



British Society for SpondyloArthritis

BRITSpA - 12th Annual Scientific Meeting
 21st & 22nd September 2026 (Monday and Tuesday)
 The Slate, Warwick University, Coventry CV4 7SH

Monday 21st September 13:00 -18:15		
13:00	Registration	
Chairs:	Dr Elena Nikiphorou & Dr Stephanie Harrison	
14:00-14:15	Welcome to members / Introduction	
14:15-15:15	Research updates	
14:15-14:35	BAXSIC Study	Prof Helena Marzo-Ortega, Leeds
14:35-14:50	NASS update	Dr Dale Webb, CEO NASS
14:50-15:00	AStretch update	Mr Will Gregory, Salford
15:00-15:15	Travelling Fellowships (3x5 mins each)	
15:00-15:05	#1	Mrs Amy Urquhart, Aberdeen
15:05-15:10	#2	Dr Poonam Sharma, Peterborough
15:10-15:15	#3	Dr Dhivya Das, NCA
15:15-16:15	Award-winning abstracts and prizes (2 categories: Basic/Clinical science or research; Audit and service improvement)	
15.15-15.35		TBC
15.35-15.55		TBC
15.55-16:15		TBC
16:15-16:45	Break	
16:45-18:00	Emerging concepts in SpA	
16:45-17:15	Emerging concepts in SpA: Basic science	Prof Dirk Elewaut, Ghent University
17:15-17:45	Emerging concepts in SpA: Therapeutics	Dr Gurdeep Dulay, Portsmouth
17:45-18:00	Panel discussion/Q&A	
19:00	Drinks reception and dinner	
Tuesday 22nd September 08:30 – 15:30		
08:30	Registration	
08:30-09:30	Posters	
Chairs:	Dr Elena Nikiphorou & Dr Stephanie Harrison	
09:30 – 10:50	Mini Symposium – D2M SpA symposium	
09:30-09:50	Introduction: unravelling the concept of D2M SpA	Prof Helena Marzo-Ortega, Leeds
09:50-10:20	Treatment of refractory SpA	Dr Sophia Steer, KCL
10:20-10:50	Focus on Pain	Dr Jordan Tsigarides, UEA
10:50-11:20	Break	
11:20- 12:00	Obesity: impact & management	Prof Donal O'Shea, Dublin
12:00-12:30	BRITSpA AGM	BRITSpA Voting Members only
12:30- 13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:15	The Andrew Keat Medal and Lecture	Prof Matthew Brown, KCL
14:15-15:00	Year in Review (axSpA) : clinical	Dr Wiranthi Gunasekera, NW Anglia
15:00-15:30	Summary and close	

Sponsors have had no input into the agenda of the meeting.

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