

Thursday 15 October 2026 | Hogarths Hotel, Solihull

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12:30-13:30 Registration · Lunch · Exhibition Viewing

13:30 - 13:40 Opening Session

Chair: Professor Kamaraj
Karunanithi - University Hospitals of
North Midlands NHS Trust

Chair: Dr Iman Qureshi - University
Hospitals Coventry and
Warwickshire NHS Trust

13:30 - 14:40 Blood Club Oral Abstract Finalists

13:40- 13:52 Exploring the Clinical Impact of Changing
Anticardiolipin Antibody Cut-Off Levels for
Antiphospholipid Syndrome Diagnosis at UHNM

Nithya Radjaramin - University
Hospitals of North Midlands NHS
Trust

13:52 - 14:04 Corticosteroids are Associated with a Higher Serious
Infection Rate than Rituximab: Results of the TRUTH
Audit, the World's Largest Retrospective Cohort of
Patients with AIHA

Tara Tehrani - University of
Birmingham

14:04 - 14:16 Brain-to-Vein in CAR-T: Closing the Gap from
Progression to Infusion

Amrith Mathew - University
Hospitals Birmingham NHS
Foundation Trust

14:16 - 14:28 Local Experience of Gene Therapy for
Haemoglobinopathies in Children: A Single-Centre
Paediatric Case Series

Reem Ahmed - Birmingham
Women's and Children's NHS
Foundation Trust

14:28 -14:40 Breaking Boundaries Safely: Introduction of a Non-
Medical Practitioner-Led Intrathecal chemotherapy
service in the UK

Kate Rogers - University Hospitals
Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust



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14:40-15:10	AstraZeneca Sponsored Symposium First-Line CLL: Current Practice and Future Directions Across Continuous and Fixed-Duration Therapy <i>This is an AstraZeneca-organised and funded promotional symposium</i> Clinical Updates Session	Dr Shankara Paneesha - University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust Chair: Dr Salim Shafeek - Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
15:10 - 15:50	Delivering a Supra-Regional Amyloidosis Service	Professor Guy Pratt - University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust Dr Jennifer Pinney, Nephrologist - University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust Dr William Moody, Cardiologist - University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
15:50 - 16:20	Refreshment Break · Exhibition Viewing	
16:20 - 16:50	BeOne Sponsored Symposium Treatment Decisions in Treatment Naïve CLL <i>This is a BeOne-organised and funded promotional symposium</i> Haemoglobinopathies Session	Dr Dan Halperin - University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust Chair: Sarah Lawson - Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust
16:50-17:20	Haemoglobinopathies: Evolving Treatment Pathways	Dr Shivan Pancham - Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust Dr Francesca Kinsella - University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust



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Plenary Session

Chair: Professor Paul Moss -
University Hospitals Birmingham
NHS Foundation Trust

Chair: Professor Supratik Basu - The
Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

17:20 – 18:05 **PLENARY:**
Transforming Clinical Trials in the UK
A multidisciplinary panel discussion

Professor Craddock - University
Hospitals Birmingham NHS
Foundation Trust

Hayley Ellis, Research Nurse -
University Hospitals Birmingham
NHS Foundation Trust

Vijay Patel, Trials Pharmacist - South
Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust

18:05 – 18:10 **Closing Remarks**

Professor Kamaraj Karunanithi -
University Hospitals of North
Midlands NHS Trust

18:10 -18:45 **Drinks Reception & Poster Presentations**
Guests are invited to the Bar and Orangery while the Garden Suite is prepared for dinner

18:45-19:05 **Reflections of a Retired Haematologist**
In the William Suite

Guest Speaker – Dr Jim Murray

19:05-19:15 **Guests Return to the Garden Suite**
Please take your seat for dinner

19:15-19:30 **Starter Served**

19:30-19:50 **Special Felicitation to Professor Charlie Craddock**

Honouring his distinguished lifetime contribution to
haematology, particularly in AML, stem cell
transplantation and clinical trials

Dr Jim Murray
Professor Paul Moss
Professor Charlie Craddock

19:50-21:00 **Conference Dinner – Main Course & Dessert**



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Venue Information

Hogarths Hotel Solihull

Four Ashes Road
Dorridge
Solihull
West Midlands
B93 8QE

Directions & Parking



By Train

Dorridge Station

- Nearest railway station to Hogarths Hotel
- Short taxi journey to the venue
- Convenient connections via Birmingham city centre

Birmingham International Station

- A useful option for delegates travelling from further afield
- Taxi transfer available to the hotel



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