

BCCA Programme



Tuesday 17th November 2026

CPD accreditation from the RCP has been applied for.

08:00 - 09:00	Registration	
Session 1: Breaking New Ground: Cutting-Edge Treatment Approaches in Congenital Cardiac Care Chairs: Dr Osama Jaber, Dr David Lloyd, Dr Daniel Velasco-sanchez and Prof Attilio Lotto		
09:00 - 09:05	Introduction and Welcome	Dr Peter Lillitos, Dr Eleanor Joy, and Dr Karina Gopaul
09:05 - 09:25	Pulmonary vascular disease in the setting of fetal left heart hypoplasia: role of MRI and fetal intervention	Dr Mike Seed
09:25 - 09:45	Ross-Pears in congenital AS with aortopathy - experience to date	Mr Mohammed Nassar
09:45 - 10:05	Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair in Congenital Heart Disease: Who Benefits and Who Does Not?	Dr Mark Turner
10:05 - 10:25	Minimally invasive and robotic surgery for left heart valves	Mr Stefano Congiu
10:25 - 10:45	From Concept to Care: The Role of Percutaneous Hybrid Strategies in Initial HLHS Intervention	Dr Jamie Bentham
10:45 - 11:00	Panel Q&A	
11:00 - 11:30	Refreshment Break	
Session 2: Looking Beyond the Lesion: Holistic CHD Care Chairs: Dr Malenka Bissell, Dr Eleanor Joy, Dr Wendy Lim and Miss Hannah Swift		
11:30 - 11:50	Neurodevelopment in the setting of single ventricle heart disease	Dr Mike Seed
11:50 - 12:05	Generation CHD - how do we optimise their future after surgery	Dr Steven Parke and Dr James Oliver
12:05 - 12:20	Maximising health gains: An integrated psychological approach to support the work of the Congenital Cardiology Team	Dr Kat Bilbrough
12:20 - 12:35	Ketamine in a Coke can - challenging anaesthesia in CHD	Dr Peter Szedlak
12:35 - 12:45	Panel Q&A	
12:45 - 13:15	BVM Sponsored Symposium - The journey of Venus P since CE mark – Dr Jamie Bentham	
12:45 - 14:15	Lunch, networking & Intervention Experience Zone	
Session 3: Abstracts Chairs: Dr Jamie Bentham, Dr Elspeth Brown and Mr Simran Kundan		
14:15 - 15:30	Abstract Presentations	Dr Jamie Bentham, Dr Elspeth Brown and Mr Simran Kundan
15:30 - 16:00	Refreshment Break	



Session 4: Contemporary Approaches to Optimising CHD Care		
Chairs: Prof David Barron, Dr David Finn, Dr William Regan and Dr John Thomson		
16:00 - 16:15	Ivabradine in paediatric cardiology - post-op JET and beyond	Dr William Regan
16:15 - 16:30	Improving single ventricle circulation when roads are leading to transplant - what are the surgical options	Professor Attilio Lotto
16:30 - 16:45	Improving single ventricle circulation when roads are leading to transplant - utilising percutaneous options	Dr Chetan Mehta
16:45 - 17:00	Combating obesity in patients with heart disease: The role of injectable weight-loss medications	Professor Stephen Wheatcroft
17:00 - 17:15	ACHD Care: Past insights and future practice	Dr Kate English
17:15 - 17:30	Panel Q&A	

17:30 – 18:00 **Posters & Prosecco**

19:00 – Late **Conference Dinner**



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08:45 - 09:20	Medtronic Breakfast Sponsored Symposium - Pulmonary valve replacement in Practice: Multidisciplinary Debate and Case Discussion - Dr Jamie Bentham and Dr Daniel Velasco Sanchez	
Session 5: Embracing the Unknown: Approaches to Uncertainty Chairs: Mr Ali-Al-Sarraf, Dr Jamie Bentham, Dr Peter Lillitos and Dr Helen Parry		
09:20 - 09:40	Is it coarctation? The role of fetal cardiac MRI in postnatal coarctation prediction	Dr David Lloyd
09:40 - 10:00	TAVI for Bicuspid Valves in the young: Brave New Frontier or Clinical Compromise?	Dr Christopher Malkin
10:00 - 10:20	To fenestrate or not to fenestrate? To close or not to close? Navigating the Fontan Fenestration Decisions	Dr Dan Velasco-sanchez
10:20 - 10:40	When to tell the surgeon that the residual lesion cannot be left alone	Dr Antigoni Deri
10:40 - 11:00	Panel Q&A	
11:00 – 11:30	Refreshment Break	
Session 6: Emerging Paradigms in CHD: Interstage Care, Global Collaboration and AI Chairs: Prof David Barron, Mr Stefano Congiu and Dr Mike Seed		
11:30 - 11:50	Managing a congenital cardiac programme in resource limited settings - a collaborative approach	Ms Carin Van Doorn
11:50 - 12:10	Clarity in complexity: Reducing Uncertainty in the interstage period	Dr Malenka Bissell
12:10 - 12:30	From pixels to precision - how 3D printing and AI are revolutionising CHD treatment	Dr Vitor Ramos
12:30 - 12:40	Panel Q&A	
12:40 - 12:45	Children Not Numbers: Valuing Lives	Dr Helen Michael and Dr Hannah Bellsham-Revell
12:45 - 13:15	Proveca Sponsored Symposium - Modern Management Strategies for Paediatric Heart Failure: Focus on Enalapril ODT - Dr Stephanie L��er and Dr Oscar Nolan	
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch, networking & Intervention Experience Zone	
Session 7: When Options Narrow: How to Proceed Chairs: Prof Michael Burch, Ms Carin Van Doorn, Dr Chetan Mehta and Mr Giuseppe Pelella		
14:00 - 14:20	When to consider the late biventricular repair in a patient destined for single ventricle pathway	Professor David Barron
14:20 - 14:40	What becomes of the non-transplantable and non-fontanable	Dr David Crossland
14:40 - 15:00	Cardiomems and mechanical support in single ventricle to optimise for transplantation	Dr Katrijn Jansen
15:00 - 15:15	Panel Q&A	
15:15 - 15:45	Refreshment Break	
Session 8: From debate to high performance: the modern MDT Chairs: Dr David Finn, Mr Mohamed Nassar and Dr Fiona Willcoxson		
15:45 - 16:15	The current status of neonatal and infant transplantation in the UK: Is it a realistic treatment option?	Professor Michael Burch and Dr Zdenka Reinhardt
16:15 - 16:45	High Performance - People are our first competitive advantage	Keith Sharpe
16:45 - 17:00	Final Remarks	Dr Peter Lillitos, Dr Eleanor Joy, and Dr Karina Gopaul

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