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

FINAL 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	Join us for the 5K BOPA Run Meet outside the Hilton Hotel, next door to the ICC		
From 10.00	Registration, refreshments and exhibition opens Tea, coffee and biscuits served in the exhibition hall		
10:30–10:45	Welcome introduction <i>Speakers:</i> Joseph Williams, BOPA Chair & Professor Cathy Harrison, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, Belfast		
10:45–11:30	Funding across the nations: compare and contrast <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	Pharmaceutical conundrums in cancer related thrombosis <i>Chair:</i> Kelly Baillie <i>Speaker:</i> Dr Gary Benson, Consultant Haematologist, Belfast Trust		
12:00–12:45	Industry-sponsored satellite: Lilly - Hall 2A The Impact of digital innovation in Breast cancer – enhancing patient care and service optimization (Lilly products will be discussed at this symposium) <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	Industry-sponsored satellite: BMS - Hall 2B Injecting change: Transforming SACT pathways with subcutaneous innovation <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	Buffet lunch Served in the exhibition hall		
14:00–14:25	Pharmacy Leadership (UKPPL) <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	Cancer aspects of Darzi in community and primary care pharmacy <i>Chair:</i> Jackie Lewis <i>Speakers:</i> Nick Kaye & John Ashton-Barnett		
15:00–15:45	BREAKOUT 1 - Hall 2A Poster into publication: Practical advice <i>Chair:</i> Dr Melanie Dalby Professor Christine Bond, University of Aberdeen	BREAKOUT 2 - Hall 2B Tips on skin cancer in the pharmacy <i>Chair:</i> Jackie Lewis Dr Peter Acheson, Consultant Dermatologist, The Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust	BREAKOUT 3 - Meeting Room 1 Endocrinology <i>Chair:</i> Lorna Cairns Dr Neil Black Consultant, Western Trust
15:45–16:30	Industry-sponsored satellite: Bayer - Hall 2A Bayer Promotional Symposium on Prostate Cancer <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	Industry-sponsored satellite: Amgen - Hall 2B Real World Perspectives on Capacity & Convenience with a Pre-Filled Syringe <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	Exhibition & networking with refreshment break Served in the exhibition hall		
	BREAKOUT 1 <i>Hall 2A</i> Clinical Update – Solid (Advanced) <i>Chair:</i> Helen Flint	BREAKOUT 2 <i>Hall 2B</i> Clinical Update – Haematology (Advanced) <i>Chair:</i> Sofia Dutto	BREAKOUT 3 <i>Meeting Room 1</i> Hot Topics <i>Chair:</i> Anita Carlier
17:15–17:45	Breast Update 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	Myeloma Update Dr Conal McConville Consultant Haematologist Western Trust	Ophthalmic complications of oncology drugs Ann Marie Goacher & Lloyd Thomas Co-chairs of the UKOPG Group
17:55–18:35	Colorectal Update Dr Catherine Hanna, Senior Clinical Lecturer, Queen's University Belfast & David Mace, Advanced Cancer Care Pharmacist, Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre	Infective complications of Bispecific Therapies and the role of prophylaxis Dr Patrick Elder, Consultant Haematologist, Western Trust	Follow your heart - cardiotoxicity in 2025 Dr Gerard Walls Consultant, Belfast Trust and Queens University
			Transition between Paediatrics and TYA Rochelle Lowe Advanced Nurse Great Ormond Street Hospital
18:35–20:30	Poster viewing session led by the Research Committee 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	Industry-sponsored satellite with breakfast: Menarini Stemline UK Ltd <i>Main Auditorium</i> Genomics Masterclass-Biomarkers & Targeted Therapies in Metastatic Breast Cancer 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	Welcome introduction to day 2 <i>Speaker:</i> Joseph Williams, BOPA Chair			
08:20–09:00	'From cancer care to the commons' A pharmacist's journey into politics <i>Chair:</i> Shereen Nabhani-Gebara <i>Speaker:</i> Taiwo Owatemi, Member of Parliament for Coventry North West			
09:00–09:30	Compassion in chemotherapy clinics <i>Chair:</i> Pascale Dettwiller <i>Speaker:</i> Dr Feargal McNicholl, Consultant Haematologist, Western Trust			
09:30–10:30	BOPA Annual General Meeting (AGM) For members of BOPA Only <i>Led by:</i> Joseph Williams and joined by the BOPA Committee			
10:30–11:10	Networking with refreshment break Served in the exhibition hall			
11:10–12:15	Poster discussion session – The best abstracts chosen for plenary 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 <i>Chair:</i> Jennifer Laskey			
12:15–13:00	Industry-sponsored satellite: Pfizer - Hall 2A ALK+ve aNSCLC in adults – a time for advocacy and action <i>Chair:</i> Fabio Morgado Gomes, Consultant Medical Oncologist, The Christie, Manchester <i>Speakers:</i> Pamela Dalrymple, Advanced Clinical Nurse Specialist, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde & David Mace, Advanced Cancer Care Pharmacist, Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre		Industry-sponsored satellite: Gilead Sciences Ltd - Hall 2B G-CSF in metastatic cancer: Time for a rethink? <i>Co-Chairs:</i> 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	Buffet lunch Served in the exhibition hall			
	BREAKOUT 1 <i>Hall 2A</i> Clinical Update – Solid (Basic) <i>Chair:</i> Diana Matthews	BREAKOUT 2 <i>Hall 2B</i> Clinical Update – Haematology (Basic) <i>Chair:</i> Catherine Parbutt	BREAKOUT 3 <i>Meeting Room 1</i> Research <i>Chair:</i> Jurga McLean	BREAKOUT 4 <i>Meeting Room 2</i> Pharmacy Technician's <i>Chair:</i> Mollie Pelingu Supported by:  THE ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACY TECHNICIANS UK
14:15–15:15	Antibody–drug conjugates (ADCs) in solid tumours <i>Dr</i> Conor O'Neill, Consultant Oncologist, Western Trust Prostate Update <i>Dr</i> Darren Brady, Consultant Oncologist, Western Trust	Haematology the Science & Oncogenesis <i>Dr</i> Aaron Niblock, Consultant Haematologist Northern Trust	Highly commended posters	Impact of Technician support in patient medication reconciliation & counselling <i>Amanda</i> Sheerin, Senior Pharmacy Technician, Western Trust & <i>Dr</i> Ruth Miller, Lead Research Pharmacist, Western Trust
15:15–15:50	Networking with refreshment break Served in the exhibition hall			
15:50–16:35	Industry-sponsored satellite: Roche - Hall 2A Unlocking Efficiencies: Real-World Impact of Subcutaneous Pathways <i>Chair/Speaker:</i> Professor Robert Duncombe, Chief Pharmacist, The Royal Marsden <i>Speakers:</i> Jordan Morris, Advanced Oncology Pharmacist, Velindre Cancer Service & John Leggett, Specialist Oncology Pharmacist, Barts Health NHS Trust		Industry-sponsored satellite: SERB Pharmaceuticals - Hall 2B Thinking long term: the implications of AKI due to delayed MTX elimination in cancer patients <i>Chair:</i> Liz Davies, Consultant Haematology Pharmacist, Manchester Royal Infirmary <i>Speakers:</i> Sandip Mitra, Consultant Nephrologist, Manchester Royal Infirmary & Aaron Niblock, Consultant Haematologist, Antrim Area Hospital	
16:35–17:30	The psychology of renewal: seeking purpose and meaning in life and work <i>Chair:</i> Netty Cracknell <i>Speaker:</i> Shane Martin, Chartered Psychologist			
17:30	Close day 2 <i>Speaker:</i> Joseph Williams, BOPA Chair			
19.00–Midnight	Awards Dinner – The Titanic Museum Welcome drinks from 19:00. Dinner served at 20:00, followed by the Awards			

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

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