



JOHN McLAUCHLAN conducted his PhD on regulation of gene expression in herpes simplex virus (HSV) at the University of Glasgow in Prof. J Barklie Clements' group. Thereafter, he continued to study various aspects of HSV infection, including gene regulation and virion assembly at the MRC Virology Unit in Glasgow. In 1994, he began work on hepatitis C virus and became a programme leader at the virology unit. His group aims to elucidate the mechanisms that direct HCV RNA replication, virion assembly and pathogenesis, and the contribution of host factors to these processes. In particular, he is interested in the role of lipid metabolism in HCV infection.

John was convener of the 14th International Symposium on Hepatitis C Virus and Related Viruses, which was held in Glasgow in 2007. More recently, he has been appointed as the Associate Director for the newly-formed MRC-University of Glasgow Centre for Virus Research and heads HCV Research UK, a consortium of clinicians and scientists, whose aim is to establish a cohort of infected patients for research studies on HCV infection across the UK.