

## About the Speakers



**JOHN D. McCONNELL, M.D.**  
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Dr. McConnell joined Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center (WFUBMC) in November 2008 after being named the Medical Center's first Chief Executive Officer. As CEO, he has the overall responsibility for the Medical Center's research, education and patient care programs. Previously, Dr. McConnell was the Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. In that capacity he had the overall executive responsibility for the UT Southwestern faculty physician practice, University Hospitals, and outpatient clinics.

A urologist and translational researcher by training, Dr. McConnell and his collaborators defined the importance of the enzyme 5 $\alpha$ -reductase in the development and progression of benign prostatic disease, and led the landmark NIH-funded MTOPS study, which definitively established that 5 $\alpha$ -reductase therapy significantly reduces the long-term risk of clinical progression by preventing further growth of the prostate. He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles and ten books.

Dr. McConnell is a leader in the development of evidence-based guidelines for the management of Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH). In 1990, he was commissioned by the former Agency Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) to develop national guidelines for the management of this disorder. Dr. McConnell has led an American Urological Association update of the guidelines, as well as similar international projects in affiliation with the World Health Organization. He has served on the Advisory Board of NIH-NIDDK and was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 2004. He has received the Barringer Medal from the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons and the Fuller Award from the American Urological Association in recognition of his contributions to the field of prostate disease.

Dr. McConnell currently serves on the boards of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce (Chairman), the Winston-Salem Alliance, the Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, Senior Services of Winston-Salem, Inc., Wells Fargo Winston-Salem Advisory Board, the Triad Partnership CEO Council, and the North Carolina Hospital Association Policy Development Committee. He and his wife, Melinda, have one daughter, Cara.

**Simon Tripp** is Senior Director of the Battelle Memorial Institute's *Technology Partnership Practice* (TPP). Battelle is the world's largest non-profit science and technology R&D institute. At Battelle Simon is responsible for project team leadership in technology-based economic development, regional economic development strategies and economic impact assessments.

Mr. Tripp has performed multiple high-profile impact assessments in biomedical and life science arenas. Recent examples include assessments for the Human Genome Project, Mayo Clinic, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, the Advanced Medical Technologies Association and the American Clinical Laboratories Association.

Prior to joining Battelle, Simon served as Senior Partner of Impact Economics, LP a consultancy providing specialized economic impact and strategic planning services for government, higher education institutions and bioscience organizations. Simon founded Impact Economics in 2000 following his position as co-founder, President and CEO of the Pittsburgh-based research and planning company Tripp Umbach & Associates, Inc (which he led from 1991 through 2000). A native of the United Kingdom, Mr. Tripp has also held positions as Director of U.S. Operations for the British Government's West Midlands Development Agency and as North American Business Development Representative for the Welsh Development Agency.

Simon holds a Master's Degree in Geography (Regional Science) from West Virginia University and a BA (Honors) degree in Geography from the University of Portsmouth in the UK. He resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Merritt Island, Florida.