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# Health of the Nation

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# Welcome Message from the Editor of *The Lancet*



## Dear Colleague,

As the UK's National Health System has evolved over the past 60 years, so have the challenges faced by the system and its stakeholders. The past decade in particular has seen a series of rapid reforms that have led to increased investment, a reduction in waiting times, a rise in regulation, and a sharp and cataclysmic decline in staff morale. Policy debates have produced deep divisions between political parties, doctors' leaders, and professional and patients' groups. Evidence and a forum in which all stakeholders can meet to discuss this evidence and their views on NHS reform are much needed.

On February 5, 2009, *The Lancet* will hold the first Health of the Nation Summit—a yearly (we hope) independent event to assess the current state of the NHS, identify its weaknesses, and investigate its opportunities. This high-level event will allow leaders in their fields to present and discuss the best evidence on the core components where the pace of change in the NHS is being most keenly felt: the role of patients in treatment decisions; the changing roles of health professionals; performance and competition; delivery of high-quality information; regulatory change; research and development; and influencing factors from Europe and the wider world.

Since 1823, *The Lancet* has been a leading voice in healthcare that is independent of any professional or political body. As such, it is ideally placed to draw together the key stakeholders, opinion leaders, and decision makers for an objective assessment of the current status of the NHS and to propose action where needed.

This launch event will convene all sectors of the NHS, monitor progress, celebrate success, identify gaps and weaknesses, hold all parties accountable, and promote a much-needed national conversation about health in the UK.

I look forward to welcoming you to a productive 2 days in London in February.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Horton', written in a cursive style.

Richard Horton  
Editor  
*The Lancet*

Attend the *The Lancet* Health of the Nation Summit and you will hear the following topics:

- The future role of patients
- The performance of the UK's health system
- Knowledge for better health
- The future role of the professionals
- The purpose of regulation
- A research-intensive NHS
- The UK in a global context

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February 5, 2009

The Lancet Health of the Nation Summit Conference Programme

	<b>Chairperson: Richard Horton</b> , Editor, <i>The Lancet</i>	
09:00	Welcome	
	• Introduction	<b>Ian Gilmore</b> , President of the Royal College of Physicians <b>Richard Horton</b> , Editor, <i>The Lancet</i>
09:30	Keynote lecture 1	<b>The health of the nation</b>
	<b>Bruce Keogh</b> , NHS Medical Director	
10:00	The future role of the patients	
	We are now in the era of the empowered citizen and a patient-led NHS. Self-care is central to a health system whose future relies on patients' ability both to participate in shared decision-making with their healthcare providers and to assume responsibility for managing their disease. Ambitious plans are underway to provide an individual lifelong electronic care record for every citizen, which will give patients greater control and choice over the care they receive.	
	• Can we trust the professionals?	<b>Angela Coulter</b> , Chief Executive, Picker Institute Europe
	• Shared benefit, shared risk, and shared costs in health care	<b>Iain Chalmers</b> , Editor, James Lind Library
	• From paternalism to partnership - the challenge to professionalism from tomorrow's patient	<b>Niall Dickson</b> , Chief Executive, The King's Fund
	• Debate	
11:15	Coffee	
11:45	The performance of the UK's health system	
	Appraisal, revalidation, and league tables are now established methods by which individual health professionals and hospitals are assessed and compared. This increasing emphasis on measuring performance has attracted praise and criticism in equal measure. Supporters claim the result is improved patient care; detractors say the indicators do not reflect the complexity of modern medicine.	
	• Health system performance: how does the UK shape up	<b>Peter Smith</b> , Director, Centre for Health Economics, York
	• Measuring the health of the nation: how is the UK doing in saving lives?	<b>Martin McKee</b> , Professor of European Public Health, Health Services Research Unit, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
	• The development of pharmacy in the and UK health system	<b>Catherine Duggan</b> , Associate Director, Clinical Pharmacy – Development Evaluation for East & South East England Specialist Services NHS
	• Debate	
13:00	Lunch	
	<b>Chairperson: Astrid James</b> , Deputy Editor, <i>The Lancet</i>	
14:00	Keynote lecture 2	<b>Knowing me, knowing you: the intimate and the public</b>
	<b>Harry Cayton</b> , Chief Executive, Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence	
14:30	Knowledge for better health	
	Knowledge is life's most precious commodity in the modern-day world. Unbiased and evidence-based assessment of scientific research is the key element for improvement of health. Betterment of access to quality health knowledge for the patient and healthcare professional alike is therefore of fundamental importance to the NHS strategy.	
	• The third healthcare revolution	<b>Muir Gray</b> , Director, National Knowledge Service
	• NICE: the role of knowledge in balancing funding constraints and public expectations	<b>Michael Rawlins</b> , Chairman, National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence, London
	• Research that makes a difference	<b>Tom Walley</b> , Professor of Clinical Pharmacology, University of Liverpool, Liverpool
	• Debate	
15:45	Tea	
16:00	Keynote lecture 3	<b>Understanding the place and role of regulation in health and healthcare</b>
	<b>Ian Kennedy</b> , Chairman, Healthcare Commission, London	
16:30	Guardian Media Debate - <b>Does the media support or sabotage health?</b>	
18:30	End of Day 1	

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# February 6, 2009

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	<b>Chairperson: Sabine Kleinert</b> , Senior Executive Editor, <i>The Lancet</i>	
09:00	The future role of the professionals	
	The current development of a long-term strategy to ensure that the NHS has the right clinical workforce is reshaping the career structure of the range of professions involved. Modernising Medical Careers (MMC) is making radical changes to postgraduate medical education for doctors and nurse training and retention is under active review.	
	• The future role of the doctor: evolution or revolution?	<b>Patricia Hamilton</b> , President, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
	• Nursing: a future of challenge and change	<b>Peter Carter</b> , Chief Executive, Royal College of Nursing
	• Intrusive management – the consequence of a failure of professionalism	<b>Nigel Edwards</b> , Policy Director, The NHS Confederation
	• Debate	
10:30	Keynote 4	Health, wellbeing, and society
	<b>Carol Black</b> , National Director for Health and Work	
11:00	Coffee	
11:30	The purpose of regulation	
	Trends for hospitals to become foundation trusts, for GPs to commission services, and for increased private sector provision have presented challenges for regulation within the NHS. At the same time, the aftermath of the Shipman Inquiry has led to comprehensive and wide-ranging reform of regulation of the medical profession.	
	• Independent medical regulation	<b>Graeme Catto</b> , President, General Medical Council
	• The new regulatory landscape	<b>William Moyes</b> , Chairman, Monitor-Independent Regulator of NHS Foundation Trusts
	• Debate	
12:30	Lunch	
	<b>Chairperson: William Summerskill</b> , Executive Editor, <i>The Lancet</i>	
13:30	A research-intensive NHS	
	Recent years have seen unprecedented investment in research for health in the UK. The Government's 10-year Science and Innovation Framework of 2004 emphasised the vital role research – across the NHS, academia, and industry – has in the British knowledge economy through its contribution to international competitiveness and growth.	
	• Redefining disease based on mechanisms: where basic science meets translation	<b>John Bell</b> , Regius Professor of Medicine, University of Oxford Chairman
	• Best research for best health: a blueprint for a research-intensive NHS	<b>Sally Davies</b> , Director General for Research and Development, Department of Health
	• Competing clinical research in a global environment	<b>Patrick Vallance</b> , Head of Drug Discovery, GSK
	• Debate	
15:00	Tea	
15:30	The UK in a global context	
	The European Union is driving much reform of healthcare in the UK, from the Working Time Directive and junior doctors' hours to plans for wider use of pan-European "health tourism". Both within and beyond Europe, the topic of health worker migration continues to increase.	
	• The best and the rest: European/UK public health comparisons	<b>Liam Donaldson</b> , Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health
	• Why what is happening in the EU matters Department of Health	<b>Michael Wilks</b> , President, Standing Committee of the UK health system European Doctors (CPME)
	• The English NHS: a laboratory for the global healthcare industry	<b>Allyson Pollock</b> , Centre for International Public Health Policy, The University of Edinburgh
	• Debate	
17:00	Closing remarks	

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# Useful Information

## Hot topics and speakers include:

- **The health of the nation** **Professor Sir Bruce Keogh**, NHS Medical Director
- **NICE: the role of knowledge in balancing funding constraints and public expectations** **Professor Michael Rawlins**, Chairman, National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence, London
- **Understanding the place and role of regulation in health and healthcare** **Professor Ian Kennedy**, Chairman, Healthcare Commission, London
- **From paternalism to partnership - the challenge to professionalism from tomorrow's patient** **Mr Niall Dickson**, Chief Executive, The King's Fund, London
- **The third healthcare revolution** **Professor Sir Muir Gray**, Director, Chief Knowledge Officer to the NHS, Oxford
- **The best and the rest: European/UK public health comparisons** **Sir Liam Donaldson**, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health

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