

New outpatients and treatment centre opened by Prince Andrew in June 2013

In 2012 University College London (UCL) decided to create a new Institute for Infection and Immunity on the Royal Free Campus, supporting and bringing together university teams working in these areas. This will help translate basic science discoveries into clinical practice. The first phase of this initiative was the development of a new clinical facility attached to the University Department of Immunology on the 2nd floor. Building was completed in June 2013 (see Events). The facility included 8 beds for immunoglobulin treatment, 4 beds for clinical trials, outpatient clinics, laboratories and offices. The clinical area is shared with the Rheumatology and Haematology Department.

On 10th June 2013 HRH The Duke of York, a patron of the Royal Free Hospital and the Royal Free Charity, opened the first phase of the £54 million Institute of Immunity and Transplantation. This first phase included the new clinical out-patients facility and treatment ward for PID patients. Although the new ward lacks the impressive view over Hampstead previously enjoyed by patients having immunoglobulin infusions on the 12th floor, this is a more modern facility with more space for nurses and doctors to advise and treat patients.

Prince Andrew also opened a new laboratory complex alongside the clinical area that will be devoted to immunological research. This whole initiative emphasises the commitment being made to immunological diseases by the Royal Free Foundation Trust and University College London, providing more long term security for the adult PID clinic.



Prince Andrew sharing a joke with Jose Drabwell, President of the International Patients Organisation for Primary Immunodeficiency (IPOPI) and Chair of our Management Committee, before formally opening the new Institute.



The new treatment area for patients having immunoglobulin and other infusions.