

# RSC N.W. Region Analytical Division Christmas Lecture

## Made to be measured: The revolutions in analytical science for the real time analysis of the human body

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Analytical science has made an enormous impact on the understanding of the biological and chemical processes within the human body. This has been achieved via the application of a vast range of techniques. However, many of these approaches require off-line analysis, where samples are taken from a subject, transported to a laboratory, prepared and then analysed. A vision for the future would remove the need to take a sample and analysis would be carried out on an individual in real time, to provide an immediate measurement of the level of an analyte or analytes. This presentation will describe some of the most exciting developments in real time measurement of the human body. From cancer diagnosis by mass spectrometry to real time monitoring of key clinical analytes using smart phone based devices, this incredibly exciting science will be described. However, this does raise a final question. Will we be making everybody a home analytical scientist and what could be the implications?

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