

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

09:00	Opening remarks	Dr Nuala Lucas
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SESSION 1 – Recent advances		Chair: Dr Damien Hughes
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09:10	Update on labour analgesia	Dr Robert French-O'Carroll
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09:35	Update on anaesthesia for operative delivery	Dr Rachel Mathers
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10:00	Discussion	
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10:15 Tea & coffee / Exhibition, e-Posters viewing

SESSION 2 – Chronic pain & devices in the obstetric patient		Chair: to be announced
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10:45	Title coming soon	Dr Athmaja Thottungal
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11:05	Spinal cord stimulators and obstetric neuraxial analgesia/anaesthesia	Dr Simon Thomson
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11:25	Pacemakers & ICDs	Dr Honey Thomas
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11:45	Discussion	
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SESSION 3 – Felicity Reynolds Free Papers		Chairs: Dr James Bamber & Dr Shalini Sundaram
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12:00	Presentation of the top free papers	
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13:00 Lunch, Exhibition, e-Poster viewing GOATs meeting.

SESSION 4 – Your OAA		Chair: Dr Nuala Lucas
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14:00	Update on OAA activity and projects	Dr Nuala Lucas
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14:10	OAA guidelines - what's new	Dr Damien Hughes
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14:30	Upcoming guidance: Anaesthetic management of pregnant patients with Chiari Malformation	Dr Yavor Metodiev
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14:50	Discussion	
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SESSION 5 - Complications in obstetric anaesthesia		Chair: Dr Sinead McGuirk
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14.55	High neuraxial blocks	Dr Conan McCaul
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15:15	What is the role of HFNO in obstetric airway management?	Dr Craig Lyons
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15:35	Discussion	
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15.50 Tea & coffee, Exhibition, e-Poster viewing

SESSION 6 – e-Posters (1st session)		
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16:15	e-Poster presentations	
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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)

08:30 e-Poster presentations

SESSION 8 – Felicity Reynolds Free Papers

Chairs: Dr Rachel Kearns & Dr Caroline Philips

09:30 Presentation of the top free papers

SESSION 9 – Modern Challenges in Obstetric Care

Chair: to be announced

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

Speaker coming soon

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

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
Opposer

Speakers coming soon

16:20 Discussion

16:30 Closing remarks

Dr Nuala Lucas