PECSIG Programme

Paediatricians with Expertise in Cardiology Specialist Interest Group

Wednesday 18th November 2026

Room: Pearl Suite

RCPCH has approved this activity for CPD in accordance with the current RCPCH CPD Guidelines.

08:15 – 09:30	Registration
08:45 – 09:20	Medtronic Morning Sponsored 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 (New Dock Hall)

Session 1 – Pulmonary Hypertension Chairs: Dr Matthew Pye and Dr Sandeep Kapoor		
09:30 – 09:40	Opening and welcome	Dr Matthew Pye
09:40 – 10:00	Haemodynamic Assessment of Pulmonary Hypertension - Dzung Memorial Lecture	Dr Mahmoud Montasser
10:00 – 10:20	Management of Acute Pulmonary Hypertension: A Phenotype-Based Approach	Dr Bikash Bhojnagarwala
10:20 – 10:40	Pulmonary Hypertension Beyond the Newborn: Diagnosis and Long-Term Management	Dr Sadia Quyam
10:40 – 11:00	Panel Discussion	
11:00 - 11:30	Refreshment Break, Posters, Intervention and Imaging Experience Zone and Exhibition	

Session 2 – Aortopathy and Cardiomyopathy Chairs: Dr Venugopalan Poothirikovil and Dr Josephine Murphy		
11:30 – 11:50	Aortopathies and Connective Tissue Disorders	Dr Saravanan Durairaj
11:50 – 12:10	Sudden Cardiac Death/Risk Stratification in Sport	Dr Raghav Bhatia
12:10 – 12:30	Screening in Family History	Prof. Juan Kaski
12:30 – 12:45	Panel Discussion	
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)	
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch, Posters, Intervention and Imaging Experience Zone and Exhibition	

Session 3 – High Risk Chairs: Dr Prakash Dey and Dr Rebecca Newbegin		
14:00 – 14:20	ECG Quiz - High Risk Congenital Cardiology Cases	Dr Dirk Wilson
14:20 – 14:40	The Journey and Future of High Risk Clinic/Management	Lyndsay Bamford
14:40 – 15:00	Single Ventricle Physiology in the First Year of Life	Dr Malenka Bissell
15:00 – 15:15	Panel Discussion	
15:15 – 15:45	Refreshment Break, Posters, Intervention and Imaging Experience Zone and Exhibition	

Session 4 – Abstract Presentations Chairs: Dr Bikash Bhojnagarwala and Dr Claire Davidson		
15:45 – 15:55	Diastolic dysfunction is near-universal and independent of shunt severity in preterm infants with a patent ductus arteriosus	Dr Bikash Bhojnagarwala
15:55 – 16:05	Neonatal ectopy: Natural course and outcomes to two years in a district general hospital paediatric cardiology service, 2022–2026	Dr Roja Maharjan
16:05 – 16:15	Cardiac pacing for anoxic seizures - case report	Dr Anupama Mallappa
16:15 – 16:25	Equity in Access to Joy for CHD Families: How Charity Led Social Events Reduce Financial, Emotional, and Social Inequities	Karen Tomlin
16:25 – 16:35	Judging	
16:35 – 17:00	Prizes Giving and Close	

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Learning Objectives:

The participants will understand the role of haemodynamic assessment of neonatal pulmonary hypertension, and update on the management of neonatal and later onset pulmonary hypertension

The participants will refresh their understanding of cardiac screening for cardiomyopathy and connective tissue disorders.

The participants will learn the role of PEC in the high risk Fontan patient management and the organisation of high risk clinics.