

Three Day Course in Obstetric Anaesthesia 2025

3-5 November 2025, Church House, London



Monday 3 November 2025

09:00 Registration / Tea & coffee / Exhibition

09:50	Introduction	Dr Nuala Lucas
SESSION 1 – What's new in the literature - highlights from the journals		Chair: Dr Nuala Lucas
10:00	IJOA	Prof Ruth Landau
10:15	EJA	Prof Marc Van de Velde
10:30	<i>Anaesthesia</i>	Prof Cliff Shelton
10:45	BJA	Dr Neel Desai
11:00	Discussion	

11:10 Tea & coffee / Exhibition

SESSION 2 - Goldilocks obstetric anaesthesia for caesarean section		Chair: Prof Rachel Kearns
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 Vermeylen
12:50	Discussion	

13:15 Lunch / Exhibition

SESSION 3 - Epidural analgesia dilemmas		Chair: Dr Vinnie Sodhi
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		Chair: Dr James Bamber
16:00	New OAA guidance - remifentanil PCA	Dr Damien Hughes
16:25	Remifentanil in practice - how it is used and tips for better practice	Dr Tatjana Stopar Pintarič
16:45	Remifentanil PCA and beyond - expert panel 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

Chair: Dr Sarah Armstrong

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

Chair: Dr Damien Hughes

11:00 Pain during CS under neuraxial anaesthesia – new reflections, old challenges

Dr Matt Rucklidge

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

Chair: Dr Malcolm Broom

13:30 HFNO in obstetrics – promise or practice

Dr Craig Lyons

13:50 Choice of airway in general anaesthesia for caesarean section

Dr Nuala Lucas

14:10 Decision making in a crisis

Dr Matt Rucklidge

14:30 Discussion

14:50 Tea & Coffee / Exhibition

SESSION 8 – The Geraldine O'Sullivan Lecture

Chair: Dr Nuala Lucas

15:20 Reflections on safe and equitable obstetric anaesthesia care: from relevant publications to clinical practice

Prof Ruth Landau

SESSION 9 – Obstetric haemorrhage – what matters most

Chair: Prof Marc Van de Velde

15:50 Navigating uterotonic options in practice

Dr Desire Adansi

16:10 Optimising coagulation in obstetric haemorrhage

Dr Anne Wikkelsø

16:30 Escalation of care in postpartum haemorrhage

Dr Amrit Dhadha

16:50 Discussion

17:10-18:00 Networking drinks reception (complimentary for all delegates) - Bishop Partridge Hall

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SESSION 10 – Complications in obstetric anaesthesia

Chair: Prof Sarah Devroe

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

Chair: Dr James Bamber

10:15 Perinatal Mental Health: what the obstetric anaesthetist should know

Dr Chiara Petrosellini

10:45 Making SPACE for recovery: chronic pain after caesarean delivery

Dr Sarah Ciechanowicz

11:05 Discussion

11:20 Brunch / Exhibition

SESSION 12 - 21st century challenges for obstetric anaesthetists

Chair: Dr Nuala Lucas

11:50 Intrathecal catheters in obstetric anaesthesia: when, why, and how?

Dr Sarah Devroe

12:10 Cardiac disease in pregnancy: anaesthetic challenges & solutions

Dr Daryl Dob

12:30 The parturient after bariatric surgery

Dr Nikki Higgins

12:50 Discussion

13:00 Close of meeting