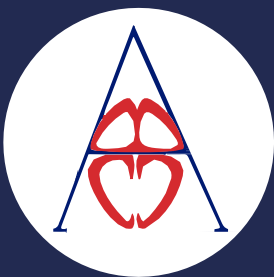


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Tuesday 17th November 2026

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08:00 - 09:00	Registration	
Session 1: Breaking New Ground: Cutting-Edge Treatment Approaches in Congenital Cardiac Care Chairs: Mr 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	Prof Mike Seed
09:25 - 09:45	Ross-Pears in congenital AS with aortopathy - experience to date	Mr Mohamed 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 James Bentham
10:45 - 11:00	Panel Q&A	
11:00 - 11:25	Refreshment Break, Intervention Experience Zone and Posters	
Session 2: Looking Beyond the Lesion: Holistic CHD Care Chairs: Dr Malenka Bissell, Dr Eleanor Joy, Dr Wendy Lim and Miss Hannah Swift		
11:25 - 11:45	Neurodevelopment in the setting of single ventricle heart disease	Prof Mike Seed
11:45 - 12:00	Generation CHD - how do we optimise their future after surgery	Dr Steven Parke and Dr James Oliver
12:00 - 12:15	Maximising health gains: An integrated psychological approach to support the work of the Congenital Cardiology Team	Dr Kat Bilbrough
12:15 - 12:30	Ketamine in a Coke can - challenging anaesthesia in CHD	Dr Peter Szedlak
12:30 - 12:40	Panel Q&A	
12:45 - 13:15	BVM Sponsored Symposium - The journey of Venus P since CE mark – Dr James Bentham (Not CPD approved)	
12:40 - 13:55	Lunch, Posters and Intervention Experience Zone	
Session 3: Abstracts Chairs: Dr Elspeth Brown, Associate Prof Kate English and Mr Simran Kundan		
13:55 – 14:10	Infective Endocarditis–Associated Mortality in Congenital Heart Disease in the United States: A 25-Year Analysis	Dr Anisa Ahmed
14:10 – 14:25	Transcatheter closure of Patent Foramen Ovale associated with Platypnoea-Orthodeoxia Syndrome: functional outcomes and underlying pathophysiology	Dr Daniel Cave
14:25 – 14:40	Predictors of early disease expression in paediatric HCM-causing sarcomere protein gene variant carriers	Scarlett Culshaw
14:40 – 14:55	Fibroblast activation precedes myocardial fibrosis in the pr	Dr Alexander Fletcher
14:55 – 15:10	Preparing for Cardiac Surgery: A Qualitative Service Evaluation of Parents' Experiences of a Joint Psychology and Play Surgical Preparation Clinic	Dr Marcella Kapsokavadi

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15:10 – 15:35 Refreshment Break, Intervention Experience Zone, Posters and ACHD Trainee Networking (Vera Suite)

Session 4: Contemporary Approaches to Optimising CHD Care Chairs: Prof David Barron, Dr David Finn and Prof John Thomson		
15:35 - 15:50	Ivabradine in paediatric cardiology - post-op JET and beyond	Dr William Regan
15:50 - 16:05	Improving single ventricle circulation when roads are leading to transplant - what are the surgical options	Professor Attilio Lotto
16:05 -16:20	Improving single ventricle circulation when roads are leading to transplant - utilising percutaneous options	Dr Chetan Mehta
16:20 - 16:35	Combating obesity in patients with heart disease: The role of injectable weight-loss medications	Prof Stephen Wheatcroft
16:35 - 16:50	ACHD Care: Past insights and future practice	Associate Prof Kate English
16:50 - 17:05	Panel Q&A	

19:00 – Late Conference Dinner

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