welcome from the Bio2Business team in the vibrant and buzzing City of Manchester!

BOS Manchester 2025's scope is primarily development stage CMC outsourcing for both Small Molecules and Biologics, as well as covering Novel Therapeutic Entities.

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bioProcessUK

25th - 27th November
Hilton Newcastle Gateshead

As in previous years, the event will include pre-conference drinks, a two-day conference, a dinner at the end of the first conference day, an exhibition, awards, student posters and one-to-one partnering.

Returning for a second year due to popular demand, the bioProcessUK run club taking place on the 25 November before the drinks reception, led by Kate Barclay!

At the conference, you will have the opportunity to make or strengthen important business connections, hear the latest bioprocessing news and learn from high profile speakers, and take part in some interactive voting for the best student poster.

Bionow members get a 10% discount - please contact clara.borg@bionow.co.uk for details.

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Manchester Rare Disease Showcase

**26th November
Bridgewater Hall, Manchester**

Join Beacon and the rare disease community at the Manchester Rare Disease Showcase 2025!

 **Through talks, panels, and discussions, explore pressing themes, such as:**

- The relationship between health inequalities and rare diseases
- Innovations in research and drug development for children and young people
- The power of patient advocacy in creating societal change
- The UK Rare Disease Framework and the impact of the NHS 10-year plan
- Cross-sector and cross-border collaboration

The **Manchester Rare Disease Showcase** is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to connect with life science professionals, patient groups, academics, clinicians, and innovators from across the UK and beyond. It's a full day conference dedicated to collaboration, partnership, and innovation in the rare disease space.

 **Get 10% off tickets today with promo code MCR10. Hurry, offer available for a limited time only.**

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Accelerating Clinical Entry Through Regulatory Innovation

2nd December
Queen Mary Innovation Ltd, London

Join us in London for an expert-led seminar designed to help emerging pharma and biotech companies fast-track their clinical programs. With sweeping reforms to UK clinical trial regulations now in motion, and adaptive trial models gaining traction, success depends on smart development strategies, right-first-time formulation, and a supply chain built for agility.

As UK clinical trial regulations evolve and adaptive trial designs gain momentum, emerging biopharma companies must act fast and plan smart. This focused seminar brings together regulatory, formulation, and clinical supply experts to help streamline development, reduce risk, and enable faster clinical entry.

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