

## ACED Alliance Guiding Principles

We have suggested the following guiding principles for the ACED Alliance, as a starting point for discussion. We would expect ACED Alliance members to agree to the following commitments; lack of adherence to these principles would be grounds for the Alliance Executive Board to consider exclusion from the Alliance.

### Vision

1. Alliance members are focused on the Overarching Vision and Key Aims as the main purpose of participating
2. Alliance members will ensure their participation enables the scientific community to accelerate progress in early detection research, ultimately leading to increased benefit for patients
3. Alliance members commit to break down barriers and silos in cancer early detection research
4. Alliance members commit to developing and driving capacity in the early detection field
5. Alliance members will work together to define the research priorities for the Alliance in keeping with the Key Aims listed
6. Alliance members will adhere to a shared definition of early detection and its remit, as agreed by Alliance partners

### Contribution & collaboration

7. Alliance members agree to bring unique research, expertise and resources to the Alliance
8. Alliance members agree to work collaboratively and share complementary expertise with other Alliance sites, and are willing to work in partnership across the Alliance and ultimately to support the wider early detection community (while recognising that the relevant EDx research will still take place within individual centres, which will not be constrained by the Alliance)
9. Alliance members will make every effort where possible to share data across the Alliance, and for work funded through the Alliance, there is an expectation that data generated will be openly shared across the Alliance.
10. Alliance members will share outputs, resources and tools, making them as accessible as possible across the Alliance
11. Alliance members will commit scientific and intellectual resources to the Alliance to ensure momentum and effective implementation for the Alliance
12. Alliance members will commit to their operational delivery staff helping to implement the vision of the ACED Alliance and delivering Alliance activity locally
13. Alliance members will commit to support training, capacity building and career development for current and future generations of early career researchers in EDx

### **Communication**

14. Timely communication and openness between Alliance members will be a top priority to ensure momentum and effective implementation for Alliance
15. Alliance members will actively communicate ACED Alliance aims and opportunities to their scientific communities, increasing the visibility for early detection research
16. Alliance members will appropriately recognise the ACED Alliance and its members in all communications

### **External engagement**

17. Alliance members will explore how industry can best be engaged in the Alliance to ensure effective translation of research and increase investment in the Alliance
18. Alliance members will explore the opportunity to generate philanthropic revenue for the longer-term sustainability of the Alliance
19. Alliance members will drive forward towards the vision of a self-sustaining network, by identifying and leveraging other sources of funding where possible (see 17&18)
20. Alliance members will be cognisant of the strengths of existing centres of excellence, infrastructure and networks beyond the Alliance, in the US, UK and globally; the Alliance will seek to build on and synergise with these external strengths
21. Alliance members will seek to be thought leaders, setting and driving the Early Detection research agenda and raising the visibility of the field globally. The Alliance will engage with and seek to positively influence researchers, research institutions, industry, healthcare providers and payers.
22. Alliance members will seek to appropriately engage patients and the public in the planning and execution of research and in communications and positioning around EDx research