

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 paediatric neurologist, 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

Dr Joe Brierley, paediatric intensivist & director of paediatric bioethics, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust

15:15 Refreshment break

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- 15:45 Psychological support and difficulties families, children and young people 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 - **virtual**
- 16:30 The patient's voice**
Dr Min Ong & patients
paediatric - Chloe
paediatric - Aaditi
paediatric parent - Louise
adult - Conner
- 17:30 Your questions answered / where we go from here!**
Dr Min Ong & Dr Vasantha Gowda
- 17:45 Meeting close & depart**