

CCNA Nursing Programme

Towards a comprehensive Paediatric Cardiology Service



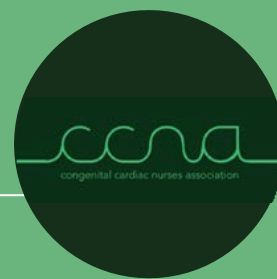
Monday 3rd November 2025

Room: Linacre Sloane

08:00 – 09:15 Registration		
08:45 – 09:00 Sponsored Symposium		
Session 1: Heart Failure – Innovating Paediatric Heart Transplantation Care Chairs: Adrienne Cottam and Liz Smith		
09:15 - 09:20	Welcome	Adrienne Cottam
09:20 - 09:45	Why is heart transplant so hard? Overview and case study	Dr Jacob Simmonds
09:45 - 10:10	The heart of the transplant team – Innovations in the essential coordinator role	Sarah Mead-Regan
10:10 - 10:35	Heart transplant patient experience Sofiyat - My POV	Sofiyat Abisogun
10:35 - 10:50	Discussion and questions	All
10:50 - 11:20	Refreshment break and posters	
Session 2: Right AV Valve- Evolving Care Chairs: Di Robertshaw and Bridget Leavey		
11:20 - 11:50	Fontan FORWARD: A journey of twists and turns	Kathryn M. Dodds
11:50 - 12:15	Living the best life with a Fontan	Professor Kerry Gaskin & Lexie Katsaitis
12:15 - 12:35	From Challenges to Change: Well-being challenges in paediatric CHD	Dr Helena Widdrington
12:35 - 12:40	Discussion and questions	All
12:40 - 13:40	Lunch, CCNA AGM, networking and posters	
12:45 -13:15 BVM Sponsored Symposium		
Session 3: Innovations in Career Pathways Chairs: Elizabeth Akers and Sarah Mead-Reagan		
13:40 - 14:15	Hi-vis jackets, hobnail boots and stethoscopes - A nursing voice in the physical build	Carolyn Akyil, Cheryl Riotto & Eamonn Gorman
14:15 - 14:50	Nursing evolvement in cardiothoracic transplantation - How far can we go?	Jennifer Baxter
14:50 - 15:15	Embracing digital leadership - A new nursing frontier	Adrienne Cottam
15:15 - 15:30	Discussion and questions	All
15:30 - 15:45	Refreshment break and posters	
15:45 - 16:20	From ward to chair: The rhythm of a congenital cardiac career	Professor Kerry Gaskin
BCCA Lifetime Achievement Award Lecture Chairs: Dr Victoria Jowett and Mr Andreas Hoschitzky		
16:30 - 17:15	The past, present and future of cardiac morphology	Professor Robert H. Anderson
17:15	Close	
19:00 – 23:00	Conference dinner – The Great Hall, Bart's Heritage	

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