



Association of  
British Healthcare Industries



## **Concordat to advance collaboration and innovation in UK medical technology**

2 September 2015, UK – The Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI) and UCLPartners have signed a concordat of collaboration to address challenges facing the NHS and social care.

Signed in July 2015, the agreement fosters collaboration between the medical technology industry and UCLPartners, the NHS and social care partners to address specific challenges facing the NHS and social care in the UK. It will help develop a coordinated approach in responding to initiatives that deliver mutually beneficial outcomes, while enabling ABHI and UCLPartners to collectively address on-going health challenges and industry opportunities such as digital health, Test Beds and Vanguard.

ABHI Chief Operating Officer Nishan Sunthares said: *“Our Concordat with UCLPartners reiterates ABHI’s commitment to establishing and driving partnerships between the medtech industry and the NHS. We look forward to working with the UCLPartners team to deliver improvements which enhance patient outcomes and improve the quality and value of healthcare provision.”*

UCLPartners Director of Commercial Development, Professor Joanne Hackett commented: *“Part of the remit of AHSNs is to work more closely with the commercial sector, as such we are delighted to announce this latest collaboration. As an Academic Health Science Network our impact lies in our ability to bring together people and organisations to allow genuine transformations which will benefit patients and populations.”*

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### **About ABHI**

The Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI) is the industry association for the medical technology sector in the UK. ABHI’s mission is to champion the benefits and use of safe and effective medical technologies to deliver high quality patient outcomes. With over 250 members, ABHI leads the advocacy of the industry in order to advance access to medical technology. Our membership includes some of the leading multinational businesses in the sector in the UK right the way through to small and medium sized enterprises. For further information, visit the ABHI website [www.abhi.org.uk](http://www.abhi.org.uk).

## About UCLP

Designated in 2013, UCLPartners is one of the largest and most diverse Academic Health Science Networks in England serving over six million people in parts of London, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Essex. Its members are translating cutting edge research and innovation into measurable health improvement and wealth creation through a portfolio of programmes, addressing the most pressing healthcare challenges faced by the local population.

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