

Obstetric Anaesthesia Annual Scientific Meeting 2025

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



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Association



Thursday 15 May 2025

08:00 Registration (Cityside concourse) Tea & coffee / Exhibition (Gallery 1 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 1 and Bar 1), e-Posters viewing (Gallery 2- floor 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 1 and Bar 1) e-Poster viewing (Gallery 2- floor 2), OAA Resident Doctors Forum (Meeting room 1-floor 2)

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 1 and Bar 1) e-Poster viewing (Gallery 2- floor 2)

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

16:30 e-Poster presentations

17:30 – 18:30 Free networking drinks reception – all welcome (Gallery 1 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 1 and Bar 1), e-Posters viewing (Gallery 2- floor 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 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 1 and Bar 1), e-Poster viewing (Gallery 2- floor 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