



# BOPA

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The 28th Annual BOPA Conference  
3-5 October 2025 | ICC Belfast

# DRAFT AGENDA

## Friday 3 October

All main plenary sessions and the BOPA Annual General Meeting (AGM)) will be held in the main auditorium.

07:30–08:30	<b>Join us for the 5K BOPA Run</b> Meet outside the Hilton Hotel, next door to the ICC		
From 10.00	<b>Registration, refreshments and exhibition opens</b> Tea, coffee and biscuits served in the exhibition hall		
10:30–10:45	<b>Welcome introduction</b> <i>Speakers:</i> Joseph Williams, BOPA Chair & Professor Cathy Harrison, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, Belfast		
10:45–11:30	<b>Funding across the nations: compare and contrast</b> <i>Chair:</i> Helen Flint <i>Speakers:</i> James Richardson (NHS England), Diana Matthews (Wales), Jennifer Laskey (SMC, Scotland) & Chris Garland, Senior Principal Pharmaceutical Officer (Northern Ireland)		
11:30–12:00	<b>Pharmaceutical conundrums in cancer related thrombosis</b> <i>Chair:</i> Kelly Baillie <i>Speaker:</i> Dr Gary Benson, Consultant Haematologist, Belfast Trust		
12:00–12:45	<b>Industry-sponsored satellite: Lilly - Hall 2A</b> <b>The Impact of digital innovation in Breast cancer – enhancing patient care and service optimization</b> <i>Chair:</i> Helen Flint, Consultant Pharmacist, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre <i>Speakers:</i> Ian Purcell, Advanced Pharmacy Practitioner/Team Leader – Oncology, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust & Vikash Dodhia, Head of Pharmacy MVCC and Digital Lead Cancer Services, Mount Vernon Cancer Centre	<b>Industry-sponsored satellite: BMS - Hall 2B</b> <b>Injecting change: Transforming SACT pathways with subcutaneous innovation</b> <i>Chair:</i> Professor Robert Duncombe, Chief Pharmacist, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust <i>Speakers:</i> Joanne Parkes, Lead Clinical Pharmacist, Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust & Joanna Beeney, Lead Chemotherapy Nurse, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust	
12:45–14:00	<b>Buffet lunch</b> Served in the exhibition hall		
14:00–14:25	<b>Pharmacy Leadership (UKPPL)</b> <i>Chair:</i> Professor Mahendra Patel OBE <i>Panel:</i> Joseph Williams, Chair of BOPA; Amy Laffin, Vice President of APTUK; Sheelin McKeagney, Chair of PFNI; Laura Wilson, representing the RPS; John Warburton, Chair of UKCPA		
14:25–14:55	<b>Cancer aspects of Darzi in community and primary care pharmacy</b> <i>Chair:</i> Jackie Lewis <i>Speakers:</i> Nick Kaye & John Ashton-Barnett		
15:00–15:45	<b>BREAKOUT 1 - Hall 2A</b> <b>Poster into publication: Practical advice</b> <i>Chair:</i> Dr Melanie Dalby Professor Christine Bond, University of Aberdeen	<b>BREAKOUT 2 - Hall 2B</b> <b>Tips on skin cancer in the pharmacy</b> <i>Chair:</i> Jackie Lewis Dr Peter Acheson, Consultant Dermatologist, The Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust	<b>BREAKOUT 3 - Meeting Room 1</b> <b>Endocrinology</b> <i>Chair:</i> Lorna Cairns Dr Neil Black Consultant, Western Trust
15:45–16:30	<b>Industry-sponsored satellite: Bayer - Hall 2A</b> <b>Bayer Promotional Symposium on Prostate Cancer</b> <i>Chair:</i> Diana Matthews, Advanced Oncology Pharmacist and Urology NMP, Velindre Cancer Centre <i>Speaker:</i> Professor Suneil Jain, Clinical Oncologist, Belfast City Hospital	<b>Industry-sponsored satellite: Amgen - Hall 2B</b> <b>Real World Perspectives on Capacity &amp; Convenience with a Pre-Filled Syringe</b> <i>Chair:</i> Dr Pinkie Chambers, Associate Professor & Lead Pharmacist, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust <i>Speakers:</i> Dr Vikash Dodhia, Head of Pharmacy, East & North Hertfordshire NHS Trust & Maja Moldawa, Divisional Lead Pharmacist, University Hospitals of Derby & Burton NHS Foundation Trust	
16:30–17:15	<b>Exhibition &amp; networking with refreshment break</b> Served in the exhibition hall		
	<b>BREAKOUT 1</b> <i>Hall 2A</i> <b>Clinical Update – Solid (Advanced)</b> <i>Chair:</i> Helen Flint	<b>BREAKOUT 2</b> <i>Hall 2B</i> <b>Clinical Update – Haematology (Advanced)</b> <i>Chair:</i> Sofia Dutto	<b>BREAKOUT 3</b> <i>Meeting Room 1</i> <b>Hot Topics</b> <i>Chair:</i> Anita Carlier
17:15–17:45	<b>Breast Update</b> Helen Flint, Consultant Pharmacist, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust; Suzanne Frank, Advanced Specialist Breast Cancer Pharmacist, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust & Michal Sladkowski, Advanced Cancer Pharmacist, York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	<b>Myeloma Update</b> Dr Conal McConville Consultant Haematologist Western Trust	<b>Ophthalmic complications of oncology drugs</b> Ann Marie Goacher & Lloyd Thomas Co-chairs of the UKOPG Group
17:55–18:35	<b>Colorectal Update</b> Dr Catherine Hanna, Senior Clinical Lecturer, Queen's University Belfast & David Mace, Advanced Cancer Care Pharmacist, Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre	<b>Infective complications of Bispecific Therapies and the role of prophylaxis</b> Dr Patrick Elder, Consultant Haematologist, Western Trust	<b>Follow your heart - cardiotoxicity in 2025</b> Dr Gerard Walls Consultant, Belfast Trust and Queens University
			<b>Transition between Paediatrics and TYA</b> Rochelle Lowe Advanced Nurse Great Ormond Street Hospital
18:35–20:30	<b>Poster viewing session led by the Research Committee</b> Join us in the exhibition hall for a light buffet supper whilst viewing the abstract posters. Authors will be present to discuss their posters with you.		

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## Saturday 4 October

07:30–08:15	<b>Industry-sponsored satellite with breakfast: Menarini Stemline UK Ltd</b> <i>Main Auditorium</i> <b>Genomics Masterclass-Biomarkers &amp;Targeted Therapies in Metastatic Breast Cancer</b> Chair/Speaker: Suzanne Frank, Advanced Specialist Breast Cancer Pharmacist, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust Speaker: Jessica Keen, Pharmacy Lead – NHS Northwest Genomic Medicine Service Alliance, Honorary clinical pharmacist – The Christie NHS Foundation Trust			
08:15–08:20	<b>Welcome introduction to day 2</b> Speaker: Joseph Williams, BOPA Chair			
08:20–09:00	<b>‘From cancer care to the commons’ A pharmacist’s journey into politics</b> Chair: Shereen Nabhani-Gebara Speaker: Taiwo Owatemi, Member of Parliament for Coventry North West			
09:00–09:30	<b>Compassion in chemotherapy clinics</b> Chair: Pascale Dettwiller Speaker: Dr Feargal McNicholl, Consultant Haematologist, Western Trust			
09:30–10:30	<b>BOPA Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b> For members of BOPA Only Led by: Joseph Williams and joined by the BOPA Committee			
10:30–11:10	<b>Networking with refreshment break</b> Served in the exhibition hall			
11:10–12:15	<b>Poster discussion session – The best abstracts chosen for plenary</b> BOPA is proud to host this year’s plenary session showcasing excellence in oncology pharmacy research. This session will include five 10-minute presentations featuring the best abstracts in three categories—original research, audit and innovation Chair: Jennifer Laskey			
12:15–13:00	<b>Industry-sponsored satellite: Pfizer - Hall 2A</b> <b>ALK+ve aNSCLC in adults – a time for advocacy and action</b> Chair: Fabio Morgado Gomes, Consultant Medical Oncologist, The Christie, Manchester Speakers: Pamela Dalrymple, Advanced Clinical Nurse Specialist, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde & David Mace, Advanced Pharmacist, Cancer Care and Clinical Trials, NHS Lothian		<b>Industry-sponsored satellite: Gilead Sciences Ltd - Hall 2B</b> <b>G-CSF in metastatic cancer: Time for a rethink?</b> Co-Chairs: Neil Masters, Highly Specialist Advanced Oncology Pharmacist, Weston Park Cancer Centre & Wendy Ng, Deputy Head of Pharmacy & Cancer Lead Pharmacist, Mount Vernon Cancer Centre	
13:00–14:15	<b>Buffet lunch</b> Served in the exhibition hal			
	<b>BREAKOUT 1</b> <i>Hall 2A</i> <b>Clinical Update – Solid (Basic)</b> Chair: Diana Matthews	<b>BREAKOUT 2</b> <i>Hall 2B</i> <b>Clinical Update – Haematology (Basic)</b> Chair: Catherine Parbutt	<b>BREAKOUT 3</b> <i>Meeting Room 1</i> <b>Research</b> Chair: Jurga McLean	<b>BREAKOUT 4</b> <i>Meeting Room 2</i> <b>Pharmacy Technician’s</b> Chair: Mollie Peling Supported by:  THE ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACY TECHNICIANS UK
14:15–15:15	<b>Antibody–drug conjugates (ADCs) in solid tumours</b> Dr Conor O’Neill, Consultant Oncologist, Western Trust <b>Prostate Update</b> Dr Darren Brady, Consultant Oncologist, Western Trust	<b>Haematology the Science &amp; Oncogenesis</b> Dr Aaron Niblock Consultant Haematologist Northern Trust	<b>Highly commended posters</b>	<b>Impact of Technician support in patient medication reconciliation &amp; counselling</b> Amanda Sheerin, Senior Pharmacy Technician, Western Trust & Dr Ruth Miller, Lead Research Pharmacist, Western Trust
15:15–15:50	<b>Networking with refreshment break</b> Served in the exhibition hall			
15:50–16:35	<b>Industry-sponsored satellite: Roche - Hall 2A</b> <b>Unlocking Efficiencies: Real-World Impact of Subcutaneous Pathways</b> Chair: Robert Duncombe, Chief Pharmacist and Director of Pharmacy, The Royal Marsden Speakers: Jordan Morris, Lung Cancer Pharmacist and Lead Pharmacist for education and training, Velindre Cancer Centre & John Leggett, Specialist Oncology Pharmacist, Barts Health NHS Trust		<b>Industry-sponsored satellite: SERB Pharmaceuticals - Hall 2B</b> <b>Thinking long term: the implications of AKI due to delayed MTX elimination in cancer patients</b> Chair: Liz Davies, Consultant Haematology Pharmacist, Manchester Royal Infirmary Speakers: Sandip Mitra, Consultant Nephrologist, Manchester Royal Infirmary & Aaron Niblock, Consultant Haematologist, Antrim Area Hospital	
16:35–17:30	<b>The psychology of renewal: seeking purpose and meaning in life and work</b> Chair: Netty Cracknell Speaker: Shane Martin, Motivational Speaker			
17:30	<b>Close day 2</b> Speaker: Joseph Williams, BOPA Chair			
19.30–Midnight	<b>Awards Dinner - The Titanic Museum, Welcome drinks 19:30-20:00 with dinner and awards from 20:00</b>			

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## Sunday 5 October

07:30–08:30	<b>Morning Yoga Session</b> Taking place in the Riverside Foyer, ICC			
08:50–09:00	<b>Welcome introduction to day 3</b> <i>Speaker:</i> Joseph Williams, BOPA Chair			
09:00–09:40	<b>What’s coming next in the world of systemic cancer treatments?</b> <i>Chair:</i> Joseph Williams <i>Speaker:</i> Dr Elaine Vickers, PhD, founder of Science Communicated Ltd.			
09:45–10:30	<b>Industry-sponsored satellite: Kite/Gilead</b> <i>Main Auditorium</i> <b>Strengthening CAR-T Care: Pharmacy-Led Approaches for Optimising CAR-T Patient Management</b> <i>Speakers:</i> Vaishali Dulobdas & Sumantha Gabriel			
	SPLIT INTO ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS			
10:30–11:15	<b>BREAKOUT 1</b> <i>Hall 2A</i> <b>Pharmacy Technicians</b> <i>Chair:</i> TBC	<b>BREAKOUT 2</b> <i>Hall 2B</i> <b>Genomics</b> <i>Chair:</i> Dharmisha Chauhan	<b>BREAKOUT 3</b> <i>Meeting Room 1</i> <b>Journal Club</b> <i>Chair:</i> Tiffany Chan	<b>BREAKOUT 4</b> <i>Meeting Room 2</i> <b>Credentialing</b> <i>Chair:</i> Helen Flint
11:15–11:45	<b>Networking with refreshment break</b> Served in the exhibition hall			
11:45–12:15	<b>Palliative care for the future – developing the pharmacist’s role</b> <i>Chair:</i> Clayton Wong <i>Speakers:</i> Grace Elliott, Specialist Palliative Care Pharmacist, Western Health and Social Care Trust & Fiona O’Neill, Lead Palliative Care Pharmacist, Belfast City Hospital			
12:15–12:45	<b>Researching your services: facing the fear and doing it anyway</b> <i>Chair:</i> Tiffany Chan <i>Speaker:</i> Dr Ruth Miller, Lead Research Pharmacist, Western Trust			
12:45–13:15	<b>Current AI landscape within Oncology</b> <i>Chair:</i> Bastiaan Buijtenhuijs <i>Speaker:</i> Dr Danny Ruta, AI Clinical Lead, Guy’s & St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust			
13:15–13:30	<b>Summary of key themes, challenges and close</b> <i>Speaker:</i> Joseph Williams, BOPA Chair			

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