PECSIG Programme
Paediatricians with Expertise in Cardiology Specialist Interest Group



Tuesday 4th November 2025

Room: Seligman Theatre

08:00 - 09:20	Registration		
00.00 = 07.20	Session 1 - Celebrating the Journey and Future of Paediatric Cardiolog	V	
	Chair: Dr Wilf Kelsall	,	
09:20 - 09:30	Opening and welcome	Dr Wilf Kelsall	
09:30 - 09:50	30 Years of PECSIG – What's been achieved and what might the future hold	Dr David Mabin	
Session 2 - Real-World Challenges in Paediatric Cardiac Care – Bridging Gaps and Facing Complexities Chairs: Dr P Venugopalan & Dr Prakash Dey			
09:50 – 10:10	Oral health, real risks – navigating dental care in children with heart disease	Miss Mina Vaidyanathan	
10:10 – 10:30	Harnessing artificial intelligence in cardiac care – transforming diagnosis, workflow, and patient outcomes	Dr Shankar Sridharan	
10:30 – 10:50	On the move – safely transporting neonatal and paediatric cardiac patients	Dr Sajeev Job & Kate O'Malley	
10:50 - 11:00	Panel discussion		
11:00 - 11:20	Refreshment break and networking		
	Session 3 – Optimising Cardiac Networks and Navigating Complex Cardiac Co Chairs: Dr Vikranth Venugopalan & Dr David Mabin	onditions	
11:20 - 11:40	Strengthening cardiac networks – The critical role of national and local guidelines	Dr Leila Rittey	
11:40 - 12:00	Cardiac care in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy – Challenges and best practices	Dr Tara Bharucha	
12:00 - 12:20	Palliative care in paediatric cardiology – Is there a role for a paediatrician with expertise in cardiology (PEC)?	Dr Carolina Perez	
12:20 – 12:40	Managing postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS) in children and adolescents – A practical approach	Dr Nick Gall	
12:40 - 12:50	Panel discussion		
12:50 - 13:40	Lunch, networking & simulation village		
13:05 – 13:35	Sponsored symposium		
13:20 – 13:40	PECSIG AGM update	Dr Bikash Bhojnagarwala & Dr Vikrant Venugopalan	
	Session 4 - Patent Ductus Arteriosus — Revisiting an Age-Old Dilemma with New Perspectives Chairs: Dr Wilf Kelsall & Dr Sajeev Job		
13:40 – 14:00	Decoding PDA phenotypes – A contemporary framework for assessment and clinical decision-making	Dr Bikash Bhojnagarwala	
14:00 – 14:30	Debate: PDA – Does it really matter? A re-examination of relevance in modern neonatal care	Pro Position: Dr. Mahomoud Monatesur Con Position: Dr. Anay Kulkarni	
14:30 – 14:50	PDA – Time to lay the question to rest? A researcher's evidence-based perspective	Dr Cheryl Battersby	
14:50 – 15:00	Panel discussion		
15:00 - 15:25	Refreshment break and networking		
	Session 5 – Innovation in Cardiac Care – Empowering Teams and Enhancing O Chairs: Dr. Bikash Bhojnagarwala & Dr. Mahomoud Monatesur	utcomes	
15:25 - 15:45	Discussion: Performing general anaesthesia safely for non-cardiac procedures in CHD patients at non-cardiac centres?	Dr Johanna Lynch and Dr Aarti Shah	
15:45 - 16:10	Interactive segment: ECG quiz "Can you catch the rhythm?" – Arrhythmia & ECG interpretation challenge	Dr Will Regan	
16:10 - 16:20	Research spotlight: Abstract presentation 1		
16:20 - 16:30	Research spotlight: Abstract presentation 2		
16:30 - 16:40	Research spotlight: Abstract presentation 3		
16:40 - 16:50	Research spotlight: Abstract presentation 4		
16:50 - 17:00	Closing remarks and award Ceremony: Announcement of best oral and poster presentation winners	Dr Bikash Bhojnagarwala Dr Vikrant Venugopalan	