



Programme: Monday 18 May

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8-9am

Registration

9-10am

Opening ceremony → EXCHANGE AUDITORIUM

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10.05-11.05am PARALLEL SESSIONS

National insights and impact

Rare eye disease surveillance and future research through BOSU

→ EXHIBITION THEATRE

Strabismus for exams (and life)

→ EXCHANGE ROOM 9

Ocular toxicities secondary to systemic therapeutic agents

→ CHARTER ROOM 1

Young vitreoretinal surgical rounds

Learning from other's mistakes

→ CHARTER ROOM 2

Getting it right first time

Best practice operational strategy for glaucoma services

→ CHARTER ROOM 3

11.05-11.30am COFFEE AND POSTERS

11.30am-1pm PARALLEL SESSIONS

Horizon scanning: ocular diseases with systemic association
From bench to bedside

→ EXCHANGE AUDITORIUM

Joint session with the College of Optometrists
Eye care is changing: Shared care for the future

→ EXCHANGE ROOM 9

Rb-NET
The impact of the largest global health collaboration

→ CHARTER ROOM 1

The dry eye patient journey
Pearls for navigating the options of care

→ CHARTER ROOM 3

Blame, blind spots and breakthroughs

Are we really using safety and audit data to improve?

→ CHARTER ROOM 4

1-2pm LUNCH AND POSTERS

Carving your own career path: designing a portfolio career path in ophthalmology. → CHARTER ROOM 2

What you were not taught in training → EXCHANGE ROOM 9

GSK symposium – On the case: Real-world examples of eye care professionals supporting cancer patients in their treatment journey

→ EXCHANGE ROOM 11

2-3.30pm PARALLEL SESSIONS

British Oculoplastic Surgery Society (BOPSS) satellite session

Just what is it that makes today's oculoplastics so different, so appealing?

→ CHARTER ROOM 1

Survive, grow, thrive
The years as a new ophthalmology consultant

→ CHARTER ROOM 2

To look at the evolution in various aspects of ophthalmology

→ CHARTER ROOM 3

The African Ophthalmology Council (AOC) symposium

A showcase of pan-African excellence in research, training, and best practices

→ CHARTER ROOM 4

3.30-4pm TEA AND POSTERS

4-5.30pm PARALLEL SESSIONS

Automating the cataract care pathway
From community referral to post-operative outcomes

→ CHARTER ROOM 1

Demystifying UFOOs
A practical skills session for ophthalmology trainees

→ CHARTER ROOM 2

Sickle retinopathy workshop
Screening, diagnostics and treatments

→ CHARTER ROOM 4

Rapid fire

→ EXHIBITION THEATRE

5.30-6.30pm DRINKS RECEPTION

6.30-7.30pm SunPharma symposium → EXCHANGE ROOM 11

7.30pm END OF DAY ONE



Programme: Tuesday 19 May

8 - 9am

Poster presentations

SAS breakfast forum → CHARTER ROOM 2

9.05-10.35am MORNING SESSIONS

Reading the retina

Tips and tricks for interpreting images across pathologies.

→ EXCHANGE AUDITORIUM

Masters of vitreoretinal surgery

Innovations, strategies, and expert insight.

→ CHARTER ROOM 1

Paediatric and infantile cataract in 2026?

How can we improve detection, diagnosis, surgical management, complication rates and visual outcomes.

→ CHARTER ROOM 3

GLP-1 receptor agonists (GLP-1 RAs)

Mechanisms, systemic benefits, and ophthalmic safety – what every ophthalmologist should know.

→ CHARTER ROOM 4

Specialist registration via the Portfolio pathway Application Process

→ EXHIBITION THEATRE

10.40-11.25am

The Royal College of Ophthalmologists Annual General Meeting (AGM) → EXCHANGE AUDITORIUM

11.05-11.30am COFFEE AND POSTERS

11.30am-12.30pm PARALLEL SESSIONS

Cataract services

Who are they serving?

→ CHARTER ROOM 1

Emergencies of the orbit and adnexa

Recognition and multidisciplinary management

→ CHARTER ROOM 2

A roadmap for early recognition and efficient management of sight-threatening infectious uveitis

→ CHARTER ROOM 3

The advanced clinical practitioner (ACP) in ophthalmology

A strategic response to workforce challenges

→ CHARTER ROOM 4

Rapid fire

→ EXHIBITION THEATRE

12.30-1.30pm LUNCH

Redefining the management of nAMD: The impact of durability and sustained disease control – symposium sponsored by Ocular Therapeutix → EXCHANGE ROOM 11

1.30-2.25pm KEYNOTE LECTURE

Bowman Lecture – Professor Jugnoo Rahi → EXCHANGE AUDITORIUM

2.30-3.30pm PARALLEL SESSIONS

Using apps to bridge the gaps

Evaluating emerging technologies in the primary /secondary interface in eyecare

→ EXCH. AUDITORIUM

Paediatric certification of visual impairment

What every ophthalmologist needs to know

→ CHARTER ROOM 1

Management of ophthalmic trauma in conflict

→ CHARTER ROOM 3

Building the future of clinical eye research

NIHR vision for success through digital interoperability

→ EXHIBITION THEATRE

2.30-5.30pm

OTG symposium

→ CHARTER ROOM 2

3.30-4pm TEA AND POSTERS

4-5.30pm PARALLEL SESSIONS

Surgical strategies for the failing corneal graft

Innovations beyond repeat PK

→ EXCH. AUDITORIUM

Recreational drugs and the eye

From acutetoxicity to long-term impact

→ EXCH. ROOM 9

The emerging value of SupraChoroidal therapies

Focus on glaucoma

→ CHARTER ROOM 1

State of the art management of diabetic macular oedema

→ CHARTER ROOM 3

Albinism

Best practice for ophthalmologists

→ CHARTER ROOM 4

5.30pm END OF DAY TWO



Programme: Wednesday 20 May

8- 9am

Poster presentations

9.05-10.35am

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Cataract surgery in eyes with corneal pathology

From pre-assessment to surgical pearls

→EXCHANGE AUDITORIUM

Medico legal session

→CHARTER ROOM 1

What I wish I knew

Early lessons from the vitreoretinal frontline

→CHARTER ROOM 2

Vision for life

Harnessing lifestyle to prevent and manage eye disease.

→CHARTER ROOM 3

Recognising and managing uncertainty in clinical practice

→CHARTER ROOM 4

10.35-11am

COFFEE AND POSTERS

11am-12.30pm

MORNING SESSIONS

Angle closure glaucoma

Current treatment paradigms

→EXCHANGE AUDITORIUM

Cataract surgery in patients living with dementia

→CHARTER ROOM 1

Can I divorce my colleagues?

Managing breakdown in departmental relationships

→CHARTER ROOM 2

Managing diabetic retinopathy, uveitis and other chorioretinal conditions in pregnancy

→CHARTER ROOM 3

Advances in proteomics and metabolomics

Transforming ophthalmology research

→CHARTER ROOM 4

12.30-1.30pm

LUNCH

SAS forum →CHARTER ROOM 2

Sandoz symposium - Unlocking the Potential of Biosimilars in Ophthalmology with Afqilir® →EXCHANGE ROOM 11

1.30-2.25pm

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Edridge Green Lecture – Professor Conor Murphy →EXCHANGE AUDITORIUM

2.30-3.30pm

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Ophthalmic study design

Tips and pitfalls

→EXHIBITION THEATRE

Artificial intelligence in ophthalmology

Evidence from patient communication and education

→CHARTER ROOM 1

Interactive ocular oncology cases quiz (until 4pm)

→CHARTER ROOM 2

Island ophthalmology

Delivering eye care in remote and isolated communities

→CHARTER ROOM 3

Vision screening under review: need, equity, and evolution

→CHARTER ROOM 4

3.30-4pm

TEA AND POSTERS

4-5.30pm

PARALLEL SESSIONS

More than meets the bag

Everything you didn't know about the Zonule

→EXCHANGE AUDITORIUM

AI is everywhere, but novices can be left behind

This session will give AI beginners the tools to understand, use, and critically assess AI in practice

→CHARTER ROOM 1

Case conundrums retina and uveitis

→CHARTER ROOM 2

Myopia

Evidence-based assessment and management of myopic children in 2026

→CHARTER ROOM 3

Breaking barriers

Addressing diversity, ethnicity, and inequalities in ophthalmology

→CHARTER ROOM 4

5.45-6.45pm

Roche symposium →EXCHANGE ROOM 11

6.45pm END OF DAY THREE



Programme: Thursday 21 May

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Immerse yourself in a day-long or half day subspecialty programme, where you can explore topics in more depth. There's no need to book onto individual sessions – just turn up.

8-9am

Alimera symposium → EXCHANGE ROOM 11

SUBSPECIALTY SESSIONS

9am-5pm

Neuro ophthalmology subspecialty day

CO-CHAIRS:
Michael Burdon and Andy Lee

The day will include presentations, panel discussions and two seminars: Optic Neuritis, which will consider whether the findings of the optic neuritis treatment trial (1988-2008) are still relevant today; and Beyond the diagnosis, which will share the experience of clinicians working in multidisciplinary teams to deliver care for patients with three common neuro-ophthalmic conditions: meningiomas, aneurysms and pituitary adenomas.

→ CHARTER ROOM 3

9am-4.35pm

Retina subspecialty day

CO-CHAIRS:
Professor Ian Pearce and Professor Richard P Gale

The day will include presentations and panel discussions as well as the keynote lecture: Macular Atrophy in Dry and Treated Neovascular AMD, presented by Professor Gale.

→ EXCHANGE AUDITORIUM

8.55am-5pm

Glaucoma subspecialty day

CO-CHAIRS:
Andrew Tatham and Wai Siene Ng

The day will include presentations and panel discussions.

→ CHARTER ROOM 1

8.30am-12.30pm

Paediatric ophthalmology symposium

CO-CHAIRS:
Ms Naomi Tan and Mr Sohaib Rufai

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.

→ CHARTER ROOM 2

12.30-13.30pm

Bayer symposium → EXCHANGE ROOM 11

SUBSPECIALTY SESSIONS CONTINUE IN THE AFTERNOON

5pm

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