



SUMMER MEETING 2026



**British
Thoracic
Society**

Programme and Conference Information

THURSDAY 9 AND FRIDAY 10 JULY

**MANCHESTER CENTRAL CONVENTION COMPLEX,
THE EXCHANGE SUITE, PETERSFIELD, MANCHESTER, M2 3GX**

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WELCOME TO THE SUMMER MEETING

It is a great pleasure to present the programme for the British Thoracic Society Summer Meeting, which will be returning to Manchester and the Manchester Central Convention Complex again for 2026.

The Summer Meeting will be onsite only, as this event emphasises the value of meeting colleagues, sharing experiences and having those one-to-one interactions that can sometimes be missed from online events.

After the event, all delegates who have attended the Meeting will be sent a website link to access video recordings of the main sessions and guest lectures. We recognise the value of online education and we will continue to deliver the majority of our extensive programme of Short Courses online.

As always, the Summer Meeting provides a comprehensive, clinically grounded programme, delivering a wide range of topics. The speakers are chosen carefully to ensure the wider MDT is fully represented. I am confident that we have a programme that once again delivers for the whole respiratory team.

Highlights this year include:

- **Mini short courses**
- **Symposia**
- **Abstract Prizes**
- **Clinical Grand Round**
- **Guest Lecture**
- **Physiology quiz**
- **Exhibition**
- And new for 2026, an **informal lunchtime networking space**

All delegates are invited to the **President's Reception** in the conference centre at 6.00pm on Thursday 9 July, where prizes will be awarded for the Abstract Prizes and Clinical Grand Round. This is a perfect opportunity to catch up and network with your colleagues from around the country too!

I am excited to be attending my first Summer Meeting in my capacity as the new Chair of the BTS Education and Training Committee. As I begin this role, I am committed to supporting the development of an inclusive programme that represents the breadth of the multidisciplinary respiratory workforce and showcases the innovative work being undertaken by teams across the country. It is important to me that professionals at all stages of their careers are represented in the programme.

I am certain the programme will contain plenty to interest and stimulate all delegates. We invite all those who deliver care to respiratory patients to attend this event so we can learn, discuss and network together.

I look forward to seeing you in Manchester.



Dr Odiri Eneje
Chair, BTS Education and Training Committee



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EXHIBITION

The British Thoracic Society gratefully acknowledges sponsorship of all companies who purchase an exhibition stand at the Summer Meeting. Sponsorship fees have been used directly to support the delivery of the event including the cost of venue hire, audio-visual, catering, and general conference administration. No sponsorship fees are used towards prizes or social events. None of them have any input into the programme content or the planning of the conference. Furthermore, the Society does not allow any sponsored symposia at this event, within the programme, or associated in any way with it. A full list of companies sponsoring the Summer Meeting will be available prior to the conference.

This year's highlights

Mini short courses

We have two short courses on offer this year, one will focus on complex COPD, covering advanced therapies including lung transplant and biologics, and also treatments for managing breathlessness. The second course covers optimising bronchiectasis care, providing vital updates on airway clearance, self-management plans, inflammation, overlapping syndromes and more.

Symposia

A broad range of topics from asthma to TB, including content which is relevant to all members of the respiratory team. To aid trainee delegates, the programme has been mapped to the respiratory curriculum.

Abstract Prizes

Abstract Prizes continue with a broader all-encompassing category that invites abstracts, "...that are providing measured improvements to patient care and that highlight multi-professional projects (big and small)." We know respiratory teams are using QI methodology to change practice, implementing novel educational models to deliver training and lead in developing innovative integrated care solutions. With these Abstract Prizes, we aim to highlight and share the excellent and successful work being undertaken in respiratory medicine departments across the UK. As well as the chance to be the prize-winning abstract, those short-listed for presentation will receive two days' free registration to the Summer Meeting 2026. These two days may be used by the presenting author, or by the presenting author on one day and by a co-author on the other day. Alongside the short-listed prize abstracts, we will also select a small number of digital posters that will be displayed at the conference and on our app.

This is an excellent opportunity to showcase the innovative projects that all members of the respiratory MDT have developed. Please encourage your local teams to submit (details on the [BTS website](#)), come along to the sessions on the day, support the authors and share good practice.

Clinical Grand Round

As ever, an important part of the programme. All specialist trainees, nurses and allied health professionals are invited to submit a clinical case (details on the [BTS website](#)). Prepare those taxing questions for the presenters and support your MDT colleagues as they hope to secure this prestigious prize.

Guest Lecture

This year's Guest Lecture will be given by Professor Andy Bush, Consultant Respiratory Physician, at the Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospital. Professor Bush will speak on "Vaping in Children" which will address understanding the acute and long-term risks and the need for prevention and protection.

Physiology quiz

The Physiology quiz is always an extremely popular part of the conference, with digital cases on the conference app and a question-and-answer session during the programme facilitated by our expert panel of expert respiratory physiologists.

Exhibition

Make the most of this great opportunity to meet up with industry colleagues and hear directly about the latest pharmaceutical evidence and innovative investigative and therapeutic equipment.

Informal lunchtime networking space

And new for 2026, we will be making best use of our exhibition area to create an informal lunchtime networking space to allow you to meet and chat with other delegates. This will be centred around the BTS stand, the stands from our partner organisations and the Summer Meeting digital poster display. We aim to have people on hand to chat about their roles and experiences of respiratory, as members of the MDT, as women in leadership, as researchers and more.

Summer Meeting Abstract Prizes

The Summer Meeting Abstract Prizes provide a forum for respiratory teams to present, share and discuss the implementation of quality improvement projects and innovations in respiratory education and training. High quality applications from the **whole respiratory multi-disciplinary team** are welcomed with an emphasis on sharing best practice. By promoting these Abstract Prizes, the Society hopes to learn more about the many innovative schemes that are being developed by our members and others to improve patient care throughout the UK, and to showcase those which are shortlisted by presentations during the Summer Meeting programme.

We welcome abstracts that are providing measured improvements to patient care and that highlight multi-professional projects (big and small). We ask that your abstract demonstrates one or more of the following:

- Use of QI methodology to support an evidence-based change in patient care.
- Models of education that have delivered training in your service to encourage best practice.
- Innovative integrated care solutions where you are working collaboratively across traditional NHS boundaries.
- Innovative use of digital technology.

The top 12 abstracts will be selected to compete for a BTS Prize. These 12 abstracts will be delivered as oral presentations during 2 specific sessions on Thursday 9 July at the Summer Meeting. Those selected to compete for a prize will be informed of the details of the session and will be required to produce a digital poster that will be displayed on the BTS App and at the Conference centre. Those selected to compete for a prize will receive two days free registration to the Summer Meeting. These two days may be used by the presenting author, or by the presenting author and another team member on Thursday 9 July. The winner of each category, as judged on the day, will also receive a cash prize and all shortlisted will receive a certificate of merit.

A number of abstracts not selected to compete for a prize, will be invited to submit a digital poster only. The digital poster will be displayed on the BTS App and the lead author will receive one day free registration to the Summer Meeting.

Judging will be carried out by multi-professional members of the BTS Education and Training Committee and the BTS Quality Improvement Committee.

This is a fantastic opportunity for all members of the respiratory MDT to present the amazing work that is going on at local level, and importantly, it provides a national platform to share good practice.

Clinical Grand Round competition

The Clinical Grand Round competition has been one of the highlights of the Society's Summer Meeting programme for many years, and it remains a very closely contested event, which enhances the CV of any Specialist Trainee, nurse or AHP who is shortlisted and/or wins. The competition is not open to post CCT doctors, but **we welcome applications from all other members of the respiratory team.**

The best three submissions, as judged by members of the BTS Education and Training Committee, will be shortlisted and the authors invited to present their cases during the Clinical Grand Round Symposium at the BTS Summer Meeting. Presenters will be expected to interact with the audience by including questions within their presentations so that delegates may make use of the voting system. The finalists will battle it out on the day, before the judges who will decide on the winner. The winner will receive a cash prize and all three finalists will receive a certificate of merit and free entry to both days of the Summer Meeting. The Clinical Grand Round symposium will be held on Thursday 9 July.

Whilst historically it is often respiratory trainees who submit to the Clinical Grand Round, we would encourage **all members of the MDT**, including nurses and AHPs, to consider applying, which will ensure that the entire respiratory workforce remains represented in all aspects of the Summer Meeting.

Guidelines for what makes a good case for consideration of shortlisting for the Clinical Grand Round:

- Ideal submissions will highlight a case demonstrating aspects of commonly encountered diseases that provide the audience with key learning points, whilst providing a diagnostic or management challenge. The judging panel are not looking for cases that focus on esoteric or rare diseases.
- Submit an abstract of your case presentation of 350 words maximum with one diagram or figure. The abstract should include an introduction, description of the case and conclusion with learning points.
- Do not use pictures/CTs etc in the initial submission. These should be added later if short-listed for the symposium. If selected, the final presentation at the Meeting will be for 20 minutes and we will expect to see a PowerPoint presentation and some interaction with the audience using a voting system, if the case is suited to this format.
- Submissions will be judged on interest level/learning points and content/style/well written.
- The shortlisted authors will be asked to present on Thursday 9 July. Final judging will take place after the session has ended and prizes will be awarded at a reception that evening.

Full details on abstract submission for the Abstract Prizes and Clinical Grand Round are available via the BTS website:

www.brit-thoracic.org.uk/education-and-events/summer-meeting

The deadline for submission to both competitions is 23:59 on Monday 16 March 2026.

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 9 JULY 2026

8.30am – 9.30am **REGISTRATION** and refreshments.

Visit the exhibition stands and view the Abstract Prize digital poster screens and Physiology Quiz on the App.

9.30am – 11.00am **SIMULTANEOUS SYMPOSIA**

YEAR IN REVIEW

Chaired by: Dr Odiri Eneje (Cambridge)
Mr Matthew Rutter (Cambridge)

9.30am - Analogue to digital – AI interpretation of CPET
Dr Karl Sylvester (Cambridge)

10.00am - Digital health in the hospital and at the home
Professor Michael Crooks (Hull)

10.30am - National virtual wards
Professor Daniel Lasserson (Warwick)

Learning outcomes:

- To understand how artificial intelligence / machine learning can be applied to cardiopulmonary exercise testing in clinical practice.
- To understand what “digital health” means in clinical practice.
- Showcasing the work that is being done on a national level to understand the role of virtual wards, and how this approach can be implemented with the appropriate governance to gain maximum benefit to patients.
- Identify new opportunities to address respiratory healthcare needs with artificial intelligence.

Curriculum mapping:

Generic CiP 1: Able to function successfully within NHS organisational and management systems.

- Managing patients in an outpatient clinic, ambulatory or community setting, including management of long-term conditions
- Recognises potential of applied informatics, stratified risk and personalised medicine for patient benefit when appropriate
- Demonstrates practical application of 'Hospital at Home' and admission avoidance systems
- Understands how to set up integrated respiratory services (including relevant NHS structures, business cases, commissioning, tendering processes)
- Works in partnership with the respiratory multi-disciplinary team (e.g. physiotherapists, specialist nurses, palliative care team, pharmacists, physiologist and psychologists)

CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF RESPIRATORY PHARMACY

Chaired by: Mrs Gráinne d'Ancona (London)
Professor Omar Usmani (London)

9.30am - Changing role of respiratory pharmacists in secondary care

Anna Murphy (Leicester)

10.00am - Complex drug interactions - specialist pharmacists' roles in supporting complex respiratory care
Christabelle Chen (London)

10.30am - Pharmacist delivered respiratory clinics in primary care
Nazir Hussain (Dudley)

Learning outcomes:

- To understand opportunities with interface and community pharmacists to improve local respiratory healthcare.
- Understanding the importance of drug interaction concepts and tailoring pregnancy/ breastfeeding medication advice and supporting adherence in complex respiratory care patients.
- Getting inspired about global health care involvement as pharmacists and the impact on respiratory patients.

Curriculum mapping:

- An appreciation of the MDT and value pharmacists bring to respiratory care is an invaluable lesson for all clinicians.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF RESPIRATORY AND SLEEP SERVICES

Chaired by: Dr Julie Lloyd (Sutton Coldfield)
Andrew Pritchard (Wolverhampton)

- 9.30am - Hospital to community – the impact of breathlessness pathways
Kelly Pauley (Peterborough)
- 10.00am - Analogue to digital – AI interpretation of sleep investigations
Dr James Stockley (Birmingham)
- 10.30am - Prevention – respiratory case finding in alcohol and drug dependent patients
Nicola Heywood (Wirral)
Joanne Seaborne (Merseyside)

Learning outcomes:

- Looking at how CDC breathlessness pathways are supporting the vision of the NHS 10-year plan.
- Showcasing the role of AI in the interpretation of complex data such as CPET and how it can support diagnosis and clinical decision making.
- Understanding how pathways can be modified to support difficult to reach patient populations and promote early diagnosis and/or prevention of lung disease.

Curriculum mapping:

- Managing patients in an outpatient clinic, ambulatory or community setting, including management of long-term conditions
- Works in partnership with the respiratory multi-disciplinary team (e.g. physiotherapists, specialist nurses, palliative care team, pharmacists, physiologists, and psychologists)
- Appropriately selects, manages, and interprets investigations.
- Recognises need to liaise with specialty services and refers where appropriate.
- Managing medical problems in patients in other specialties and special cases
- Aware of public health issues including population health, social detriments of health and global health perspectives

11.00am – 11.30am REFRESHMENT BREAK

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11.30am – 1.00pm SIMULTANEOUS SYMPOSIA

MINI SHORT COURSE: PART 1

ADVANCED THERAPIES TO ALTER THE COURSE OF COMPLEX COPD

- Chaired by: Miss Jenni Wenneberg (Hillingdon)
Dr Hnin Aung (Leicester)
- 11.30am - Lung transplant in COPD- an underrepresented group
Professor Andy Fisher (Newcastle)
 - 12.00pm - Long term non-invasive ventilation for COPD
Miss Katie Kaiser (Newcastle)
 - 12.30pm - Biologics in COPD
Professor Mona Bafadhel (London)

Learning outcomes:

- To provide an update on the suitability of lung transplant for COPD and understand referral criteria and outcomes.
- To update on the current evidence base for long-term NIV as a treatment for complex COPD, to include indications and contraindications.
- To understand the latest trial data and emerging role biologics will play in the treatment and management of COPD.

Curriculum mapping:

- Internal Medicine CiP 4: Managing patients in an outpatient clinic, ambulatory or community setting (including management of long-term conditions).
- Specialty CiP 2: Managing integrated respiratory medicine across the primary and secondary care interface including management of long-term disease.
- Specialty CiP 4: Managing the service and patients with respiratory failure in multiple settings including hospital and in the community.
- Specialty CiP 5: Tertiary subspecialties interface: managing patients across the secondary and tertiary interface; in particular patients with lung and heart transplants and pulmonary hypertension.
- Specialty CiP 6: Managing the use of drugs and therapeutic modalities specific to the practice of respiratory medicine.

CLINICAL GRAND ROUND

This popular annual session provides an ideal opportunity for all specialist trainees, nurses, and allied health professionals to submit clinical case studies in advance of the Meeting. The deadline for submission is 23:59 on Monday 16 March. For further details, please visit: www.brit-thoracic.org.uk

AH, THE CLASSIC ILD DILEMMA: TO IMMUNOSUPPRESS OR NOT TO IMMUNOSUPPRESS — THAT IS THE QUESTION!

Chaired by: Dr Sophie Fletcher (Southampton)
Dr Paul Minnis (Antrim)

- 11.30am - Morphologic patterns of interstitial and alveolar fillings disorders - clinical cases
Dr Melanie Greaves (Manchester)
- 12.00pm - CTD ILD – what are the drug options
Ms Mariam Naqvi (London)
- 12.30pm - Hypersensitivity pneumonitis, steroids, steroid sparing agents or nothing at all?
Professor Michael Gibbons (Exeter)

Learning outcomes:

- Provide an update on recent trial evidence for the use for steroids or methotrexate for first line treatment of sarcoid.
- Comprehensive review of drug options for those with CTD ILD, indications, cautions and evidence base.
- Update on current understanding of the management of HP, the role of immunosuppression, BAL and future research questions.

Curriculum mapping:

Respiratory Specialty CiPs

- Managing all aspects of advanced respiratory disease including diagnostic pathways and working with the MDT.
 - Demonstrates diagnostic acumen.
 - Ability to perform relevant diagnostic tests and procedures.
 - Knowledge of guidelines and ability to apply them to practice
 - Communication with GP and specialist colleagues
 - Ability to construct decision algorithms (e.g. planning in advance the different possible courses of action resulting from investigation results)
- Tertiary subspecialties interface: managing patients across the secondary and tertiary interface.
 - Demonstrates ability to consider the diagnosis of interstitial lung diseases and other orphan lung diseases.
 - Knowledge of diagnostic criteria for rare lung diseases
 - Presentation of cases at specialist MDT
 - Demonstrates good communication skills when dealing with tertiary centres.
 - Demonstrates knowledge of these disorders and ability to manage patients locally in a joint care model when appropriate.

1.00pm – 2.30pm LUNCH BREAK

Visit the exhibition stands and view the Abstract Prize digital poster screens and Physiology Quiz on the App.

We will use the exhibition space for informal networking.

This will centre around the BTS stand and stands from our partner organisations. Please come and chat to your fellow delegates.

1.45pm – 2.30pm ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

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2.30pm – 4.00pm SIMULTANEOUS SYMPOSIA

MINI SHORT COURSE: PART 2 MANAGING ADVANCED BREATHLESSNESS IN COMPLEX COPDS

Chaired by: Dr Samuel Kemp (Nottingham)
Dr Abigail MacKintosh (Stoke on Trent)

- 2.30pm - Lung volume reduction (LVR): expanding treatments for reducing lungs in COPD
Dr Tom Ward (Leicester)
- 3.00pm - Palliative care, what works and what doesn't
Professor Irene Higginson OBE (London)
- 3.30pm - Pulmonary rehabilitation in the post-pandemic era
Dr Enya Daynes (Leicester)

Learning outcomes:

- Looking at how LVR is being used as a treatment and discuss the patient cohorts that may gain most benefit.
- To understand what high-quality integrated palliative care involves and how it can best be delivered.
- To update on data on the provision of PR and discuss the benefits to patients and ways to improve referral and uptake.

Curriculum mapping:

- Internal Medicine CiP 4: Managing patients in an outpatient clinic, ambulatory or community setting (including management of long-term conditions).
- Internal Medicine CiP 8: Managing end of life and applying palliative care skills.
- Specialty CiP 2: Managing integrated respiratory medicine across the primary and secondary care interface including management of long-term disease.
- Practical procedures (respiratory medicine): Thoracic surgical procedures.

WAR ON INFECTION - HOW TO WIN WITH A GUIDE, A STEWARD AND A MAP

- Chaired by: Dr Kay Roy (London)
Dr Tessa Lewis (Powys)
- 2.30pm - NICE guidance on HAP, evidence gaps and research recommendations
Daniel Wootton (Liverpool)
- 3.00pm - How bacterial resistance dictates antimicrobial stewardship
Professor Philip Howard OBE (Leeds)
- 3.30pm - Redefining treatment for influenza – lessons from the REMAP-CAP study
Professor Manu Shankar-Hari (London)

Learning outcomes:

- Dissemination of the new NICE guidelines on pneumonia.
- An understanding of the microbiology of pneumonia, resistant organisms and antimicrobial stewardship.
- An understanding of the current and future treatments of influenza.

Curriculum mapping:

High level learning outcomes – Respiratory Specialty CiPs; Managing complex and unusual respiratory infection including contact tracing and public health (in particular atypical pneumonia).

EQUAL CARE, BETTER BREATHS - ADVANCING EQUITY IN RESPIRATORY CARE

- Chaired by: Cris Roxas (London)
Padmavathi Parthasarathy (Leicester)
- 2.30pm - Delivering respiratory care to people experiencing homelessness
Professor Dominick Shaw (Leicester)
- 3.00pm - Respiratory healthcare implications for children living in temporary accommodation
Speaker to be confirmed
- 3.30pm - Respiratory care for refugees and asylum seekers
Llinos Jones (Dewsbury)

Learning outcomes:

- To understand the challenges faced by patients with respiratory problems who are homeless, living in temporary accommodation and asylum centres.
- To learn about approaches that can be undertaken to deliver holistic care to the above patient groups.
- To understand the challenges faced by clinicians and care providers, and how to overcome them.

Curriculum mapping:

- Category 3: safety and quality: Is focussed on patient safety and delivers effective quality improvement in patient care.

4.00pm – 4.30pm REFRESHMENT BREAK

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4.30pm – 6.00pm SIMULTANEOUS SYMPOSIA & ABSTRACTS

THE NEW ERA OF OSA MANAGEMENT: DATA, DEVICES, AND DRUGS

- Chaired by: Dr Swapna Mandal (London)
Dr Prina Ruparelia (London)
- 4.30pm - Mild OSA: navigating the grey
Professor Brendan Cooper (Birmingham)
- 5.00pm - Pharmacological awakening: the rise of drug-based therapies in OSA
Dr Chris Turnbull (Oxford)
- 5.30pm - Service delivery and practical aspects/local solutions
Dr Sonya Craig (Liverpool)
Gavin Phillips (Liverpool)

Learning outcomes:

- Understand the latest evidence linking obstructive sleep apnoea to cardiovascular morbidity and mortality and the impact of treatment.
- Gain insights into the challenges and options when managing patients with milder obstructive sleep apnoea, where a more nuanced and holistic approach is often required.
- Evaluate pharmacological approaches to OSA management including weight loss agents and noradrenergic agents.

Curriculum mapping:

- Managing patients with sleep disordered breathing and metabolic syndrome.
- Managing integrated respiratory medicine across the primary and secondary care interface including management of long-term disease.
- Managing the use of drugs and therapeutic modalities specific to the practice of respiratory medicine.

WHAT DO TRAINEES AND HCPS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PULMONARY REHABILITATION?

Chaired by: Dr Enya Daynes (Leicester)
Dr Tom Ward (Leicester)

4.30pm - Pulmonary rehabilitation: past, present, future
Professor Michael Steiner (Leicester)

5.00pm - How do we encourage patient engagement in pulmonary rehabilitation taking into account health inequalities?
Rachel Tuffnell (London)

5.30pm - What does success look like in pulmonary rehabilitation for patients and staff, what are the key outcome measures?
Francesca Chambers (Newcastle)

Learning outcomes:

- Understand and describe key tips for the referral of patients to pulmonary rehabilitation.
- Describe and apply strategies to encourage patient engagement and participation in pulmonary rehabilitation.
- To discuss what is important in terms of pulmonary rehabilitation outcomes for patients.

Curriculum mapping:

- This maps directly to the 3.3 clinical capabilities "Is able to refer patients for pulmonary rehabilitation and participate in delivery"

4.15pm – 5.00pm ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

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6.00pm – 7.00pm THE BTS PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AND AWARD PRESENTATIONS

All attendees are warmly invited to attend this social occasion, where the awards for the BTS Abstract Prizes and Clinical Grand Round will be presented.

FRIDAY 10 JULY 2026

8.00am – 8.30am **REGISTRATION** and refreshments.

Visit the exhibition stands and view the Abstract Prize digital poster screens and Physiology Quiz on the App.

8.30am- 10.00am **SIMULTANEOUS SYMPOSIA**

"TELL ME HOW YOU FEEL?" THE YIN AND YANG OF SYMPTOMS IN ASTHMA

Chaired by: Dr Jane McDowell (Belfast)
Professor Thomas Brown (Portsmouth)

8.30am - Biomarker vs symptom-driven asthma care: the dangers of over-treatment in multimorbid patients
Jodie Lam (London)

9.00am - Feeling good, doing bad: the dangers of under-treatment in 'well' patients
Dr Sarah Diver (Leicester)

9.30am - 'Quality of life in Severe Asthma - are we measuring the right thing?'
Dr Mathew Masoli (Exeter)

Learning outcomes:

- To understand the latest insights into the relationship between airway nerve function and inflammation in the asthmatic airway.
- To understand the role of subclinical inflammation and lung function decline in asthma.
- To understand the role of T2 biomarkers in limiting overuse of asthma therapies and promoting steroid stewardship.

Curriculum mapping:

- Managing patients in an outpatient clinic, ambulatory or community setting, including management of long-term conditions.
- Tertiary subspecialties interface: managing patients across the secondary and tertiary interface.
- Managing the use of drugs and therapeutic modalities specific to the practice of respiratory medicine.
- Communicates effectively and is able to share decision making, while maintaining appropriate situational awareness, professional behaviour and professional judgement.
- Works in partnership with the respiratory multi-disciplinary team (e.g. physiotherapists, specialist nurses, palliative care team, pharmacists, physiologists and psychologists).

TRACKING THE TRAJECTORY: OUTCOMES IN CHRONIC COUGH

Chaired by: Dr Peter Cho (London)
Jennifer Butler (North Shields)

8.30am - Trials, targets and treatments: the future of chronic cough care
Dr Paul Marsden (Manchester)

9.00am - Measuring what matters in chronic cough: from symptom to solution
Professor Jacky Smith (Manchester)
Dr Ewan Mackay (London)

9.30am - Case panel discussion: Treating cough: translating data into practice
Case presentation: Dr Bashar Al Shekly (Manchester)
Panel discussion: Session speakers, chairs and patient with lived experience

Learning outcomes:

- Understand outcomes from clinical trials in chronic cough, and measurement of cough in the clinical setting.
- Understand the importance of multi-dimensional measurement of cough, including quality of life and the importance of patient reported outcomes in managing individuals with chronic cough.
- Understand the importance of a holistic MDT assessment of the individual with chronic cough.

Curriculum mapping:

- Generic CiPs
 - Communicates effectively and is able to share decision making, while maintaining appropriate situational awareness, professional behaviour and professional judgement
 - 5. Carrying out research and managing data appropriately
- Clinical CiPs – Internal Medicine
 - 4. Managing patients in an outpatient clinic, ambulatory or community setting (including management of long-term conditions)
 - 6. Managing a multi-disciplinary team including effective discharge planning
- Respiratory Specialty CiPs
 - 6. Managing the use of drugs and therapeutic modalities specific to the practice of respiratory medicine
- Presentation and Conditions
 - Cough
 - Dyspnoea
 - Wheeze

REACHING BEYOND CYSTIC FIBROSIS: COMING TO A CLINIC NEAR YOU...

- Chaired by: Dr Charlotte Addy (Cardiff)
Alan Anderson (Newcastle)
- 8.30am - CFTR related disorders- in a respiratory clinic near you
Professor Nicholas Simmonds (London)
- 9.00am - Induced sputum- what, why, who, when, where and how
Dr Carwyn Bridges (Cardiff)
- 9.30am - "CF on the general medical take"
Professor Andrew Jones (Manchester)

Learning outcomes:

- To understand CFTR disorders and their presentation in respiratory clinics
- The role of induced sputum and where it could be used in respiratory medicine.
- To recognise and manage common CF emergencies which might present on the acute take.

Curriculum mapping:

- Generic Capabilities in Practice 1 – Able to function successfully within NHS organisational and management systems.
- Generic Capabilities in Practice 2 – Communicates effectively and is able to share decision making, while maintaining appropriate situational awareness, professional behaviour and professional judgement.
- Speciality Capabilities in Practice 2 – Managing integrated respiratory medicine across the primary and secondary care interface including management of long-term disease.
- Speciality Capabilities in Practice 6 – Managing the use of drugs and therapeutic modalities specific to the practice of respiratory medicine.

10.00am – 10.30am REFRESHMENT BREAK

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10.30am – 12.00pm SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS

DIAGNOSING AND MANAGING MEDIASTINAL LESIONS AND NEUROENDOCRINE TUMOURS

- Chaired by: Dr Amna Burzic (Nottingham)
Dr Sinan Eccles (Pontyclun)
- 10.30am - Patient pathway of lung cancer (including lung cancer screening)
Julia McAdam (Shrewsbury)
- 11.00am - Imaging and diagnosis of anterior mediastinal lesions
Speaker to be confirmed

- 11.30am - Management of thymic epithelial tumours
Dr Yvonne Summers (Manchester)

Learning outcomes:

- Recognise and differentiate the key anterior mediastinal lesions on imaging and understand the role of biopsy.
- Describe the multidisciplinary management of thymic tumours, including surgical strategies and the association with paraneoplastic syndromes.
- Understand the classification, systemic therapy options, and emerging translational approaches for thoracic neuroendocrine tumours.

Curriculum mapping:

- Clinical CiPs (Internal Medicine)
 - Managing patients in an outpatient clinic, ambulatory or community setting, including management of long-term conditions.
- Respiratory Specialty CiPs
 - Managing all aspects of thoracic malignancy and advanced or terminal respiratory disease including diagnostic pathways and working with the MDT.

OLD AND NEW CONCEPTS IN THE WORLD OF PULMONARY VASCULAR MEDICINE

- Chaired by: Nicola Speed (Cambridge)
Dr Rachel Davies (London)
- 10.30am - Can we treat lung disease related PH yet?
Dr Colin Church (Glasgow)
- 11.00am - Changing landscapes of therapeutics in pulmonary arterial hypertension
Dr Colm McCabe (London)
- 11.30am - Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary vascular disease in 2026: where are we and where are we going?
Dr Katherine Bunclark (Cambridge)

Learning outcomes:

- The management of patients with pulmonary hypertension associated lung disease is rapidly changing. This talk will explore which patients to refer to a designated PH centre as well as discuss the trial evidence for treatment of PH associated lung disease.
- With the advent of the first disease modifying treatment, the outlook for pulmonary arterial hypertension patients is changing. This talk will discuss the currently available therapies for patient with pulmonary arterial hypertension whilst also looking to the future of disease management.
- Despite potentially curable options for chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension, this disease is often overlooked by respiratory physicians. Current management of CTEPH with a focus on how to identify patients and whom to refer to specialist services will be explored.

Curriculum mapping:

- Speciality Capabilities in Practice 2 – Managing integrated respiratory medicine across the primary and secondary care interface including management of long-term disease.
- Speciality Capabilities in Practice 5 - Tertiary subspecialities interface: managing patients across the secondary and tertiary interface; in particular patients with lung and heart transplants and pulmonary hypertension.
- Speciality Capabilities in Practice 6 – Managing the use of drugs and therapeutic modalities specific to the practice of respiratory medicine.

11.05am – 12.00pm **PHYSIOLOGY QUIZ Q&A LIVE SESSION**

Quiz organised by Samuel Wallbanks, Clinical Scientist, Heartlands Hospital, University Hospital Birmingham.

Join this session where colleagues will discuss the Physiology Quiz cases and answer questions from delegates, with answers available during this live session and online after the event. Delegates will be able to access the Physiology Quiz cases on the conference App throughout both days of the Meeting.

12.10pm – 1.00pm **GUEST LECTURE**

VAPING IN CHILDREN.

UNDERSTANDING THE ACUTE AND LONG-TERM RISKS AND THE NEED FOR PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

Guest lecturer: Professor Andrew Bush (London)

Introduced by: Professor Robina Coker (London)

1.00pm – 2.30pm **LUNCH BREAK**

Visit the exhibition stands and view the Abstract Prize digital poster screens and Physiology Quiz on the App.

We will use the exhibition space for informal networking. This will centre around the BTS stand and stands from our partner organisations. Please come and chat to your fellow delegates.

2.00pm – 3.30pm **SIMULTANEOUS SYMPOSIA**

MINI SHORT COURSE: PART 1

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS: OPTIMISING BRONCHIECTASIS CARE ACROSS BOUNDARIES

Chaired by: Dr Konstantinos Liatsikos (Liverpool)
Dr Charlotte Addy (Cardiff)

2.00pm - Airway clearance and mucus in bronchiectasis; where now?
Nicky Mills (Leicester)

2.30pm - Room for improvement; what's new in self-management plans and patient education
Mrs Naomi Watt (London)
Mrs Rachel Daly (Manchester)

3.00pm - Trainees national audit in bronchiectasis; INSPIREd or not?
Dr Michael Carling (South Tees)

Learning outcomes:

- Reminder of current BTS standards of care and benchmarking vs current attainment; attendees will learn where the biggest gap in provision of care lies.
- New Asthma + Lung UK Information leaflet; lessons learned from patient education.
- New drugs are emerging for bronchiectasis that are anti-inflammatory an update is important for managing patients.

Curriculum mapping:

- Managing the use of drugs and therapeutic modalities specific to the practice of respiratory medicine.
- Managing patients in an outpatient clinic, ambulatory or community setting, including management of long term conditions.
- Managing medical problems in patients in other specialties and special cases.

UPDATES IN PLEURAL MEDICINE

Chaired by: Dr Eleanor Barton (Bristol)
Dr Avinash Aujayeb (North Shields)

2.00pm - Lessons from the pleural clinic – 3 cases of non-expandable lung, transudative pleural effusion and fibrinous pleuritis
Dr Selina Tsim (Glasgow)

2.30pm - A patient's pleural journey through the MDT
Mrs Sarah Johnstone (Leicester)

3.00pm - Is your surgeon your best friend in pleural medicine?
Ms Elizabeth Belcher (Oxford)

Learning outcomes:

- To learn about the optimal pathway regarding recognition, investigation, management, and treatment of non-expandable lung.
- To learn about the optimal pathway regarding recognition, investigation, management, and treatment of nonspecific pleuritis.
- To learn about the optimal pathway regarding recognition, investigation, management, and treatment of recurrent transudative pleural effusions.

Curriculum mapping:

- Managing integrated respiratory medicine across the primary and secondary care interface including management of long-term disease.
- Managing the acute care of patients within a medical specialty service.
- Managing outpatients with long term conditions.

THE CHALLENGES OF MANAGING NTM DISEASE

Chaired by: Rhys Hurst (Cambridge)
Christabelle Chen (London)

- 2.00pm - Managing complex NTM – who, when and how to treat: clinical cases and management dilemmas
Devesh Dhasmana (Fife)
- 2.30pm - Multidisciplinary management of NTM: how can we deliver this in practice
Jennie Keane (Rochford)
- 3.00pm - What matters most to people affected by NTM?
Shirley Harwood, NTM Patient Care UK
Sarah Minty, NTM Patient Care UK
Sandra Christian, NTM Patient Care UK

Learning outcomes:

- To understand the complexity of clinical management of NTM disease, problems that can be encountered and options for management.
- To gain knowledge of the multi-disciplinary approach to the clinical management of NTM infection, what this looks like in the NHS and how it can be achieved.
- To understand what is important to patients and what outcomes are most meaningful to them.

Curriculum mapping:

Non-tuberculous mycobacterial infection is an important and expanding clinical subject and one that all respiratory trainees will need to have some knowledge. However, feedback from trainees suggests that experience in the management of these patients can be patchy and there is a need for better learning resources

The course delivers training that overlaps with CiPs 2, 3 and 6 of the Respiratory Curriculum:

- 2. Managing integrated respiratory medicine across the primary and secondary care interface including management of long-term disease
 - Works in partnership with the respiratory multi-disciplinary team (e.g. physiotherapists, specialist nurses, palliative care team, pharmacists, physiologists, and psychologists)
- 3. Managing complex and unusual respiratory infection including contact tracing and public health (in particular atypical pneumonia)
 - Demonstrates accurate diagnosis of patients presenting with pulmonary infections including interpretation of clinical features, investigations, and laboratory results.
 - Demonstrates knowledge and interpersonal skills in dealing with immunocompromised patients.
 - Demonstrates appropriate management of patients diagnosed with pulmonary infections including appropriate selection of drugs.
- 6. Managing the use of drugs and therapeutic modalities specific to the practice of respiratory medicine

3.30pm – 3.45pm REFRESHMENT BREAK

Visit the exhibition stands and view the Abstract Prize digital poster screens and Physiology Quiz on the App.

3.45pm – 5.15pm SIMULTANEOUS SYMPOSIA

MINI SHORT COURSE: PART 2 THE NEXT LEVEL: BRONCHIECTASIS BEYOND THE BRONCHIECTASIS TEAM

Chaired by: Professor Anthony de-Soyza (Newcastle)
Nicky Mills (Leicester)

- 3.45pm - Defending the lungs: bronchiectasis in immunocompromised individuals
Dr Ricardo Jose (London)
- 4.15pm - Overlapping airways: the challenge of bronchiectasis and asthma/COPD overlap syndromes in a biologics era
Speaker To Be Confirmed
- 4.45pm - Inflammation in bronchiectasis; a beginner's guide to why it's important and treatable
Dr Merete Long (Dundee)

Learning outcomes:

- Understand issues with immunodeficiency including work up and management.
- Understand the complexities of managing mixed airways disease.
- Understand how multicentre audit is completed and where care gaps exist vs current guidelines.

Curriculum mapping:

- Managing medical problems in patients in other specialties and special cases.
- Managing integrated respiratory medicine across the primary and secondary care interface including management of long-term disease.
- Formulates an appropriate diagnostic and management plan, considering patient preferences, and the urgency required.
- Explains clinical reasoning behind diagnostic and clinical management decisions to patients/carers/guardians and other colleagues.

CRITICAL DECISIONS TO CONTINUING CARE: NAVIGATING WITHDRAWAL AND REHABILITATION IN CRITICAL CARE

Chaired by: Pearlene Antoine-Pitterson (Birmingham)
Mrs Alison Armstrong (Newcastle)

- 3.45pm - Legal and ethical decision making in critical care
Dr Sonya Daniel (Cardiff)
- 4.15pm - Bridging the gap: addressing critical care outcomes for individuals with learning disabilities
Dr Ben Messer (Newcastle)
- 4.45pm - An MDT approach to complex decision making
Gemma Cox (Taunton)
and Dr Victoria Molyneux (Liverpool)
With Dr Ben Messer and Dr Sonya Daniel - case discussion with perspectives from the whole panel

Learning outcomes:

- To provide insight into the medical legal aspects surrounding complex decision making in critical care.
- To gain insight into the MDT approach to complex decision making in critical care and the complex experiences of professionals in decision making
- To gain insight to the complexity of rehabilitating patients from critical care to respiratory and highlight practical approaches to rehabilitation and weaning.

Curriculum mapping:

- The themes across the symposium will meet the following requirements of the respiratory curriculum. The topics will touch on collaboration, MDT working, there are topics on ICU, respiratory and community care therefore this incorporates speciality training.
- Category 2, - able to deal with ethical and legal issues related to clinical practice, and the implications of treatment in critical care and respiratory.
- Generic capabilities in practice
 - 3. Communicates effectively and can share decision making, while maintaining appropriate situational awareness, professional behaviour, and professional judgement.

- 4. Focused on patient safety and delivers effective quality improvement in patient care.
- Clinical capabilities in practice
 - 2. Managing the acute care of patients within a medical specialty service.
 - 3. Providing continuity of care to medical inpatients, including management of comorbidities and cognitive impairment.
 - 5. Managing medical problems in patients in other specialties and special cases.
 - 6. Managing a multi-disciplinary team including effective discharge planning.
 - 7. Delivering effective resuscitation and managing the acutely deteriorating patient.
- Specialties in practice
 - 2. Managing integrated respiratory medicine across the primary and secondary care interface including management of long-term disease.
 - 4. Managing the service and patients with respiratory failure in multiple settings including hospital and, in the community.

FROM CLUES TO CAUSATION: DETECTING OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL LUNG DISEASES

Chaired by: Dr Chris Warburton (Liverpool)
Dr Kimberley Nettleton (Birmingham)

- 3.45pm - Spotting cases and causes of occupational and environmental airways disease
Dr Paul McKeagney (Belfast)
- 4.15pm - Detecting dust disease: recognising and attributing pneumoconiosis from asbestos and silica exposure
Dr Johanna Feary (London)
Ms Tamanna Kabir (London)
- 4.45pm - Uncovering links between work, the environment, and respiratory cancers
Dr Jennifer Hoyle (Manchester)

Learning outcomes:

- Identify key features and exposures within the clinical presentations of airway, parenchymal and pleural disease that suggest an occupational or environmental cause.
- Use current national guidelines to integrate occupational and environmental causation into clinical decision-making.
- Understand the unequal impact of many occupational and environmental lung diseases across different social groups.

Curriculum mapping:

- As this symposium covers a variety of disorders, the common feature being identification and attribution of an occupational or environmental cause, it maps to a number of clinical and specialty capabilities:
- Clinical CIPs:
 - CIP2: Managing the acute care of patients within a medical specialty service.
 - CIP4: Managing patients in an outpatient clinic, ambulatory or community setting.
- Specialty CIPs:
 - CIP1: Managing all aspects of thoracic malignancy and terminal disease including diagnostic pathways and working with the MDT.
 - CIP2: Managing integrated respiratory medicine across the primary and secondary care interface including management of long-term disease.
 - CIP5: Tertiary subspecialties interface: managing patients across the secondary and tertiary interface

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The venue

MANCHESTER CENTRAL CONVENTION COMPLEX, THE EXCHANGE SUITE, PETERSFIELD, MANCHESTER, M2 3GX.

Manchester Central is in the heart of Manchester and easy to reach via Manchester's extensive multi-modal transport network. Further information and directions may be found here:

www.manchestercentral.co.uk/getting-here

Facilities at the venue

A multi-faith prayer room will be available at the venue along with a quiet room for nursing mothers.

CPD approval

The BTS Summer Meeting has been approved by the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK for 12 category 1 (external) CPD credits (6 per day) with CPD code: 154570.

All delegates who participate will be sent a personalised certificate of attendance via email post event.

Please also note that the Respiratory SAC has approved the Summer Meeting as one of the respiratory education events that all respiratory specialist trainees should attend.

Nursing and Midwifery Council Revalidation

By attending the Summer Meeting, it will be possible for nurses to demonstrate CPD and write reflective accounts to support their revalidation. These relate to the NMC Code for Professional Standards of Practice and Behaviour for Nurses and Midwives, including:

- what you learnt from the sessions;
- how you will change or improve your practice as a result;
- how this is relevant to the Code – prioritising people, practising effectively, preserving safety or promoting professionalism and trust.

A reflective accounts form is available on page 47 of this document:

www.nmc.org.uk/globalassets/sitedocuments/revalidation/how-to-revalidate-booklet.pdf

Chartered Society of Physiotherapists CPD

The Summer Meeting should be suitable for inclusion in the portfolios of respiratory physiotherapists, being part of a programme of education offered by the British Thoracic Society. Details of the CSP ePortfolio are available here:

www.csp.org.uk/professional-clinical/cpd-education/csp-eportfolio-learning-hub

Accommodation

Allocations of bedrooms at special conference rates at hotels near to the venue have been secured by MICE Concierge, who should be contacted direct for all accommodation queries. Please follow the link below for details on hotels, restaurants and places to visit, and to make a hotel booking.

Website: www.miceconciergeme.com/btssummer2026

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Travel

A travel guide is available here:

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On arrival in Manchester

Free Bus services (via the Bee Network) link the city centre's main rail stations, shopping areas and businesses, all free of charge. [Click here](#) for more information on routes.

The nearest **Metrolink** stop to Manchester Central is St Peter's Square and is just a few minutes away on foot. Metrolink runs every few minutes from early morning until late in the evening. You don't need a timetable, just turn up, buy your ticket and the next Metrolink will be along shortly. Routes and further information can be found on the Metrolink website: tfgm.com/public-transport/tram

There is a dedicated **taxi rank** at the front of the venue for pickups and drop offs. Black cab taxis are readily available at Manchester Airport and at Piccadilly and Victoria train stations. Find out more at www.tfgm.com or phone Traveline on 0871 200 22 33.

By train

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www.avantiwestcoast.co.uk

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www.tpexpress.co.uk

www.northernrailway.co.uk/stations/MAN

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There is an NCP (National Car Park) directly below Manchester Central, which may be booked here:

www.ncp.co.uk/find-a-car-park/car-parks/manchester-central

Visit Manchester

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www.meetinmanchester.com/attend/delegate-welcome

DATES OF FUTURE BTS MEETINGS

Winter Meeting 2026

25 to 27 November, London

Summer Meeting 2027

24 to 25 June, Newcastle upon Tyne

Winter Meeting 2027

24 to 26 November, London



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