

**Programme and Abstract Book**

Belfast Eye Conference

2nd and 3rd July 2022

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# Foreword

Welcome to the Belfast Eye Conference! Thank you for registering, and to those who submitted abstracts. We have an exciting, informative and broad programme, with speakers talking about subjects of which they have in depth and firsthand experience.

Some topics may be revision for you, some may be new learning, and some may offer inspiration, revealing fascinating avenues you may pursue in your careers to come.

**Please visit the posters** – this is important! Like the talks, the posters cover a wide range of topics. Please take a minute to comment, to share the impact their poster had on your understanding, or the ideas it gave you, or perhaps just to say you liked it!

Also ensure you are there for Sunday afternoon, when we have talks from delegates, your peers, on a variety of topics we’re greatly looking forwards to hearing about.

Please engage with each other and us! Post questions and comments during, before and after talks, and connect with each other. Although its really great to see people face to face, virtual meetings like the BEC 2022 maximise access, but the MedAll platform is terrific, as it allows for a lot of interaction!

The talks are not recorded – speakers are not expected to share their slides, for various reasons.

Finally, before, during and after the conference, please get your phones out and – Tweet! #BelfastEyeCon22

Enjoy the conference,

Best wishes,

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**PROVISIONAL Belfast Eye Conference Timetable 2022 2nd and 3rd July (Sat and Sun)**

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| **Saturday 2nd July** | **Sunday 3rd July** |
| **8.30 – 9.30**  Log-on, make coffee and view posters  **9.30 – 9.40**  **Welcome.**  Dr Williams, Reader, QUB and Hon. Consultant BHSCT  UG & FY Lead, Royal College of Ophthalmologists  **9.40-10.30**  **Imaging the Eye.**  Dr Williams  **10.30-11.00**  **An Introduction to Diabetic Eye Disease.**  Prof Virgili, Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, QUB, Hon. Consultant Ophthalmologist BHSCT, Co-ordinating Editor in Cochrane Eyes and Vision Group | **8.30-9.00**  Log-on, make a cup pf tea this time, and go back to browse the posters  **9.00-9.10**  **Introduction**  Dr Williams  **9.10-9.40**  R**emote retinal evaluation in underdeveloped countries.**  Prof Peto, Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, QUB, Hon. Consultant Ophthalmologist BHSCT  **9.40-10.10**  Prof Lois, Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, QUB, Hon. Consultant Ophthalmologist BHSCT  **10.10-10.40**  **2-HDP for novel treatment of diabetic retinopathy**  Prof Curtis, Deputy Director of Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine, Professor of Vascular Physiology, QUB  **10.40-11.10**  **Translational ophthalmology from a bench researcher’s perspective**  Dr Lengrel, Reader, Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine, QUB |
| **Break 11.00-11.30**  Please have a look at the e-Poster gallery whilst you enjoy your coffee break | **Break 11.10-11.30**  A chance to get some fresh air! |
| **11.30 -12.00**  **All About Cataract Surgery.**  Mr Stewart (+pre-recording), Post-CCT Ophthalmologist and Research Fellow  **12.00-12.30**  **Glaucoma: What’s It All About?**  Ms Napier, Consultant Ophthalmologist BHSCT  **12.30-13.00**  **The World of Corneal Transplantation.**  Ms Patel, Consultant Ophthalmologist BHSCT | **11.30-12.00**  **The Multidisciplinary team: The role of the Optometrist**  Prof Jackson, Professor of Optometry, UU, Clinical Research Network Lead for Northern Ireland  **12.00-12.15**  **A Wonderful Week in life of an Ophthalmic Specialist Trainee (OST)**  Dr Helen Breen, ST3 Ophthalmology, BHSCT  **12.15-12.30**  **Angel Eyes - Our Mission.**  **Sarah McCracken, Founder and CEO, Angel Eyes NI**  **www.angeleyesni.org** |
| **Lunch and Posters 13.00-14.30**  Have a break, then - pick your favourite poster! | **Lunch and Posters 12.30-13.30**  Grab something to eat, then post comments the Poster Hall |
| **14.30-15.00**  **A Tour of Some Paediatric Ophthalmology**  Ms McNally, Consultant Ophthalmologist BHSCT ?  **15.00-15.30**  **What You Need to Know About Ocular Trauma**  Dr Nicola Parker, ST4 Ophthalmology, BHSCT | **Delegate research presentations: 8 mins + 2 mins questions**    **13:30-13:40**  **Accelerated Corneal Collagen Cross-linking Treatment Modalities 18 mW/cm2 (5- min) versus 9mW/cm2 (10-min) in Patients with Progressive Keratoconus: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis**  Abdulmalik Alsaif  **13:40-13:50**  **Analysis of Anisometropia and Amblyopia in the Republic of Ireland**  Aoife O’Donnell  **13:50-14:00**  **Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Referrals for Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy**  Hui Young  **14:00-14:10**  **Has increased hygiene during the COVID-19 pandemic reduced the prevalence of ocular infections?**  James Askew  **14:10-14:20**  **Ocular Follicular Lymphoma: A Rare Manifestation of a Rare Lymphoma**  Miriam Matthews |
| **Break 15.30-15.45**  Just a short break this time. | **Break 14.20-14.40**  A final chance to read others’ comments on posters. |
| **15.45-16.15**  **Images of Oculoplastics.**  Mr White, Consultant Ophthalmologist BHSCT  **16.15-16.45**  **Close**  Dr Williams | **14:40-14:50**  **Muller’s Muscle Conjunctival Resection versus external Levator Advancement for Ptosis Repair: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis**  Mohammad Karam  **14:50-15:00**  **Gene therapy-mediated modulation of angiopoietin signaling rescues blood flow changes in the diabetic mouse retina**  Peter Barabas  **15:00-15:10**  **Immediately sequential, bilateral cataract surgery (ISBCS): A single-site experience of 41 patients during SARS-COVID-2 pandemic**  Timothy Patterson  **15:10-15:20**  **Loss of Cone Outer-segments and Thickening of Photoreceptor Layers in Multiple Sclerosis: The Belfast Eye and Multiple Sclerosis Study**  Gemma McIlwaine  **15:20-15:30**  **Under-Registration of Visual Impairment in Glaucoma Patients: Why Aren’t We Doing Enough?**  Omar Mostafa  **15:30**  **Thanks and conclusion**  Dr Williams |