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Jonathan co-founded Infinitopes Cancer Vaccines, in collaboration with world leading experts in antigen discovery, immunology, vaccinology and vector design.

The company was spun out of Oxford University by Cancer Research UK (CRUK) in 2021, to exploit new technologies that have emerged during the COVID era, and which are enabling highly promising novel therapies for cancer patients.

Biography:

Jonathan enjoys more than two decades of professional experience across the fields of oncology, vaccinology, immunology, strategy consulting and investment banking. He trained as a physician at St Andrews, awarded first-class Hons for studies of immune cytokine adjuvants, and Cambridge, where he won multiple scholarships & prizes for molecular biology and clinical research to enhance patient care.

After junior training at the renowned Manchester Cancer Research Centre, Christie Hospital and Cambridge University Teaching Hospitals Trust, Addenbrookes, Jonathan advanced to the Wellcome Trust Brighton & Sussex Centre for Global Health, with specialisations in pandemic influenza, personalised medicine, and a dissertation to improve the emergency treatment of cholera epidemics, partnered with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF).

He subsequently trained in Oncology, including research fellowships in Wessex and Oxford, supporting early phase clinical trials to investigate a broad range of immunotherapeutic interventions. During the COVID pandemic, Jonathan accepted a secondment to Oxford Vaccine Group, leading comparison studies to characterise the immune responses to heterologous vaccine regimes, and longterm followup for OVG's original COV trials.

Infinitopes was created as a spinout from Jonathan's DPhil (PhD) into tumour immunobiology, with the imaginative and generous encouragement of Oxford's Paul Klenerman, Nicola Ternette and Mark Middleton.

Between his early career and specialisation in Oncology/Vaccinology, He explored a perhaps atypical career in biotechnology investment banking, where he provided corporate advisory and investment analyses, covering then fledgling but now highly successful biopharmaceuticals and medtech companies across the UK, Europe & Asia-Pacific, winning prestigious StarMine awards for the accuracy of his recommendations.

When he is not snowed up as CEO of Infinitopes, Jonathan enjoys supporting enthusiastic entrepreneurs, to define and realise their own dreams, to gain investment that will drive exciting new bio-ventures. This has him a sought-after speaker in the UK's bio-entrepreneurial circuit. He looks forward to meeting you all.