

# RDM - Who We Are

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Led by Professor Hugh Watkins, RDM is one of 16 departments within the Medical Sciences Division. RDM was formed in 2012 to enhance further the interfaces between clinical and basic science programmes, including those of the Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine and of the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust.



The department hosts internationally renowned programmes in a broad range of sciences related to medicine, ranging from **cardiovascular, diabetes, endocrinology, and stroke research**, to **molecular medicine, immunology, haematology and pathology**, including programmes in **stem cell & regenerative medicine**.

With research interests and expertise in translating molecular and cellular science across multiple disease areas, RDM's remit spans basic research through to clinical application.

RDM is one of the largest departments in the University. We employ approximately 700 scientific and support staff across a range of disciplines. Our academics contribute to the teaching of 450 undergraduate medical students within the Clinical School, and supervise around 125 postgraduate research students. RDM has an annual turnover of £59M, of which over 80% is public and charitable external funding. RDM comprises 4 divisions:

- [Division of Cardiovascular Medicine](#) (CVM)
- [Investigative Medicine Division](#) (IMD)
- [Nuffield Division of Clinical Laboratory Sciences](#) (NDCLS)
- [Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism](#) (OCDEM)

A large number of researchers from IMD (MRC Human Immunology Unit) and NDCLS (MRC Molecular Haematology Unit) are based within the [MRC Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine](#) (WIMM), which receives strategic support from the Medical Research Council.

RDM divisions benefit from a devolved administrative structure and each division is led by a Head of Division, with the support of a lead administrator or business manager. Collaboration across the RDM divisions is close and productive, with joint sponsorship of major projects and senior recruitment.

## Key people

### Head of RDM

Professor Hugh Watkins  
PA/Executive Assistant – Ms Tuula Itkonen

### Heads of Divisions

**CVM** – Prof Stefan Neubauer

**IMD** – Prof Enzo Cerundolo

**NDCLS** – Prof Alison Banham

**OCDEM** – Prof Fredrik Karpe

### Director of the WIMM

Prof Doug Higgs

### RDM Admin Team

**Head of Administration and Finance** - Mrs Lynn Clee

**Head of Strategic Planning and Major Projects** - Mr Chris Price

**Research Strategy Coordinator** - Dr Ruth McCaffrey

### Graduate Studies

**Administrator** - Dr Bob Mahoney

**Athena SWAN Coordinator** - Charlotte Smith

**Communications/Public Engagement Officer** - Dr Emma O'Brien

### Assistant Research Facilitator-

Dr Serena Briant

**Trainee Administrator**

Miss Felicity Green

### Lead Administrators

**CVM** – Mrs Heidi Crook

**IMD** – Ms Jo Hovard

**NDCLS** – Dr Mark Evans

**OCDEM** – Mrs Lynne Whay

**WIMM** – Dr Stella Keeble



## RDM Admin Team

The Head of Department, Professor Hugh Watkins, is supported by a small central management executive, which provides strategic oversight and coordinates major projects across the divisions and RDM-wide activities such as graduate studies, outreach, communications and Athena SWAN.

Mrs Lynn Clee, Head of Administration and Finance for RDM, is responsible for the effective management and administration of the department. She leads the RDM Admin Team, based in the West Wing of the John Radcliffe Hospital.

## Governance

Scientific and strategic direction for the department is provided by Professor Hugh Watkins and the [Management Committee](#). The Management Committee members are senior academics from each of the divisions.

A number of additional RDM-wide committees coordinate work in specific areas:

- **Athena SWAN Steering Group** (Chair: Prof Hugh Watkins)
- **Career Development Committee** (Chair: Associate Prof Leanne Hodson)
- **Graduate Studies Committee** (Chair: Associate Prof Deborah Gill)
- **Mentoring Committee** (Chair: Prof Alison Banham)

## Location

RDM staff are located on three campuses in the Headington area of Oxford: the John Radcliffe Hospital, the Churchill Hospital, and the Old Road Campus – one of the largest centres for biomedical research in Europe.

## Website & Mailing List

RDM's main website pages [www.rdm.ox.ac.uk](http://www.rdm.ox.ac.uk) host a

wide range of information, which you will find helpful throughout your time here:

**About RDM** – latest news and newsletters, general information, Athena SWAN and the [Working at RDM](#) section, a one-stop shop for information about career development & training, family-friendly benefits, work-life balance, sources of support and much more...

**Research pages** – research areas across RDM, meet our Principal Investigators by viewing their profiles or their podcasts.

**Graduate Studies** – information for applicants, current students and supervisors, profiles of graduate prize winners and RDM Scholars, who's who in graduate studies and links to useful graduate studies resources.

**Clinical Care** – meet our consultants and find out about their areas of specialism, schedules for the Medical Grand Rounds, Oxford Biomedical Research Centre, and useful NHS links.

**Seminars** – collated list of all seminars taking place across RDM and the Medical Sciences Division.

RDM also maintains an rdm\_all mailing list to which you will be automatically subscribed. General information, including the RDM Newsletter from the Head of Department is circulated via this list.

## Annual Symposium

RDM holds an annual symposium, usually in February each year, to celebrate and share the cutting edge research being undertaken across RDM.

## Public Engagement with Research

If you'd like to share your research with the local community, get in touch with Emma O'Brien ([emma.obrien@rdm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:emma.obrien@rdm.ox.ac.uk)) to find out more about the latest public engagement opportunities within the Department and beyond

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