

# 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 (Hall 1A)

### 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 evolution in PAS Prof Hannes van der Merwe

**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