

# Obstetric Anaesthesia Annual Scientific Meeting 2025

Thursday 15 – Friday 16 May 2025  
International Convention Centre (ICC), Belfast



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**08:00** Registration, Tea & coffee / Exhibition

<b>09:00</b>	Opening remarks	Dr Nuala Lucas
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### SESSION 1 – Recent advances

**Chair: Dr Damien Hughes**

<b>09:10</b>	Update on labour analgesia	Dr Robert Ffrench-O'Carroll
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<b>09:35</b>	Update on anaesthesia for operative delivery	Dr Rachel Mathers
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<b>10:00</b>	Discussion	
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**10:15** Tea & coffee / Exhibition, e-Posters viewing

### SESSION 2 – Chronic pain & devices in the obstetric patient

**Chair: Dr Kathryn Spence**

<b>10:45</b>	Beyond opioids for obstetric pain conundrums	Dr Athmaja Thottungal
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<b>11:05</b>	Spinal cord stimulators and obstetric neuraxial analgesia/anaesthesia	Dr Simon Thomson
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<b>11:25</b>	Pacemakers & ICDs	Dr Honey Thomas
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<b>11:45</b>	Discussion	
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### SESSION 3 – Felicity Reynolds Free Papers

**Chairs: Dr James Bamber & Dr Shalini Sundaram**

<b>12:00</b>	<b>Presentation of the top free papers</b>	
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**13:00** Lunch, Exhibition, e-Poster viewing, OAA Resident Doctors Forum.

### SESSION 4 – Your OAA

**Chair: Dr Nuala Lucas**

<b>14:00</b>	Update on OAA activity and projects	Dr Nuala Lucas
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<b>14:10</b>	OAA guideline – remifentanyl pca for labour analgesia	Dr Damien Hughes
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<b>14:30</b>	Upcoming guidance: Anaesthetic management of pregnant patients with Chiari Malformation	Dr Yavor Metodiev
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<b>14:45</b>	Discussion	
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### SESSION 5 - Complications in obstetric anaesthesia

**Chair: Dr Jonathan Holland**

<b>14.55</b>	A team approach to pain during caesarean delivery	Dr Heather Nixon
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<b>15:15</b>	High neuraxial blocks	Dr Conan McCaul
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<b>15:35</b>	What is the role of HFNO in obstetric airway management?	Dr Craig Lyons
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<b>15:55</b>	Discussion	
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**16:10** Tea & coffee, Exhibition, e-Poster viewing

### SESSION 6 – e-Posters (1st session)

<b>16:30</b>	<b>e-Poster presentations</b>	
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**17:30 – 18:30** Free networking drinks reception – all welcome

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### SESSION 7 – e-Poster presentations (2nd session)

**08:15** e-Poster presentations

### SESSION 8 – Felicity Reynolds Free Papers

**Chairs:** Dr Marc Van de Velde & Dr Caroline Phillips

**09:15** Presentation of the top free papers

### SESSION 9 – Modern Challenges in Obstetric Care

**Chair:** Dr Carol Kenyon

**10:15** From gaps to gains: Enhancing maternal care through system integration simulation

Dr Fatemah Qasem

**10:30** Management of diabetes in pregnancy

Dr Neil Black

**10:50** Does TIVA really have a role in obstetric general anaesthesia?

Dr Tim Knowles

**11:10** Discussion

**11:30** Tea & coffee / Exhibition, e-Posters viewing

### SESSION 10 – Psychological morbidity and the labour ward

**Chair:** Dr Sarah Armstrong

**12:00** Perinatal Mental Health: what the obstetric anaesthetist should know

Dr Chiara Petrosellini

**12:25** Psychological morbidity in for staff after adverse outcomes

Miss Niamh Maguire

**12:55** Discussion

### SESSION 11 – Bruce Scott lecture

**Chair:** Dr Nuala Lucas

**13:10** The future for obstetric anaesthesia as a subspecialty

Dr Fiona Donald

**13:45** Lunch, Exhibition, e-Poster viewing / Members meeting

### SESSION 12 – Prize giving

**Chair:** Dr Nuala Lucas

**14:30** Prize giving

**14:40** Improving maternity services writing a political to-do list

Dr Carolyn Johnston

**15:00** Discussion

### SESSION 13 – Pick of the Posters

**Chair:** Dr Malcolm Broom and Prof Rachel Kearns

**15:10** Pick of the posters

Panel discussion

### SESSION 14 – Debate

**Chair:** Dr Andrew Eggleton

**15:40** Gowns should be mandatory for spinal anaesthesia

Proposer – Dr James Bamber  
Opposer – Dr Claire Abeysekera

**16:20** Discussion

**16:30** Closing remarks

Dr Nuala Lucas