



# Annual SCIENTIFIC MEETING

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13-14 NOVEMBER 2025  
TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION  
CENTRE, GLASGOW

## Thursday 13 November

09:15-10:15 Registration, refreshments, exhibition and posters

10:15-11:45	Plenary 1
10:15	<b>Welcome by the Chair</b> Miss Jackie Ross, Consultant Gynaecologist, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
10:20	<b>Human factors in the EPU</b> Mr Matteo De Martino, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust
10:45	<b>Venous thromboembolism – what do EPUs need to know and do?</b> Dr Kate Duhig, Clinical Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant Obstetrician, King's College London/St Thomas' Hospital; and Specialty Advisor, NHS England
11:10	<b>MBRRACE 2024 – what are the themes in early pregnancy and how do we improve?</b> Dr Allison Felker, Senior Researcher - MBRRACE-UK, National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit
11:35	<b>Royal College of Nursing's document Pregnancy Loss Guidance for Nursing</b> Victoria Heppell, Head of Nursing, Aneira Health

11:45-12:15 Refreshments, exhibition, and ePoster viewing

### Parallel sessions A

12:15-13:15	A1	A2	A3
12:15	<b>Language when communicating difficult news in the EPU</b> Vicki Robinson, Chief Executive Officer, Miscarriage Association	<b>Early pregnancy ultrasound – the basics and how to spot an ectopic pregnancy</b> Gillian Steele, Midwife Sonographer, and Dr Roslyn MacBride, ST7 in O&G, NHS Glasgow & Greater Clyde	<b>Hyperemesis Gravidarum – the psychological burden</b> Dr Melanie Nana, Locum Consultant, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, NIHR Clinical Research Fellow
12:35	<b>Implementing midwife led recurrent miscarriage clinics as part of graded model of care</b> Rebecca Nelson, Specialist Midwife, NHS Grampian	<b>Ultrasound diagnosis of miscarriage</b> Dr Jessica Farren, Consultant Gynaecologist, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	<b>Advancing ectopic pregnancy care through early data insights at Whipps Cross Hospital</b> Ms Ora Jesner, Consultant Gynaecologist and Obstetrician, Barts Health NHS Trust
12:55	<b>25 years as a specialist midwife in early pregnancy and bereavement – pathway to implementing the National Bereavement Care Pathways</b> Myra Kinnaird, Specialist Midwife, NHS Grampian	<b>Importance of training and adverse event reporting in the EPU</b> Miss Natalie Woodhead, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Trust	<b>Sustainable management for hyperemesis gravidarum - using a virtual ward</b> Dr Beth Laverick, Lead Obstetrician for Maternal Medicine, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

13:15-14:15 Lunch, exhibition, and ePoster viewing

13:35-14:05 Sponsored session

14:15-15:35	<b>Plenary 2: Short oral presentations</b>
14:15	<b>Early pregnancy when healthcare collapses - clinical perspectives from Gaza post-October 2023</b> Dr Nadia Amokrane, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Epsom And St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust
14:25	<b>Prevalence of PAI-1 (Serpin) 4G/5G polymorphisms in recurrent pregnancy loss - insights from Malta</b> Speaker TBC
14:35	<b>Single cell sequencing of tubal ectopic pregnancy, understanding implantation</b> Dr Miriam Baumgarten, Consultant, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
14:45	<b>Machine learning algorithm to predict viability in early IVF pregnancy</b> Dr Sughashini Murugesu, Clinical Research Fellow, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
14:55	<b>A core outcome set to guide future research on caesarean scar ectopic pregnancy - COSCAR consensus study</b> Speaker TBC
15:05	<b>Transforming emergency gynaecology and early pregnancy care through initial assessment - a prospective quality improvement study</b> Dr David Rook, Senior Fellow in Gynaecology & Early Pregnancy, The Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust
15:15	<b>Cell free fetal DNA testing in first trimester miscarriage - a prospective cohort study</b> Dr Nina Parker, Clinical Research Fellow, Imperial College London
15:25	<b>Reducing intrusive memories after early pregnancy loss using a brief cognitive task involving Tetris computer gameplay - a randomised controlled trial</b> Dr Nina Parker, Clinical Research Fellow, Imperial College London

15:35-16:00 **Refreshments, exhibition, and posters**

16:00-17:45	<b>Plenary 3</b>
16:00	<b>Recurrent ectopic pregnancies</b> Dr Jessica Farren, Consultant Gynaecologist, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
16:25	<b>Interstitial pregnancy – diagnosis and management</b> Mr Joel Naftalin, Consultant Gynaecologist, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
16:50	<b>Management of retained pregnancy tissue</b> Miss Jackie Ross, Chair of AEPU and Consultant Gynaecologist, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
17:15	<b>Debate: Ultrasound should be mandatory before abortion</b> <b>For:</b> Miss Emma Kirk, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust <b>Against:</b> Mr Jonathan Lord, Consultant Gynaecologist, Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust, and Co-Chair RCOG Abortion Taskforce
17:45	<b>Close of day</b>

19:30 (for 20:00 dinner) **Conference dinner – by pre-booked ticket only**  
(voco Grand Central Hotel)



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## Friday 14 November

07:30-08:45 Registration, refreshments, and exhibition

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### Breakfast workshops (optional)

#### Workshop 1: 3D USS - focus on recurrent miscarriage/uterine anomalies and ectopic pregnancy

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

#### Workshop 2: Supporting patients who experience both ectopic pregnancy and miscarriage - how hospitals, charities, and our teams can work together

The Ectopic Pregnancy Trust and The Miscarriage Association

08:45-09:00

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### Plenary 4

09:00

#### CS scar and cervical ectopic pregnancies – recognition and management

Miss Jackie Ross, Chair of AEP2025 and Consultant Gynaecologist, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

09:20

#### Intramural ectopic pregnancies

Professor Davor Jurkovic, Professor of Gynaecology, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

09:40

#### Implementing Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) in early pregnancy – how, what, when and why?

Rachel Small, Clinical Matron for Gynaecology & Early Pregnancy, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust

10:00-10:55

### Plenary 5: Short oral presentations

**Does Manual Vacuum Aspiration for retained products of conception increase the risk of preterm birth in a subsequent pregnancy?** – Maya Harji, Medical Student, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; and Georgia Weeks, Medical Student, University of Cambridge

**Early pregnancy care in the prison population - a case series** – Speaker TBC

**A snapshot of acute early pregnancy care provision in Australia - an exploration of midwifery practice** – Nicole Freeman, Clinical Midwife, Curtin University, Australia

**An ovarian ectopic pregnancy with molar features - a diagnostic challenge** – Speaker TBC

**Factors influencing patient decisions about the handling of pregnancy tissue after early pregnancy loss - an observational cohort study** – Dr Bethany Helm, Doctor, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

**Establishing an early pregnancy bereavement specialist nurse role: the experience of a teaching hospital service** – Speaker TBC

**Early IVF pregnancy ultrasound measurements to diagnose miscarriage in a multi-centre cohort** – Dr Sughashini Murugesu, Clinical Research Fellow, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

**Service users experiences of Ireland's first offsite early pregnancy unit - a prospective quantitative evaluation** – Dr Deirdre Hayes-Ryan, Consultant, Cork University Maternity Hospital

10:55-11:30

Refreshments, exhibition, and poster viewing

**Parallel sessions B**

11:30-12:30	B1	B2:	B3:
11:30	<b>Miscarriage after IVF – what do we need to consider in the EPU?</b> Dr Cheryl Dunlop, Consultant in Gynaecology and Reproductive Medicine, NHS Lothian	<b>Ultrasound diagnosis of adnexal lesions in the EPU</b> Dr Nina Cooper, Specialist Obs & Gynae Registrar, Imperial College	<b>Invasive GTD – recent treatment updates and rare gestational malignancies</b> Dr Ehsan Ghorani, Clinical Associate Professor in Medical Oncology, Imperial College London
11:50	<b>Exploring the role of non-medical consultant roles in the EPU</b> Roxanne Sicklen, Clinical Specialist Sonographer, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust Royal Free London NHS Trust	<b>MVA - the procedure and setting up an NHS service</b> Dr Sonal Anderson, Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, NHS Ayrshire & Arran	<b>Late miscarriage – landscape of care in the UK (PASTeL-3 study)</b> Dr Andrea Woolner, Senior Clinical Lecturer, University of Aberdeen
12:10	<b>Challenges of managing early pregnancy in rural areas – an island outlook</b> Hannah Manson, Bereavement Midwife, NHS Shetland	<b>Complex Early pregnancy and Acute gynaecology SITM experience – Q&amp;A / discussion forum</b> Dr Chris Kyriacou, Obstetrics and Gynaecology Specialist Registrar and Honorary Clinical Lecturer, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust	<b>Contraception needs after early pregnancy loss</b> Dr Michelle Cooper, Senior Clinical Lecturer, University of Edinburgh

12:30-13:30      **Lunch, exhibition, and poster viewing**

12:50-13:20      **Sponsored session**

13:30-14:30	Plenary 6
13:30	<b>In the womb – the influence of in utero exposures on our children</b> Prof Paul Fowler, Chair in Translational Medical Sciences, University of Aberdeen
13:50	<b>PCOS – getting pregnant and staying pregnant</b> Professor Colin Duncan, Principal Investigator, MRC Centre for Reproductive Health, University of Edinburgh
14:10	<b>CERM trial results</b> Professor Siobhan Quenby, Professor of Obstetrics, University of Warwick

14:30-15:00      **Refreshments, exhibition, and poster viewing**

15:00-16:00	Plenary 7
15:00	<b>Early pregnancy care – a global perspective</b> Miss Pippa Letchworth, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
15:25	<b>Latest research round up and addressing the gaps in early pregnancy knowledge</b> Miss Emma Kirk, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust
15:50	<b>Closing comments and presentation of prizes</b>
16:00	<b>Close of conference</b>