

Obstetric Anaesthesia Annual Scientific Meeting 2026

14-15 May 2026, Liverpool Convention Centre



Thursday 14 May 2026

08:00 Registration, Tea & coffee / Exhibition (Hall 2A)

09:00 Opening remarks (Main auditorium – Hall 1A) Dr Nuala Lucas

SESSION 1 – Recent advances

Chair:

09:10 Update on labour analgesia Dr Juliette Fletcher

09:35 Update on anaesthesia for operative delivery Dr Anil Bhalla

10:00 Q&A and Panel discussion

10:15 Tea & coffee / Exhibition/e-Posters viewing (Hall 2A)

SESSION 2 – From haematology to Human Factors: protecting our patients

Chair:

10:45 Platelet count and neuraxial anaesthesia: How low can you go? Prof Catherine Bagot

11:05 Maternal Medicine Networks- what are the implications for obstetric anaesthetists? Dr Vish Sharma

11:25 Stop telling me to be careful: human factors and half-measures Dr Peter Hambly

11:45 Q&A and Panel discussion

SESSION 3 – Felicity Reynolds Free Papers

Chairs:

12:00 Presentation of the top free papers

13:00 Lunch, Exhibition, e-Poster viewing (Hall 2A), OAA Resident Doctors Forum (room 3A)

SESSION 4 – Malignant disease in pregnancy

Chair:

14:00 Cancer in pregnancy - multidisciplinary care and peripartum planning Dr Melanie Nana

14:20 Q&A and Panel discussion

SESSION 5 - The rising tide of placenta accreta – staying ahead

Chair:

14:30 PAS - lessons from a high-volume Brazilian centre Dr Fernanda Paes

14:50 The UK experience Dr Malcolm Broom

15:10 Surgical insights Speaker coming soon

15:30 Q&A and Panel discussion

15:50 Tea & coffee, Exhibition / e-Poster viewing (Hall 2A)

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

16:20 e-Poster presentations

17:30 – 18:30 Free networking drinks reception – all welcome (Hall 2A)

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

08:15 e-Poster presentations

SESSION 8– Felicity Reynolds Free Papers (Main auditorium – Hall 1A)

09:15 Presentation of the top free papers

SESSION 9 – Birth Trauma

Chair:

10:15 The 2024 birth trauma inquiry - what we found and what comes next

Dr Kim Thomas

10:35 Birth Trauma: The Anaesthetic Perspective

Dr Michelle Walters

10:55 Q&A and Panel discussion

SESSION 10 - Bruce Scott lecture

Chair:

11:10 Innovations in the third stage of labour

Prof Andrew Weeks

11:40 Tea & coffee, Exhibition / e-Poster viewing (Hall 2A)

SESSION 11 – Obstetrics update

Chair:

12:10 Management of coagulopathy in obstetric haemorrhage and amniotic fluid embolism: learning from MNSI reports

Dr Sarah Bell

12:30 Obstetrics - current pressures, priorities and changes

Dr Susie Crowe

12:50 Q&A and Panel discussion

13:05 Your OAA update

Dr Nuala Lucas

13:25 Lunch, Exhibition / e-Poster viewing (Hall 2A) Members meeting (Main auditorium – Hall 1A)

SESSION 12 – Prize giving

Chair: Dr Nuala Lucas

14:30 Prize giving

14:35 Pick of the posters

Q&A and Panel discussion

SESSION 13 – Beyond the block: understanding and managing pain during CS under neuraxial anaesthesia

Chair:

15:00 The uncomfortable truth - pain during CS

Dr James O'Carroll

15:20 Surgical perspective of pain during CS

Speaker coming soon

15:40 Q&A and Panel discussion

16:00 Closing remarks

Dr Nuala Lucas