

Donaghue Dictionary: **Trans-**

For the first time, the Donaghue Dictionary focuses on a prefix. Why? To focus on the importance of that prefix in our current and future planning. For several years now, Donaghue has favored crossing lines of discipline and expertise, bridging gaps and bringing to bear different perspectives and boundary-spanning skills. We've spoken of "multidisciplinary" and "inter-institutional" as we sought ways to build research teams; these terms suggest plural groups with some collaborative connection. Now we're putting aside the old prefixes and transforming our approach to translational research. We're emphasizing the integrative blending of groups and the emergence of teams welded together into a single unit that transcends boundaries that otherwise separate.

Donaghue thinks not of research *allies* but of *alloys* — researchers not just communicating across but crossing over the divide to truly weld a bond, as metals do when they combine to form an alloy. Thus our new Research Leadership program features a deliberate focus on transdisciplinary work.

