



BCCA Programme

Wednesday 18th November 2026

08:15 - 09:20	Registration	
08:45 - 09:20	Medtronic Sponsored Morning Symposium - Pulmonary valve replacement in Practice: Multidisciplinary Debate and Case Discussion - Dr James Bentham, Dr Daniel Velasco Sanchez, Mr Giuseppe Pelella, Dr Mark Turner and Mr Massimo Caputo (Not CPD approved)	
Session 5: Embracing the Unknown: Approaches to Uncertainty Chairs: Mr Ali Al-Sarraf, Dr James 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, Intervention Experience Zone and Posters	
Session 6: Emerging Paradigms in CHD: Interstage Care, Global Collaboration and AI Chairs: Prof David Barron, Mr Stefano Congiu and Prof 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 Läer and Dr Oscar Nolan (Not CPD approved)	
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch, Posters and 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	Prof 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, Intervention Experience Zone and Posters	
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?	Prof Michael Burch and Dr Zdenka Reinhardt
16:15 - 16:45	High Performance - People are our first competitive advantage	Mr Keith Sharpe
16:45 - 17:00	Final Remarks	Dr Peter Lillitos, Dr Eleanor Joy and Dr Karina Gopaul
17:00	Meeting Close	

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