

# Obstetric Anaesthesia Annual Scientific Meeting 2025

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



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**08:00** Registration (Cityside concourse) Tea & coffee / Exhibition (Gallery and Bar 1)

**09:00** Opening remarks (Main auditorium) Dr Nuala Lucas

### SESSION 1 – Recent advances Chair: Dr Damien Hughes

**09:10** Update on labour analgesia Dr Robert Ffrench-O'Carroll

**09:35** Update on anaesthesia for operative delivery Dr Rachel Mathers

**10:00** Discussion

**10:15** Tea & coffee / Exhibition (Gallery and Bar 1), e-Posters viewing (Gallery 2)

### SESSION 2 – Chronic pain & devices in the obstetric patient Chair: Dr Kathryn Spence

**10:45** Beyond opioids for obstetric pain conundrums Dr Athmaja Thottungal

**11:05** Spinal cord stimulators and obstetric neuraxial analgesia/anaesthesia Dr Simon Thomson

**11:25** Pacemakers & ICDs Dr Honey Thomas

**11:45** Discussion

### SESSION 3 – Felicity Reynolds Free Papers Chairs: Dr James Bamber & Dr Shalini Sundaram

**12:00** Presentation of the top free papers

**13:00** Lunch, Exhibition (Gallery and Bar 1) e-Poster viewing (Gallery 2), OAA Resident Doctors Forum (Meeting room 1)

### SESSION 4 – Your OAA Chair: Dr Nuala Lucas

**14:00** Update on OAA activity and projects Dr Nuala Lucas

**14:10** OAA guideline – remifentanil pca for labour analgesia Dr Damien Hughes

**14:30** Upcoming guidance: Anaesthetic management of pregnant patients with Chiari Malformation Dr Yavor Metodiev

**14:45** Discussion

### SESSION 5 - Complications in obstetric anaesthesia Chair: Dr Jonathan Holland

**14.55** A team approach to pain during caesarean delivery Dr Heather Nixon

**15:15** High neuraxial blocks Dr Conan McCaul

**15:35** What is the role of HFNO in obstetric airway management? Dr Craig Lyons

**15:55** Discussion

**16:10** Tea & coffee, Exhibition (Gallery and Bar 1) e-Poster viewing (Gallery 2)

### SESSION 6 – e-Posters (1st session) (Gallery 2)

**16:30** e-Poster presentations

**17:30 – 18:30** Free networking drinks reception – all welcome (Gallery and Bar 1)

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

**08:15** e-Poster presentations

### SESSION 8 – Felicity Reynolds Free Papers (Main auditorium)

**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 (Gallery and Bar 1), e-Posters viewing (Gallery 2)

### 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 (Gallery and Bar 1), e-Poster viewing (Gallery 2) Members meeting (Main auditorium)

### 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