



Connected for Compatibility: Advancing Networks in H&I

4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh

## BSHI 2025 Programme

### Day one – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

09:00 - 10:00	<b>Arrival and Registration</b> <a href="#">Conference Centre</a>	
10:00 – 10:10	<b>Welcome Address</b> <a href="#">Conference Centre - Auditorium</a> <i>Dr Olivia Shaw – BSHI Chair, Guys Hospital.</i> <i>Dr David Turner - Lead for H&amp;I Services &amp; Clinical Lead for Centre, SNBTS.</i>	
10:10 – 10:40	<b>Opening Lecture</b> <a href="#">Conference Centre - Auditorium</a> Outcome data from 2019 kidney allocation changes <i>Matthew Robb – Bristol.</i>	
10:40 – 12:10	<b>Plenary Session I: Solid Organ Transplantation</b> <b>Chair: TBC</b> <a href="#">Conference Centre - Auditorium</a>  Guy's experience of HLAi transplantation <i>Dr David Game – Consultant Nephrologist and Lead for Antibody Incompatible Transplantation, Guy's Hospital.</i>  HLA matched red cells in transplantation <i>Dr Michelle Willicombe – Clinical Reader in Transplantation and Honorary Consultant Nephrologist, Imperial College London.</i>  Macrophage in Acute Injury to Liver (MAIL) trial <i>Prof James Dear – Professor of Clinical Pharmacology, University of Edinburgh.</i>	
12:10 - 13:30	<b>Lunch &amp; Trade Exhibition</b> <a href="#">Conference Centre</a>	
12:40 - 13:00	<b>Trade Workshop - MC Diagnostics</b> <a href="#">Conference Centre - Auditorium</a>  Title TBC	<b>Trade Workshop - iMDx</b> <a href="#">Cullen Suite</a>  Title TBC
13:05 - 13:25	<b>Trade Workshop - Werfen</b> <a href="#">Conference Centre - Auditorium</a>  Frontiers in Transplantation: Shaping the Future Through Innovation <i>Dr. Christine Heylen</i>	<b>Trainee Forum</b> <a href="#">Cullen Suite</a>  Title TBC
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Paul Sinnott Next Generation Scientist Award</b>	

	<p>Oral presentations selected from submitted abstracts  <b>Chair: TBC</b>  <a href="#">Conference Centre - Auditorium</a></p>
<b>13:30 – 13:40</b>	<p><b>O1 - Non-HLA Autoantibodies in Glomerulonephritis Progression and Recurrence Post-Transplantation.</b>  <i>Aurona Gerber- STP Trainee, Manchester Foundation Trust.</i></p>
<b>13:40 – 13:50</b>	<p><b>O2 - New updates to the IPD ecosystem: Streamlining submissions and redesigning hla.alleles.org.</b>  <i>Sebastian JF Hopper - Research Assistant, Anthony Nolan.</i></p>
<b>13:50 – 14:00</b>	<p><b>O3 - The Influence of Epitope Mismatch Load on Donor Selection and Its Predictive Value in The Development of de novo Donor Specific Antibody Production in Renal Transplantation.</b>  <i>Chelsie Coombes - Specialist Biomedical Scientist, North Bristol NHS Trust.</i></p>
<b>14:00 – 14:10</b>	<p><b>O4 - To Pronto or not to Pronto!</b>  <i>Kellie Page - Biomedical Scientist, HSC-Belfast Trust.</i></p>
<b>14:10 – 14:20</b>	<p><b>O5 - Desensitisation through the UK Living Kidney Sharing Scheme to facilitate transplantation for highly sensitised patients.</b>  <i>Arjun Landa - Specialist Biomedical Scientist, NHS Blood and Transplant.</i></p>
<b>14:30 – 16:00</b>	<p><b>Plenary Session II: HSCT and Transfusion</b>  <b>Chair: TBC</b>  <a href="#">Conference Centre - Auditorium</a></p> <p>Genotyping in Blood Transfusion – development and clinical implementation.  <i>Dr Andrea Harmer - Chair Blood Transfusion Genomics Consortium, NHSBT.</i></p> <p>Optimising graft versus tumour responses during allogeneic transplant.  <i>Prof Rob Wynn - Blood and Marrow Transplant Consultant, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.</i></p> <p>HLA haplotype loss.  <i>Dr Arthi Anand - Consultant Clinical Scientist &amp; Deputy Clinical Director, North West London Pathology, Hosted by Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust.</i></p>
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	<p><b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>  <a href="#">Conference Centre</a></p>
<b>16:30 – 17:30</b>	<p><b>Festenstein Lecture</b>  <b>Chair: TBC</b>  <a href="#">Conference Centre - Auditorium</a></p> <p>HLA (and beyond) in Contemporary HCT for Hematological Malignancies  <i>Prof Luca Vago - Associate Professor of Hematology, San Raffaele Scientific Institute and University, Milano.</i></p>
<b>17:30 – 18:30</b>	<p><b>Poster Session - Canapés &amp; Wine reception</b>  <a href="#">Conference Centre</a></p>
<b>19:30 - late</b>	<p><b>Conference dinner and networking</b>  <a href="#">Royal College of Physicians - Great Hall &amp; New Library</a></p>

## Day two – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

08:30 - 09:00	<b>Arrival and Registration</b> <b>Conference Centre</b>	
09:00 – 10:30	<b>Plenary Session III: Other areas of HLA testing</b> <b>Chair: TBC</b> <b>Conference Centre - Auditorium</b>  HLA alleles involved in Epstein-Barr virus immunity and considerations for adoptive immunotherapy. <i>Rachel Cooper –Senior Research Scientist, SNBTS.</i>  An update on the aetiology of narcolepsy and the role of DQB1*06:02. <i>Dr Lizzie Hill – Senior Lecturer in Sleep Physiology, UWE Bristol.</i>  Individualised mRNA cancer immunotherapies. Christian Ottensmeier – Liverpool.	
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b> <b>Conference Centre</b>	
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Best Abstracts</b> Oral presentations selected from submitted abstracts <b>Chair: TBC</b> <b>Conference Centre - Auditorium</b>	
11:00 – 11:10	<b>O6 - Evaluating the feasibility of routine cd34+ chimerism monitoring in AML and MDS patients post haematopoietic stem cell transplantation.</b> <i>Morgan Lee – Student, Manchester Royal Infirmary.</i>	
11:10 – 11:20	<b>O7 - Kidney Transplant outcomes in De-listed Highly Sensitised Patients</b> <i>Mr Tim Key - Consultant Clinical Scientist, NHSBT.</i>	
11:20 – 11:30	<b>O8 - Immunological Reconstitution and Post-Transplant Monitoring Following Granulocyte Augmented Cord Blood Transplantation.</b> <i>Dr Daniel Eggleston - Senior Clinical Scientist, Manchester Royal Infirmary.</i>	
11:30 – 11:40	<b>O9 - High-Resolution Deceased Donor Typing with NGS-Turbo® Oxford Nanopore Technology: A Retrospective Feasibility Study.</b> <i>Ms Lizzy Russell-Lowe - Clinical Scientist, Manchester Foundation Trust.</i>	
11:40 – 11:50	<b>O10 - Preserving donor choice in HLA-mismatched haematopoietic stem cell transplant; The efficacy of HLA-selected platelet provision for the avoidance of donor-specific antibody formation.</b> <i>Mr Rob Whittle - Clinical Scientist, NHSBT.</i>	
11:50 – 12:00	<b>O11 - Post Imlifidase Transplant Monitoring – Anamnestic Response Reveals HLA DSA not detected pre-transplant.</b> <i>Dr Richard Battle – Consultant, SNBTS.</i>	
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Lunch &amp; Trade Exhibition</b> <b>Conference Centre</b>	
12:40 - 13:00	<b>Trade Workshop – VH Bio</b> <b>Conference Centre - Auditorium</b>  Title TBC	<b>Trade Workshop - StemCell Technologies</b> <b>Sir John Crofton Room</b>  Title TBC

<b>13:05 - 13:25</b>	<b>Trade workshop – Eurobio Scientific</b> <i>Conference Centre - Auditorium</i>  Title TBC	<b>Trade Workshop or H&amp;I Quality</b> <b>Managers Forum</b> <i>Sir John Crofton Room</i>  Title TBC
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<b>Debate Session</b> <b>Chair:</b> TBC Should xenotransplantation be pursued as a viable solution for organ shortages, or does the potential risk to human health and ethics outweigh its benefits? <i>Conference Centre - Auditorium</i>  <i>Dr Matthew Wellberry-Smith - Consultant Renal Transplant physician, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.</i>  Andrew Sutherland - Edinburgh	
<b>14:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b> <i>Conference Centre</i>	
<b>15:00 – 16:00</b>	<b>Terasaki Lecture</b> <b>Chair:</b> TBC <i>Conference Centre - Auditorium</i>  <i>Practical Molecular Mismatch approaches in renal transplantation</i> Stefan Schaub – Basle Switzerland	
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	<b>Closing ceremony &amp; awards</b> <i>Conference Centre - Auditorium</i>	