

SMA Education Day 2025: addressing the emerging challenges in comprehensive SMA care

23rd May 2025, Halifax Hall, Sheffield

Friday, 23rd May 2025

08:30 Registration

09:00 Introduction, who are you and welcome

Dr Min Ong, consultant paediatrician Sheffield Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust & Dr Vasantha Gowda, consultant paediatrician, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

09:15 Two sides to the story!

Scenario presentation
Dr Vasantha Gowda

10:30 Comfort break

10:35 Emerging challenges in SMA: respiratory perspective

Dr Jane Heraghty, consultant in paediatric respiratory medicine, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

11:35 Palliative care and SMA

Dr Ella Aidoo, consultant in children's palliative medicine, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

12:35 Lunch

13:30 HDU/PICU

Dr Anton Mayer, consultant in paediatric palliative care, Sheffield Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

14:30 Ethics

Joe Brierley, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust

15:15 Refreshment break

15:45 Psychological support and difficulties families, children and YP face

Prof Ulrika Kreicbergs, RN, PhD, Louis Dundas chair in palliative care for children and young people, Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health, University College London



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16:30 The patient's voice

Dr Min Ong, & patients
paediatric - Chloe
paediatric - Aaditi
adult - Conner

17:30 Your questions answered / Where we go from here!

Dr Min Ong & Dr Vasantha Gowda

17:45 Meeting close & depart