CT and ACT national conference

5 CPD credits



13 November 2026

8.30am	**Registration and refreshments**
9.00am	**Networking – college tutors, regional groups** Axis, floor 13 **Networking – associate college tutors** Atrium, floor 12 This is your opportunity to meet with regional colleagues to share best practice and discuss any local, or national issues that are affecting you.
9.45am	**Welcome** **Dr Shruthi Konda FRCP,** RCP Linacre fellow Space 1-2, floor 13
9.55am	**RCP strategy** **Professor Mumtaz Patel PRCP,** RCP president **Dr Omar Mustafa FRCP,** RCP registrar
10.15am	**Session 1: The bigger picture** **Dr Shruthi Konda FRCP,** RCP Linacre fellow Space 1-2, floor 13
10.20am	**AI in healthcare and medical training** **Sir Professor Andrew Goddard FRCP**, consultant gastroenterologist, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust
10.55am	**Advanced GIM – making change real** **Professor Jamie Coleman FRCP**, consultant general physician, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
11.30am	**Comfort break**
11.50am	**Session 2: Closer to home** **Dr Shruthi Konda FRCP,** RCP Linacre fellow Space 1-2, floor 13
11.55am	**An improvement toolkit for physicians - time to reset** **Dr Aklak Choudhury FRCP,** clinical director for improvement programmes, Royal College of Physicians; respiratory consultant, University Hospitals Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust
12.10pm	**The business of better care: think like a funder** **Dr Ak Maheswaran**, consultant anaesthetist, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust
12.25pm	**Organisational behaviour and team dynamics** **Dr Alex Crowe FRCP**, RCP censor, consultant nephrologist, NHS University Hospitals of Liverpool Group

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12.55pm	**Lunch break**			
1.20pm	**ACT poster competition** **Space 8-9, floor 12** Hear more about the work and achievements of ACTs across the regions. We'll be awarding prizes to one winner and one runner up.			
	Session 3: Workshops Please choose one of the following:			
2.05pm	**How to build a career (and leave the ladder down)** **Professor Jo Szram FRCP** Southeast regional postgraduate dean This session is designed for college tutors. Space 4-5, floor 12	**What can we do to stop outbreaks of 'projectitis' when doctors get involved in QI?** **Dr Aklak Choudhury FRCP** RCP clinical director for improvement This session is applicable to all. Space 6-7, floor 12	**How to be an upstander** **Rachael Daw**, RCP senior educationalist This session is applicable to all. Wolfson lecture theatre, floor 12	**How to interview well** **Dr Shruthi Konda FRCP** RCP Linacre fellow This session is designed for associate college tutors. Space 1-2, floor 13
2.50pm	**Workshop change over** Please choose one of the following:			
3pm	**From idea to investment: writing business cases that win** **Dr Ak Mahaswaran**, consultant anaesthetist, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust This session is designed for college tutors Space 4-5, floor 12	**Design, deliver, improve: creating courses for effective clinical learning** **Dr Kerry Calvo**, clinical associate professor (teaching), University College London This session is designed associate college tutors. Space 6-7, floor 12	**How to be an upstander** **Rachael Daw**, RCP senior educationalist This session is applicable to all. Wolfson lecture theatre, floor 12	**An unexpected death: lessons in patient safety, candour and learning** **Dr Ben Chadwick FRCP,** RCP deputy registrar This session is applicable to all. Space 1-2, floor 13
3.45pm	**Comfort break**			
4pm	**Session 4: Where did we come from and where will we go – panel discussion** **Dr Shruthi Konda FRCP,** RCP Linacre fellow Space 1-2, floor 13 A discussion on the changing role of consultants, the realities of healthcare today, and the skills needed to shape the future of the profession. - **Dr Shruthi Konda FRCP,** RCP Linacre fellow - **Professor Alexander Thomson FRCP,** RCP censor - **Dr Ben Chadwick,** RCP deputy registrar - **Dr Helen Yandell,** RCP college tutor - **Professor Jo Szram FRCP,** Southeast regional postgraduate dean			
4.45pm	**Closing comments and ACT award presentation** - **ACT awards presentation** - **Professor Alexander Thomson FRCP – introduction as the incoming Linacre fellow** - **Dr Cathryn Rees – poem reading 'what do you see?'** - **Dr Shruthi Konda FRCP – closing comments**			
5pm	**Conference close**			

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