



Thursday 21 May 08.30 – 12.30 Paediatric ophthalmology subspeciality day

Co-Chairs: Ms Naomi Tan and Mr Sohaib Rufai

08:30-09:00 Networking Breakfast

09:00-10:20 Case-Based Masterclass

09:00-09:20 Strabismus - Prof Saurabh Jain (UCL/Royal Free)

09:20-09:40 Anterior Segment - Prof Susmito Biswas (Manchester)

09:40-10:00 Posterior Segment - Mr Damien Yeo (Liverpool)

10:00-10:20 Genetics - Prof Mariya Moosajee (UCL/Moorfields)

10:20-10:40 The Great Debate: “This House Believes That Modern Eye Imaging Has Replaced The Need For Traditional Fundoscopy.”

10:20-10:30 For: Mr Damien Yeo

10:30-10:40 Against: Prof Saurabh Jain

10:40-11:00 Coffee

11:00-12:30 Paediatric Ophthalmology is Wonderful

11:00-11:15 Paediatric Emergencies for Everyone - Ms Megan Jeffries (Sussex)

11:15-11:30 How to Get Started in Private Practice - Ms Naomi Tan (Royal Free)

11:30-11:45 15 Minutes with Ms Katie Williams (Moorfields/GOSH)

11:45-12:00 Virtual ROP screening - Dr Ravi Purohit (University of Oxford/OUH)

12:00-12:15 Research for Everyone - Mr Sohaib Rufai (GOSH/Leicester)

12:15-12:30 Panel Q+A and Close

Description

Paediatric Ophthalmology is a wonderful and highly rewarding subspecialty. It offers flexibility in the nature and location of work, from smaller to larger trusts, providing excellent work-life balance and job satisfaction. It has evolved into a highly advanced subspecialty with cutting edge technology, groundbreaking research and highly sophisticated clinical and surgical care. For those seeking private practice, there are ample opportunities. It is incredibly rewarding to build relationships with families and improve a child’s vision and eye health for the rest of their life. Whilst sometimes challenging, working with children is a joyous and inspirational experience, and no two days are ever the same!

This unique Paediatric Ophthalmology Symposium at RCOphth Annual Congress truly offers something for everyone, including students, resident doctors, consultants and



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health professionals. The main aims are to provide an exciting clinical update in paediatric ophthalmology, and to promote the profession to the next generation. This symposium could also help general ophthalmologists refresh their knowledge for clinics, eye casualty and on calls, help residents become more confident and pass their exams, and inspire everyone to take a positive approach when assessing and treating children.

There is a special networking breakfast where one can meet potential new colleagues, collaborators, fellows, supervisors, friends, and enjoy a lovely complimentary breakfast.

The Case-Based Masterclass will be an action-packed session delivered by leaders in the field, aimed at a broad audience, covering through educational and inspiring cases across a wide variety of areas.

The motion for the Great Debate is as follows: “This House Believes That Modern Eye Imaging Has Replaced The Need For Traditional Fundoscopy”. This will be educational and entertaining, introducing fresh perspectives that may influence your practice. You will choose the winner by voting.

After coffee, the final session celebrates numerous aspects of paediatric ophthalmology and shall be delivered by rising stars. This session includes paediatric emergencies, private practice, virtual ROP screening and research, aimed at a broad audience. An exciting interview will take place with a new consultant with experience in leadership, groundbreaking myopia research, less-than-full-time working, raising a young family and maintaining healthy work-life balance. To conclude, you will have the chance to ask questions to the panel and stimulate fruitful discussion.

We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting symposium!