



Annual SCIENTIFIC MEETING

5 - 6 NOVEMBER 2026
THE ADELPHI HOTEL, LIVERPOOL



Thursday 5 November

08:45-09:45 Registration, refreshments, exhibition and ePosters

09:45-11:05	Plenary 1
09:45	Welcome by the Chair Miss Jackie Ross, Chair of AEPU and Consultant Gynaecologist, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
09:50	The EPU story: A glance at the past, a glimpse of the future - decades of championing early pregnancy care, what's next? Lisa Starrs, Pregnancy Support Centre Manager / Higher Specialist Nurse, NHS Lothian; and Maeve Tuomey, Senior Sister – Early Pregnancy and Acute Gynaecology, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
10:15	Medications and drug trials in early pregnancy – how do we make progress? Professor Catherine Nelson-Piercy, Professor of Obstetric Medicine, King's College London, and Consultant Obstetric Physician, Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
10:40	In the beginning... is it all implantation problems? Dr Nicola Tempest, NIHR Academic Clinical Lecturer, University of Liverpool

11:05-11:35 Refreshments, exhibition, and ePosters

Parallel sessions A

11:35-12:35	A1	A2	A3
11:35	Cytogenetic testing for recurrent miscarriage – why, what, when, how Ms Ingrid Granne, Associate Professor in Reproductive Medicine, University of Oxford	Adnexal masses in early pregnancy – IOTA update Dr Cheryl Dunlop, Consultant in Gynaecology and Reproductive Medicine, NHS Lothian	Twins on an EP scan – what do we need to know Alison Smith, Tutor Sonographer in Fetal Medicine and Woman's Health, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
11:55	Running an NHS recurrent miscarriage clinic – what are the current gaps? Dr Linda Watkins, Clinical Director Family Health, The Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust	Hyperemesis gravidarum – is it all in the genes? Is Metformin the answer? Dr Melanie Nana, Locum Consultant, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, NIHR Clinical Research Fellow,	CS scar pregnancy – diagnosis and can we prevent? Dr Sarah P Walker, Consultant, Birmingham Women's NHS Foundation Trust
12:15	NK cell testing or progesterone tampons – what is the latest intervention for recurrent miscarriage? Professor Siobhan Quenby, Professor of Obstetrics, University of Warwick	Building a new model of EPU triage Dr David Rook, ST6 in Sexual & Reproductive Health, and Rebecca Holland, Deputy Head of Nursing - Gynaecology, Fertility and Surgical Services, The Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust	3D USS – do we need it for recurrent miscarriage and in our EPUs? Dr Andrea Woolner, Senior Clinical Lecturer, University of Aberdeen; and Dr Chris Kyriacou, Obstetrics and Gynaecology Specialist Registrar and Honorary Clinical Lecturer, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

12:35-13:40 Lunch, exhibition, and ePoster viewing

13:05-13:35 Sponsored session

13:40-15:00	Plenary 2: Short oral presentations
13:40	TBC after abstracts are reviewed

15:00-15:30 Refreshments, exhibition, and ePosters

15:30-17:15	Plenary 3
15:30	What makes a good early pregnancy scan? Roxanne Sicklen, Clinical Specialist Sonographer, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust
15:55	More than viability: what else can you tell from an early pregnancy scan? Dr Jessica Farren, Consultant Gynaecologist, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
16:20	A graded model of miscarriage care - from evidence to clinical practice Dr Rosinder Kaur, PhD Student and Specialist Trainee in Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Tommy's National Centre for Miscarriage Research
16:45	Debate: Self-referral to the EPU should be mandated. For: Professor Siobhan Quenby, Professor of Obstetrics, University of Warwick Against: Rachel Small, Clinical Matron for Gynaecology & Early Pregnancy, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
17:15	Close of day

17:15-18:00	Fellow and Resident networking drinks A relaxed opportunity to connect with clinical and academic colleagues interested in early pregnancy
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19:30 (for 20:00 dinner)	Conference dinner – by pre-booked ticket only Titanic Hotel Liverpool (Stanley Dock, Regent Rd, Liverpool, L3 0AN)
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07:25-09:00	Registration, refreshments, and exhibition	
07:25-08:10	Breakfast workshops (optional)	
	Workshop 1 THINK ECTOPIC! – clinical skills and recognising haemoperitoneum and ectopic mass on scan Mandy Hallifax, Advanced Clinical Practitioner / Nurse Sonographer in Early Pregnancy, Oxford Early Pregnancy Unit; Roxanne Sicklen, Clinical Specialist Sonographer, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust; and Munira Oza, Chief Executive, The Ectopic Pregnancy Trust	Workshop 2 Surgery for ectopic pregnancy masterclass – focus on salpingotomy and interstitial ectopic pregnancy Miss Cecilia Bottomley, Consultant Gynaecologist, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; and Dr Jessica Farren, Consultant Gynaecologist, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
08:15-08:45	Breakfast session	
08:15	Sponsored session	
08:45-09:00	AGM	
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09:00-10:00	Plenary 4	
09:00	Miscarriage and infection – a global perspective Professor David Lissauer, NIHR Professor of Global Maternal and Fetal Health, University of Liverpool	
09:20	PUL – dealing with the unknown Miss Jackie Ross, Chair of AEPU and Consultant Gynaecologist, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	
09:40	Expectant management of ectopic pregnancy – what should we expect? Professor Davor Jurkovic, Professor of Gynaecology, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	
10:00-10:55	Plenary 5: Short oral presentations	
	TBC after abstracts are reviewed	
10:55-11:30	Refreshments, exhibition, and ePoster viewing	

Parallel sessions B

11:30-12:30	B1	B2	B3
11:30	Communicating a GTD diagnosis Sarah Rollins, Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Sheffield Trophoblastic Disease Centre	Second trimester pregnancy loss and why we need more data Professor Alexander Heazell, Director, Tommy's Maternal and Fetal Health Research Centre, and Professor of Obstetrics, University of Manchester	Adenomyosis & Endometriosis – the impact on Early Pregnancy Dr Joel Naftalin, Consultant Gynaecologist, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
11:50	Suspecting GTD on ultrasound Miss Jackie Ross, Chair of AEPU and Consultant Gynaecologist, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	PPROM before 23 weeks - getting the diagnosis right and what happens next Dr Laura Goodfellow, Senior Clinical Lecturer in Obstetrics, University of Liverpool	Fibroids and the impact on miscarriage risk Mr Dimitrios Mavrelas, Consultant in Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Reproductive Medicine, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
12:10	SITM trainee session – Who wants to be an EP specialist? SITM Q&As Dr Natalie Woodhead, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Trust	Early pregnancy loss - importance of follow-up care Dr Maria Memtsa, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust	Retained pregnancy tissue - what do we do and what does the evidence tell us? Ms Ora Jesner, Consultant Gynaecologist and Obstetrician, Barts Health NHS Trust

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13:00-13:30 **Sponsored session**

13:35-15:00	Plenary 6
13:35	The paradox of early pregnancy care: Overtreatment amid systemic neglect Dr Tina Tellum, Associate Professor - Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Oslo, Norway; and Dr Joel Naftalin, Consultant Gynaecologist, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
13:55	Research to impact – making a difference in early pregnancy research Professor Keelin O'Donoghue, Principal Investigator, INFANT Research Centre, and Senior Lecturer, University College Cork, Ireland
14:15	Cultural competency for the early pregnancy setting – reducing maternal disparities from the very earliest pregnancy visits Alicia Burnett, Midwife, Tommy's and Founder and CEO, Black Baby Loss Awareness Week; and speaker TBC
14:35	Top research papers round up and panel Q&A Miss Emma Kirk, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust
14:55	Closing comments and presentation of prizes Miss Jackie Ross, Chair of AEPU and Consultant Gynaecologist, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
15:00	Close of conference