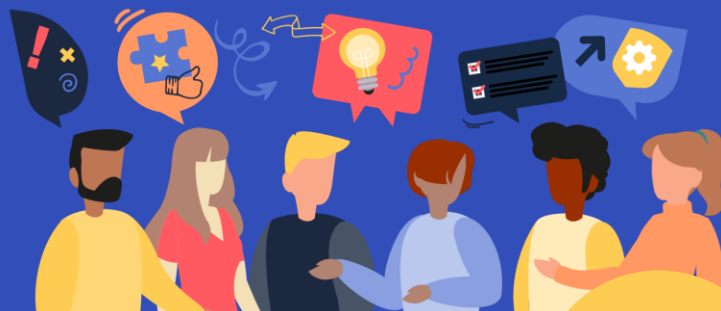




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Programme

08.15	Registration and refreshments
09.00	Welcome and introduction Dr Stella Hughes FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland
09.05	Presidents' address and RCP Update Professor Mumtaz Patel PRCP, RCP president
09.25	Session 1 Chair – Dr Aidan O'Neill FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland
09.30	Anticipating Disease X: clinical preparedness for the next pandemic Dr Michael Hunter FRCP, consultant in infectious diseases, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
10.05	'Bad Blood' in acute kidney injury Dr Jason McMinn, consultant nephrologist, Northern Health and Social Care Trust
10.40	An update on interstitial lung diseases Dr Nazia Chaudhuri FRCP, senior clinical lecturer, Ulster University School of Medicine; honorary respiratory consultant, Western Health and Social Care Trust
11.15	Comfort break
11.40	Session 2 – Obstetric medicine Chair – Dr Stella Hughes FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland
11.45	Epilepsy in pregnancy on the acute medical take. What you need to know Dr Ellen Campbell, consultant neurologist Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
12.15	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
12.45	Panel Q&A

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13.05 Lunch break

14.10 **Session 3**
Chair – Dr Fred McElwaine FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland

14.15 **Dignity in medicine**
Dr Simon Coulter, consultant in palliative care,
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

14.50 **Haematology emergencies**
Dr Aaron Niblock FRCP, consultant haematologist,
Western Health and Social Care Trust

15.25 Comfort break

15.45 **Session 4**
Chair – Dr Nashid Alam FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland

15.50 **Update on heart failure care**
Dr Karen Darragh, consultant cardiologist,
Northern Health and Social Care Trust

16.25 **Renal medicine on the medical take: beyond the abbreviations**
Dr Richard McCrory, specialty doctor in renal medicine,
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

17.00 Closing comments – Dr Hossam Abdulkhalek FRCP, RCP regional adviser,
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17.05 Conference ends

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