

THE CAMBRIDGE STATISTICS DISCUSSION GROUP  
PLEASE NOTE SLIGHTLY LATER START TIME:  
Tuesday 29th April 2008 7:30 for 8:00

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Science Park,  
Milton Road,  
Cambridge

## Working as a medical statistician in academia and industry: how do they compare?

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**Abstract:** Medical statisticians are usually employed either within an academic or a pharmaceutical industry environment. I will describe my personal experiences of working in both settings, and make some comparisons between them, with respect both to the types of statistical work and other aspects of the working culture.

**Speaker:** Stephen has been working as Senior Statistician at the Medical Research Council's Epidemiology Unit in Cambridge since August 2006. Completing an MSc in Medical Statistics at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, he worked as a Research Fellow and Lecturer in the same institution for a further 5 years, before moving into the pharmaceutical industry. In his career to date he has worked as a statistician in a variety of different disease areas, including diabetes, obesity, HIV, infectious diseases, cardiovascular disease and asthma. He is interested in all aspects of statistical methodology for clinical trials and epidemiology.

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**If anyone would like complementary transport to the talk venue from Central Cambridge please inform the secretary in advance of the meeting.**

**Provisional Next Meeting:**

28th October – Simon Tavare (Dept. Applied Mathematics & Theoretical Physics).

**Supper:** Some members eat regularly in the University Centre before each meeting at 5-45pm. Feel free to join them.

**Subscriptions:** of 1 pound are now due for attending the 2007-2008 session.

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