

52nd BPNA Annual Scientific Meeting
 University of Strathclyde, The Technology and Innovation Centre, 99 George Street,
 Glasgow, G1 1RD
 28-30 January 2026

Programme

| Wednesday 28 January 2026 | | |
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| 09.00 – 09.45 | Pre-conference session: Trainees' research network meeting <i>Chairs: Prof Sam Amin & Dr Abigail Lazenbury</i> | Room 1 |
| 09.00 – 09.45 | Registration & refreshments (L2 & L3 Foyer) | |
| 09.45 – 10.00 | Welcome <i>Dr Ailsa McLellan, BPNA President, Prof Sam Amin, Chair of Research & Prof Sameer Zuberi, Glasgow Organising Committee</i> | Main Auditorium |
| 10.00 – 11.30 | Neuromuscular (Session 1) <i>Chairs: Dr Shuko Joseph (Glasgow), Dr Iain Horrocks (Glasgow) & Dr Gemma Fisher (Oxford)</i> | Main Auditorium |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | Keynote Lecture: Dr Anne-Marie Childs, Leeds General Infirmary <i>'How do we raise standards of care for children with Neuromuscular Disorders?'</i> | |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | Congenital Insensitivity to Pain in Children: A National Surveillance Study on Presentation and Practical Recommendations for Management Dr Alasdair Parker | |
| 10.45 – 11.00 | Efficacy and safety of apitegromab in patients aged 13-21 years with type 2 or 3 spinal muscular atrophy: outcomes from the SAPPHERE phase 3 trial Prof Dr Laurent Servais | |
| 11.00 – 11.15 | 3-year functional outcomes of patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy: pooled delandistrogene moxeparvovec clinical trial data vs external controls Dr Alexander P. Murphy | |
| 11.15 – 11.30 | Congenital Myasthenic Syndromes subtypes with early onset disease- A large cohort review to guide newborn screening programmes Dr Sithara Ramdas | |
| 11.35 – 12.35 | Research Workshop (Main Auditorium): Children's Rights and AI <i>Speakers: Mr Gregory Metcalfe & Ms Steph Wright</i> | Research Workshop (L1 Auditorium): Use of Technology in Paediatric Neurology <i>Speakers: Dr Neil Patel & Prof David Carmichael</i> |
| 12.35 – 13.15 | Lunch, exhibition & poster viewing (L2 & L3 Foyer) | |
| 12.45 – 13.15 | Poster Tours (in-person only) | Rooms 4-8 |
| 13.15 – 14.00 | Becoming a Paediatric Neurologist <i>Chairs: Dr Abigail Lazenbury & Dr Thiloka Ratnaike</i> | Room 1 |
| 13.15 – 14.00 | UCB Sponsored Symposium (Main Auditorium) <i>'Advancing knowledge in Thymidine Kinase 2 Deficiency (TK2d), overcoming challenges in earlier recognition and diagnosis'</i> Dr Sithara Ramdas (Oxford), Dr Victoria Nesbitt (Oxford) & Dr Andres Nascimento (Barcelona) | ITF Pharma Sponsored Symposium (L1 Auditorium) <i>'Introducing Duvyzat®q (givinostat) in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)'</i> Dr Iain Horrocks (Glasgow), Dr Anne-Marie Childs (Leeds) & Prof Michela Guglieri (Newcastle) |

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| 14.00 – 15.30 | General Neurology (Session 2) <i>Chairs: Dr Alexander Simpson (Glasgow), Dr Prab Prabhakar (London) & Dr Simon Gosling (Birmingham)</i> | Main Auditorium |
| 14.00 - 14.30 | Keynote Lecture: Dr Ishaq Abu-Arafeh, Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow <i>'Recent advances in migraine pathophysiology and mechanism-based treatment'</i> | |
| 14.30 – 14.45 | Clinico-radiological profile of hypomyelinating disorders Dr Fazil Izhar* | |
| 14.45 – 15.00 | 'How do I explain something I don't understand?': Young people's experiences of functional tics Dr Tammy Hedderly | |
| 15.00 – 15.15 | Autoinflammatory encephalopathy due to PTP1B haploinsufficiency Prof Yanick Crow | |
| 15.15 -15.30 | Reduced Synaptic Density in Autistic Adults and a Mouse Model of Idiopathic Autism: Evidence from PET Imaging and Autoradiography Dr Chirag Mehra* | |
| 15.30 – 16.00 | Refreshments, exhibition & poster viewing (L2 & L3 Foyer) | |
| 16.00 – 17.30 | Video Challenge (Session 3) <i>Chairs: Dr Lucinda Carr (London) & Prof Robert McFarland (Newcastle)</i> <i>Expert Panel: Dr Tammy Hedderly (London), Dr Ram Kumar (Liverpool) & Dr Kenneth McWilliam (Edinburgh)</i> | Main Auditorium |
| 16.00 – 16.05 | Introduction | |
| 16.05 – 16.25 | Case 1: Dr Surjabha Pal | |
| 16.25 – 16.45 | Case 2: Dr Lee Meiklem | |
| 16.45 – 17.05 | Case 3: Dr Noor Zia | |
| 17.05 – 17.25 | Case 4: Dr Abigail Lazenbury | |
| 17.25 – 17.30 | Close | |
| 18.30 – 20.00 | Welcome Reception - Glasgow City Chambers, George Square, G2 1DU | |

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| Thursday 29 January 2026 | | | |
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| 08.00 – 08.30 | Refreshments (L2 & L3 Foyer) | | |
| 08.00 – 08.45 | Personal Practice Session (Main Auditorium): How to develop and deliver a palliative and supportive care service for children with life-limiting neurological conditions Speakers: Dr Jonathan Downie | Personal Practice Session (L1 Auditorium): Children with complex headache - What to do next? Speakers: Dr Ishaq Abu-Arafah | |
| 08.50 – 10.20 | BPNA Annual General Meeting (BPNA members only) | | Main Auditorium |
| 09.30 – 10.30 | Refreshments, exhibition & poster viewing (L2 & L3 Foyer) | | |
| 10.30 – 12.30 | Genetic Epilepsy (Session 4) <i>Chairs: Prof Andreas Brunklaus (Glasgow), Dr Kathleen Gorman (Dublin) & Dr Hassan Shakeel (Glasgow)</i> | | Main Auditorium |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Debate: Prof Dennis Lal, The University of Texas, Houston, USA & Prof Ingrid Scheffer, The University of Melbourne, Australia <i>Debate: 'Does genotype trump phenotype?'</i> <i>Chair: Andreas Brunklaus (Glasgow)</i> | | |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Keynote Lecture: Prof Sameer Zuberi, Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow <i>'Clinical & Research Development: A Tandem Journey'</i> | | |
| 11.30 – 11.45 | SCN1A-Related Epilepsies Across the Lifespan: Baseline Results from the UK National SCN1A-Horizons Natural History Cohort Prof Andreas Brunklaus | | |
| 11.45 – 12.00 | Investigating the potential of Drosophila melanogaster to model clinical symptoms of the rare neurodevelopmental CASK disorder Ms Anya Charman Jones | | |
| 12.00 – 12.15 | Fenfluramine in CDKL5 deficiency disorder: primary efficacy and safety results from a phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study Prof Sam Amin | | |
| 12.15 – 12.30 | Zorevunersen continues to demonstrate potential as a disease-modifying therapy in long-term open-label extension studies of patients with Dravet syndrome Prof Dr Helen Cross | | |
| 12.30 – 13.30 | Lunch, exhibition & poster viewing (L2 & L3 Foyer) | | |
| 12.45 – 13.30 | Poster Tours (in-person only) | | Rooms 4-8 |
| 12.45 – 13.30 | British Paediatric Movement Disorders (SIG) (Room 1) | Children's Headache Network (SIG) (Room 2) | Welcome to BPNA: New Members Meet & Connect (Room 3) |
| 13.30 – 14.15 | Santhera Sponsored Symposium (Main Auditorium) <i>'Changing Landscape in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy'</i> Dr Shuko Joseph (Glasgow), Dr Anirban Majumdar (Bristol), Dr Vasantha Gowda (London) & Dr Anna Sarkozy (London) | Biogen Sponsored Symposium (L1 Auditorium) <i>'The Road to Reimbursement: Navigating the nuances in rare disease and the lessons learnt in SMA'</i> Prof Giovanni Baranello (London) & Mrs Sheela Upadhyaya (London) | |
| 14.20 – 15.35 | Motor disorders (Session 5) <i>Chairs: Dr Katharine Forrest (Glasgow), Dr Anna Basu (Newcastle) & Dr Abinaya Seenivasan (Manchester)</i> | | Main Auditorium |
| 14.20 – 14.50 | Keynote Lecture: Mr Roddy O'Kane, Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow <i>'The history of the Glasgow Coma Scale and its relevance to Paediatrics'</i> | | |
| 14.50 – 15.05 | Decision-making around redirection of care in severe neonatal hypoxic-ischaemic encephalopathy and its impact on outcomes Miss Madhulika Balaji* | | |

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| 15.05 – 15.20 | Cognitive / Language Outcomes one year after Epilepsy Surgery in Children with Tuberous Sclerosis: Insights from a UK Single-Centre Study Dr Leeha Singh* | |
| 15.20 – 15.35 | Topographical variability of mu rhythm modulation in childhood dystonia and dystonic cerebral palsy Ms Madeleine Hinkley** | |
| 15.35 – 15.55 | Refreshments, exhibition & poster viewing (L2 & L3 Foyer) | |
| 15.55 – 18.00 | The Presidential Plenary (Session 6) <i>Chairs: Dr Ailsa McLellan (BPNA President) & Prof Sam Amin (Chair of Research)</i> | Main Auditorium |
| 15.55 – 16.00 | Presentation of Prize <i>DMCN best article by a BPNA early career member presented by Prof Bernard Dan</i> | |
| 16.00 – 16.30 | Keynote Lecture: Miss Georgina Carr, Chief Executive, Neurological Alliance, London <i>“Don’t make us fight for care’: The reality of neurological care for children and families’</i> | |
| 16.30 – 17.00 | The Ronnie MacKeith Prize: Dr Thiloka Ratnaike, Bristol <i>‘Structured Phenotyping in Rare Diseases: from Manual Curation to Clinical Impact’</i> | |
| 17.00 – 18.00 | Ronnie MacKeith Guest Lecture: Prof Brenda Banwell, John Hopkins, Baltimore <i>‘Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis and MOGAD: advances in clinical diagnostics, imaging and therapeutics’</i> | |
| 19.00 for 19.30 | Annual Conference Dinner - Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Argyle Street, Glasgow, G3 8AG | |

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| Friday 30 January 2026 | | | | |
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| 08.30 – 09.30 | Refreshments (L2 & L3 Foyer) | | | |
| 08.30 – 09.15 | Personal Practice Session (Main Auditorium): Using visual electrophysiology to untangle neurological cases Speakers: Dr Iain Horrocks & Dr Ruth Hamilton | Personal Practice Session (L1 Auditorium): The Tone Toolkit: the importance of multidisciplinary management of tone Speakers: Dr Sarah Abernethy, Miss Janet McCaul & Ms Jenny Lunan | | |
| 09.30 – 10.45 | Acute Epilepsy (Session 7) <i>Chairs: Prof Sameer Zuberi (Glasgow), Dr Mary O'Regan (Dublin), & Dr Daniel Roberts (Leeds)</i> | | | Main Auditorium |
| 09.30 – 10.00 | Keynote Lecture: Prof Sándor Beniczky, The Danish Epilepsy Centre and Copenhagen University Hospital, Denmark <i>'Automated interpretation of EEG using SCORE-AI'</i> | | | |
| 10.00 – 10.15 | Emergency healthcare utilisation by paediatric patients who underwent epilepsy surgery: data from a single UK epilepsy surgery program Miss Anindita Chatterjee** | | | |
| 10.15 – 10.30 | An international collaborative project investigating the burden of epilepsy in CDD and its impact on patients, caregivers, and healthcare systems Mrs Carol-Anne Partridge & Prof Sam Amin | | | |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | Sudden Unexpected Deaths in Epilepsy in Children in England over 5 years: What can we learn? Dr Rohini Rattihalli | | | |
| 10.45 – 11.15 | Refreshments, exhibition & poster viewing (L2 & L3 Foyer) | | | |
| 10.45 – 11.45 | Senior Members Meeting (in-person only) <i>Chair: Dr Manish Prasad</i> | | | Room 1 |
| 11.15 – 12.15 | Poster Tours (in-person only) | | | Rooms 4-8 |
| 12.15 – 13.00 | British Paediatric Epilepsy Group (SIG – BPNA members only) (L1 Auditorium) | Cerebrovascular (SIG) (Room 1) | UK-Childhood Neuro-Inflammatory Disorders (UK-CNID) (Room 2) | Genetic White Matters Disorders (leukodystrophies) (SIG) (Room 3) |
| 12.45 – 13.45 | Lunch, exhibition & poster viewing (L2 & L3 Foyer) | | | |
| 13.00 – 13.45 | Paediatric neurology trainees' meeting <i>Chairs: Dr Abigail Lazenbury, Dr Thiloka Ratnaike & Dr Dipak Ram</i> | | | Room 1 |
| 13.40 – 14.25 | Roche Sponsored Symposium (Main Auditorium) <i>'Uncovering Case Studies and Real-World Evidence in Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) - A Focus on Patient Outcomes and Quality of Life'</i> Prof Tracey Willis (Shropshire), Prof Giovanni Baranello (London) & Dr Anne-Marie Childs (Leeds) | | Novartis Gene Therapies Sponsored Symposium (L1 Auditorium) <i>'SMA NBS: What can we learn from Europe and when is it coming to the UK?'</i> Prof Tom Gillingwater (Edinburgh), Mr Giles Lomax (Edinburgh), Dr Catherine McWilliam (Dundee), Dr Sean Wallace | |
| 14.30 – 16.30 | Hot Topics (Session 8) <i>Chairs: Dr Joe Symonds (Glasgow), Dr Dipak Ram (Manchester) & Dr YOSHUA Collins-Sawaragi (Birmingham)</i> | | | Main Auditorium |

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| 14.30 – 15.00 | Keynote Lecture: Prof Liam Dorris, Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow & Dr Anthony Mercier, NHS GGC & University of Glasgow <i>‘Understanding psychological trauma, loss, and adjustment in supporting parents of children with severe neurological disorders’</i> |
| 15.00 – 15.30 | Keynote Lecture: Prof William Stewart, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow <i>‘Lifelong consequences of traumatic brain injury: a chronic disease from an acute event’</i> |
| 15.30 – 15.45 | Clinical and cytokine profiles in a multicentre UK Febrile Infection-Related Epilepsy Syndrome (FIRES) and New-Onset Refractory Status Epilepticus (NORSE) cohort: Real-world insights from 2018 – 2025 Dr Evangelia Ioannidou* |
| 15.45 – 16.00 | Mutations in the key autophagy protein EPG5 link neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative disorders including early-onset parkinsonism Prof Heinz Jungbluth |
| 16.00 – 16.30 | Presentation of Prizes and Close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best oral presentation by a trainee* • Best poster oral by a trainee* • Best poster presentation by a trainee* • Best presentation by a medical student** • Best presentation by an allied health professional*** <i>Dr Ailsa McLellan, BPNA President & Prof Sam Amin, Chair of BPNA Research</i> |
| 16.30 | Close and departure |

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