BACCNA Programme

The British Adult Congenital Cardiac Nurses Association

Wednesday 18th November 2026

Room: Royal Armouries A

08:15 – 09:20	**Registration**	
08:45 – 09:20	Medtronic Morning Sponsored Symposium - Pulmonary valve replacement in Practice: Multidisciplinary Debate and Case Discussion - Dr James Bentham and Dr Daniel Velasco Sanchez (New Dock Hall)	
Session 1 Chairs: Hannah Swift and Hajar Habibi		
09:20 – 09:25	Welcome and Introduction	Hannah Swift and Joanna Birkett
09:25 – 11:00	Exploring AI in Specialist Nursing Services	Dione Rogers and Sandra Ladkin
11:00 – 11:30	Refreshment Break, Posters, Intervention and Imaging Experience Zone and Exhibition	
Session 2 Chairs: Daniel Robinson and Rebecca Mercaldi		
11:30 – 11:50	Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome: Comorbidities and Transition Pathways	Lynda Shaughnessy and Susana De Sousa
11:50 – 12:15	Heart Transplant: Assessment and Myths	Lorna Carruthers
12:15 – 12:45	Patient Story	Joseph Powell and Kate Powell, facilitated by Amy Weeden
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch, Posters, Intervention and Imaging Experience Zone and Exhibition	
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 (New Dock Hall)	
Session 3 Chairs: Lynda Shaughnessy and Dr Helen Parry		
14:00 – 14:20	Equity by Design: Building ACHD Nursing Services Beyond the Specialist Centre	Becky Lambert
14:20 – 14:40	Prevention and Rehabilitation in CHD: Translating the 2026 ESC Guidelines into CNS Practice	Hajar Habibi
14:40 – 15:00	One Heart, Many Miles: An Australian Approach to Lifelong Congenital Heart Care	Juliet Ward
15:00 – 15:10	Evaluating the Operational Utility and Capacity Dynamics of a Nurse-Led Adult Congenital Heart Disease (ACHD) Specialist Clinic: A 12-Month Clinical Audit	Michelle Collins
15:10 – 15:20	From wheelchair to dance: a multidisciplinary approach to weight management to reduce surgical risk in a patient with severe obesity requiring re-do aortic valve replacement	Emma Sparks
15:20 – 15:50	Refreshment Break, Posters, Intervention and Imaging Experience Zone and Exhibition	
Session 4 Chairs: Joanna Birkett and Hannah Swift		
15:50 – 16:15	BACCNA Update	BACCNA Council
16:15 – 16:45	High Performance - People are our First Competitive Advantage (BCCA Programme New Dock Hall)	Mr Keith Sharpe
16:45 – 17:00	Final Remarks	(BCCA Programme New Dock Hall)

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