

## Professor Stephen K Smith

Professor Stephen Smith DSc, FMedSci, became Principal of the Faculty of Medicine at Imperial College London in August 2004, and in October 2007 was appointed to the joint position of Principal of the Faculty of Medicine and Chief Executive of Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, the largest NHS Trust in the UK.



A gynaecologist by training, Professor Smith has published over 225 papers on reproductive medicine and cancer. It was for his work on the complex gene pathways that regulate the growth of blood vessels in reproductive tissue that he was awarded his DSc in 2001. In addition to his academic and clinical work he has been elected a Fellow of the Institute of Biology, the Academy of Medical Sciences, the New York Academy of Sciences and the Royal Society of Arts.

Professor Smith led on the creation of the UK's first Academic Health Science Centre (AHSC), which was formed from the merger of Hammersmith Hospitals NHS Trust and St Mary's NHS Trust and its integration with Imperial College London. He has also been at the forefront of the development of the UK's first Global Medical Excellence Cluster for London and South East England. He is the current Chair of London Genetics, he holds several company directorships, and is a founder member of Metris Therapeutics Ltd and Gene Networks Inc.

He provides advice to and serves on numerous committees for a number of organisations including the Medical Research Council, World Health Organisation, the National Institutes of Health (USA), the NHS, the British Heart Foundation and the Wellcome Trust. He also sits on the Health Innovation Council and is a Fellow of the Nuffield Trust.

Before joining Imperial, Professor Smith was Head of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at the University of Cambridge and he has held academic appointments at the University of Edinburgh and NHS clinical appointments at Hammersmith Hospital, Addenbrooke's in Cambridge, the Northern General and Jessop Hospital in Sheffield, and the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh.

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## Professor Martyn Partridge

Martyn R Partridge MD, FRCP is Professor of Respiratory Medicine at Imperial College London, UK, NHLI Division based at Charing Cross Hospital, and Honorary Consultant Respiratory Physician to Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust. His research interests are in the delivery of effective respiratory healthcare, with especial interest in evaluating novel methods of delivering care, patient centred approaches and e-Learning.



Professor Partridge was (Honorary) Chief Medical Advisor to Asthma UK for 20 years and previous Chairman of the Trustees of the National Respiratory Training Centre (NRTC) (Now part of Education for Health). From 1991 to 2003 he was a member of the executive committee of the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) and from 1992 to 2002, on the medical aerosols subcommittee of the United Nations Environment programme overseeing phase out of CFCs in inhalers. He has chaired a number of WHO initiatives and was a member of the British Asthma Guidelines group from 1989-2008. He completed 3 years as Chairman of the British Thoracic Society in 2003 and was Vice President and then President of the Society in 2007-9.

Professor Partridge is also head of the Undergraduate Final Year for the Faculty of Medicine at Imperial College and has recently completed a spell as elected member of the Council of the Royal College of Physicians of London. He has been Lead Clinical Director of the North West London Comprehensive Local Research Network since its inception. In 2009 he was appointed to chair the UK Department of Health's Asthma Steering Group and he serves on the Department of Health Respiratory Programme Board.