

Update in medicine



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- 08.15 Registration and refreshments
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- 09.10 **Welcome and introduction**
Dr Nashid Alam FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland
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- 09.15 **Session 1**
Chair – Dr Aidan O’Neill FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland
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- 09.20 **How to prepare for the next pandemic**
Dr Michael Hunter FRCP, consultant in infectious diseases,
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
- 09.55 **Haematology emergencies**
Dr Aaron Niblock FRCP, consultant haematologist,
Northern Health and Social Care Trust
- 10.30 **Update in pulmonary fibrosis/intestinal lung disease**
Dr Nazia Chaudhuri FRCP, senior clinical lecturer, Ulster University School of
Medicine; honorary respiratory consultant, Western Health and Social Care
Trust
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- 11.05 Comfort break
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- 11.30 **Session 2 – Obstetric medicine**
Chair – Dr Stella Hughes FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland
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- 11.35 **Epilepsy in obstetric medicine**
Dr Ellen Campbell, consultant in neurology,
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
- 12.00 **Acute medical problems in pregnant patients at the front door**
Dr Melanie Nana, consultant in obstetric medicine,
Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust
- 12.25 **Panel Q&A**

Programme



12.45	RCP Update Professor Mumtaz Patel PRCP, RCP president Dr Omar Mustafa FRCP, RCP registrar
13.00	Lunch break
14.00	Session 3 Chair – Dr Hossam Abdulkhalek FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland
14.05	Challenges of dignity in care Dr Simon Coulter, consultant in palliative care South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust
14.40	Overview of AKI and nephrotic syndrome Dr Jason McMinn, consultant nephrologist Northern Health and Social Care Trust
15.15	Comfort break
15.35	Session 4 Chair – Dr Fred McElwaine FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland
15.40	Management of heart failure Dr Karen Darragh, consultant cardiologist, Northern Health and Social Care Trust
16.15	Acute medicine at the front door Speaker TBC
16.50	Closing comments – Dr Nashid Alam FRCP
17.00	Close of conference

Programme

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