



THURSDAY 6th MARCH 2025

08:45 DELEGATE REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

Chairs: Margaret O'Connor & Sinéad Coleman

Welcome and Introductions

09:30 Margaret O'Connor, Geriatrician, BIASP & Sinéad Coleman, Programme Manager, National Clinical Programme for Stroke, HSE

Pushing boundaries in hyperacute stroke care

09:40 Karl Boyle, Consultant Stroke Physician, Beaumont Hospital / RCSI, Dublin

Update on recent advances in Thrombectomy – Large core, low

10:10 ASPECTs, Frailty

Patrick Nicholson, Consultant NIR Beaumont Hospital, Dublin

10:40 Q&A

10:50 REFRESHMENTS AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

Chairs: Owen Feely & Ciara Breen

Update on surgical management of ICH/minimally invasive surgery of ICH

11:10 Theodore Hirst, Vascular Neurosurgery Fellow, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin

Recreational Drugs and Stroke

11:40 Joseph Harbison, Consultant Stroke Physician, St James's Hospital, Dublin

12:10 Q&A

12:20 LUNCH AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

Chairs: Patrick Doyle & Martin Quinn (PPI)

Clinical Uses of CT Perfusion in Stroke and Potential Pitfalls

13:10 Michael O'Reilly, Consultant Diagnostic and Interventional Radiologist, University Hospital Limerick

Setting up a stroke service in a regional hospital

13:40 Arslan Sohail, Consultant Stroke physician, Naas General Hospital

Leadership Journey in Stroke Medicine – 'Finding your ikigai'

14:10 Deb Lowe, Medical Director, The Stroke Association, National Clinical Lead for Stroke – GIRFT Programme, NHS England, Consultant Stroke Physician - Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Trust

14:40 Q&A



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Chair: Shyam Kelavkar

14:50 Student Essay Prize

15:10 REFRESHMENTS AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

SPAFI (Stroke Prevention and Atrial Fibrillation Ireland) Symposium

Chair: Rónán Collins & John Keane

15:30 Introduction and welcome

Rónán Collins, Clinical Lead, National Clinical Programme for Stroke

15:35 ESC guidelines for blood pressure 2024 – a stroke geriatricians' perspective

Michelle Canavan, ESC guideline author

15:55 ESC guidelines for Atrial Fibrillation 2024- a stroke physicians' perspective

Valeria Caso, ESC /ESOC guideline author

16:15 What can we do better to prevent and cure Atrial Fibrillation?

John Camm, ESC guideline author

16:35 Q&A

Co-ordinating national policies to prevent stroke

Chair: John Keane, Consultant cardiologist and Electrophysiologist and Co-chair of SPAFI

17:00-17:10

17:00 A National pathway for AF care

Joe Galvin, Clinical lead National Clinical programme for Cardiology

17:10-17:20

17:00 A National pathway for Blood pressure Management

Orlaith O Reilly, Clinical lead chronic disease management programme

17:20-17:30

Integrating pathways into daily practice - lessons so far?

David McConaghy, GP lead for cardiovascular risk

17:30 Q&A and Closing Remarks

17:45 CLOSE OF DAY ONE

DRINKS RECEPTION (17:45-19:00)



FRIDAY 7th MARCH 2025

08:30 DELEGATE REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

Chairs: Rónán Collins & Shyam Kelavkar

08:45 Welcome and Introductions

Shyam Kelavkar, Trainee Chair, BIASP & Rónán Collins, Consultant in geriatric /stroke medicine, and Clinical Lead, National Clinical Programme for Stroke

09:00 Post Stroke Complications/Post stroke depression

Orla Sheehan, Consultant Geriatrician Connolly Hospital, Dublin

09:30 Seizures as a stroke mimic and post stroke seizures

Yaseen Yacoob, Neurologist, University Hospital Limerick

10:00 Q&A

10:10 REFRESHMENTS AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

Chairs: George Pope & Sinéad Coleman

10:30 Moving towards personalised antiplatelet therapy after TIA / Ischaemic stroke: Insights from emerging translational platelet science

Dominick J. H. McCabe PhD, FRCPI, FESO, FAHA, Consultant Neurologist / Clinical Professor in Neurology, Dept. of Neurology, Tallaght University Hospital - AMNCH, Dublin / Vascular Neurology Research Group, Academic Unit of Neurology, School of Medicine, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

11:00 Video-vignette bootcamp - Cranial nerve signs for stroke physicians

Simon Cronin, Consultant Neurologist, Cork University Hospital

11:30 Stroke in Pregnancy

Anthony Pereira, Consultant Neurologist, St George's Hospital

12:00 Q&A

12:10 LUNCH AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

Chairs: Owen Feely & Susan Buggle (PPI)

13:00 Carotid disease

Patrick Barry, Consultant Stroke Physician/Geriatrician, Cork University Hospital

13:30 Symptomatic Intracranial Atherosclerotic Disease

Dan Ryan, Consultant Geriatrician, Tallaght University Hospital

14:00 Driving and stroke



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Libby Cunningham, Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital

QI in Swallow Screening Post-Stroke

14:20 Fiona Connaughton, Nurse Lead, National Clinical Programme for Stroke

14:30 Q&A

14:40 REFRESHMENTS AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

Chairs: Patrick Doyle & Nora Cunningham

Stroke, lipids and novel treatments

15:00 Cormac Kennedy, Consultant Clinical Pharmacologist, Trinity College Dublin

Secondary Prevention after AF-related stroke: Challenges and New Frontiers

15:30 John McCabe, Stroke Physician, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital

Update on intracerebral haemorrhage

16:00 David Werring, Professor of Clinical Neurology, UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology

16:30 Q&A

Closing Remarks

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16:50 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

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