

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

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, e-Posters viewing

SESSION 2 – Chronic pain & devices in the obstetric patient Chair: to be announced

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, e-Poster viewing, OAA Resident Doctors Forum.

SESSION 4 – Your OAA Chair: Dr Nuala Lucas

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

14:10 OAA guidelines - what's new 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 Sinead McGuirk

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, e-Poster viewing

SESSION 6 – e-Posters (1st session)

16:30 e-Poster presentations

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: Prof Rachel Kearns & Dr Caroline Phillips

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

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, 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 – Dr James Bamber
Opposer – Dr Claire Abeysekera

16:20 Discussion

16:30 Closing remarks

Dr Nuala Lucas