

Three Day Course in Obstetric Anaesthesia 2025

3–5 November 2025, Church House, London



Obstetric
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Association



Monday 3 November 2025

09:00 Registration / Tea & coffee / Exhibition

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| 09:50 | Introduction | Dr Nuala Lucas |
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SESSION 1 – What's new in the literature - highlights from the journals

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| 10:00 | IJOA | Prof Ruth Landau |
| 10:15 | EJA | Prof Marc Van de Velde |
| 10:30 | <i>Anaesthesia</i> | Dr Cliff Shelton |
| 10:45 | BJA | |
| 11:00 | Discussion | |

11:10 Tea & coffee / Exhibition

SESSION 2 - Goldilocks obstetric anaesthesia for caesarean section

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| 11:40 | Not too little - low or no blocks - what to do and how to avoid | Dr Sarah Armstrong |
| 12:00 | Not too much - high blocks – what to do and how to avoid | Dr Marcelle Crowther |
| 12:25 | Other blocks! | Dr Kris Vermeylan |
| 12:50 | Discussion | |

13:15 Lunch / Exhibition

SESSION 3 - Epidural analgesia dilemmas

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| 14:00 | Maternal fever and epidurals - still relevant or time to move on? | Prof Rachel Kearns |
| 14:20 | Arnold Chairi and obstetric neuraxial blocks | Dr Yavor Metodiev |
| 14:40 | Postpartum neurological sequelae - don't always blame the epidural | Dr Kirsty MacLennan |
| 15:00 | Discussion | |

15:20 Tea & coffee / Exhibition

SESSION 4 – Epidural alternatives

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| 16:00 | New OAA guidance - remifentanyl PCA | Dr Damien Hughes |
| 16:25 | Remifentanyl in practice - how it is used and tips for better practice | Dr Tatjana Stopar Pintarič |
| 16:45 | Remifentanyl PCA and beyond - expert panel discussion | |
| 17:30 | Discussion | |

17:30 NEO at the OAA airway workshop – pre-booking required (Bishop Partridge Hall)

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SESSION 5 – Neuraxial techniques for labour analgesia

09:00 To initiate: CSE for all, some or none? Prof Ruth Landau and Dr Malcolm Broom

09:45 To maintain: the regimen of choice Dr Rose Kearsley

10:10 Discussion

10:30 Tea & Coffee / Exhibition

SESSION 6 - Pain during and after caesarean birth

11:00 How to manage intraoperative pain under neuraxial anaesthesia Prof Sarah Devroe

11:20 ERAC – what's new Dr Jim Bamber

11:45 Medicolegal considerations of pain during caesarean delivery & how to stay out of trouble Dr Kate McCombe

12:10 Discussion

12:45 Lunch / Exhibition

SESSION 7 - Obstetric anaesthesia under pressure

13:45 HFNO in obstetrics – promise or practice Dr Craig Lyons

13:05 Choice of airway in general anaesthesia for caesarean section Dr Nuala Lucas

13:25 Decision making in a crisis Dr Matt Rucklidge

13:50 Discussion

SESSION 8 – Obstetric haemorrhage – what matters most

14:00 Navigating uterotonic options in practice Dr Desire Onwochei

14:20 Optimising coagulation in obstetric haemorrhage Dr Anne Wikkeloso

14:40 Optimising outcomes in placenta accreta spectrum Dr Matt Rucklidge

15:10 Discussion

15:30 Tea & Coffee / Exhibition

SESSION 9 – The Geraldine O'Sullivan Lecture

16:00 TBC Prof Ruth Landau

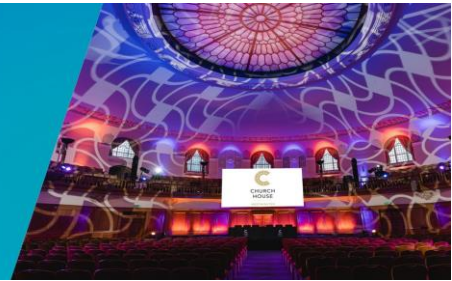
17:00-18:00 Networking drinks reception (complimentary for all delegates) - Bishop Partridge Hall

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Wednesday 5 November 2025

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SESSION 10 – Complications in obstetric anaesthesia

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| 09:00 | Obstetrics update | Dr Susie Crowe |
| 09:20 | Gastrointestinal challenges in obstetric anaesthesia | Prof Catherine Williamson |
| 09:40 | Anaesthetic management of preeclampsia - risks and responses | Dr Vinnie Sodhi |
| 10:00 | Discussion | |

SESSION 11 – Two sides of the same story

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| 10:15 | Perinatal Mental Health: what the obstetric anaesthetist should know | Dr Chiara Petrosellini |
| 10:45 | Reframing postpartum pain: a biopsychosocial model for modern obstetric anaesthesia | Dr Sarah Ciechanowicz |
| 11:05 | Discussion | |

11:20 Brunch / Exhibition

SESSION 12 - 21st century challenges for obstetric anaesthetists

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| 11:50 | Cardiac disease in pregnancy: anaesthetic challenges & solutions | Dr Daryl Dob |
| 12:10 | The parturient after bariatric surgery | Dr Nikki Higgins |
| 12:30 | PDPH/intrathecal catheters | |
| 12:50 | Discussion | |

13:00 Close of meeting