



Book your place to attend the annual event for clinical negligence specialists!

Join us at the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds on 21-22 March 2024 for the 34th AvMA Annual Clinical Negligence Conference (ACNC), **the** event for clinical negligence specialists! The very best medical and legal experts will ensure that you stay up to date with all the key issues, developments and policies in clinical negligence and medical law. The programme this year will have a **focus on Obstetrics and Gynaecology** whilst also covering many other key medico-legal topics at such an important time for clinical negligence practitioners.

Networking is also a big part of the ACNC experience. On the evening of Wednesday 20th March we will be holding the conference Welcome Event at The Sky Lounge, on the 13th floor at the Doubletree by Hilton Leeds, and the Mid-Conference Dinner will be held on the Thursday evening at the New Dock Hall, Royal Armouries Museum. We will also be holding our AvMA Charity Golf Day, and Circle Case Management 5k on Wednesday 20th March. The Golf Day will be held at at the Moor Allerton Golf Club, Leeds.

As well as providing you with a top quality, thought provoking, learning and networking experience, the success of the conference helps AvMA to maintain its position as an essential force in promoting patient safety and justice.

REDUCED RATES AVAILABLE FOR:

Multiple bookings; junior solicitors and barristers; paralegals; trainee legal executives; sponsors and exhibitors. See booking form for details.

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Accommodation

MICE Concierge will again be the official accommodation and concierge service for the conference, giving conference attendees better rates and choice of hotels. Once you have booked your conference place, [please book your accommodation](#) at one of the official room blocks for the event.

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CPD Accreditation

	Thursday 21st March	Friday 22nd March	Total
Bar Council, APIL	5 hrs 50 min	4 hrs 30 min	10 hrs 20 min
SRA competencies	A & B	A & B	-

Conference Documentation

All delegates will receive the online conference documentation on the afternoon of Wednesday 20 March.



The AvMA Charity Golf Day

Wednesday 20th March 2024

9am-4.00pm, Moor Allerton Golf Club, Leeds

Calling all golf enthusiasts and non-golfers alike! Be part of the traditional pre-Annual Clinical Negligence Conference golf day in its 20th year running; proceeds of the event go to fund AvMA's work supporting patients and their families in times of need.

Enjoy a day of golf amidst Yorkshire's picturesque countryside. Non-golfers fret not; join our putting session with instruction from a professional golfer and get a chance to try your luck at the first hole. Let's tee off for a great cause!

Please e-mail fundraising@avma.org.uk, if you have any queries related to the charity golf day.

£75 PER PLAYER, OR JUST £300 FOR FOUR

[Book your place](#)

Circle's 5K Charity Run in aid of AvMA

Wednesday 20th March 2024

5pm, Leeds

THE CIRCLE CASE MANAGEMENT PRE-CONFERENCE CHARITY RUN RETURNS!

Walk, Jog or run – you can even do cartwheels if you want! (first aids will be on stand by).

This is a great opportunity to have PB bragging rights, enjoy the fresh air and catch up with our network whilst raising vital funds for AvMA.

£25 Registration Fee, plus Vest & Drink

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ACNC2024 Welcome Event - Sold out!

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Wednesday 20th March 2024

19.00 – 23.00

The Sky Lounge, 13th Floor, Doubletree by Hilton Leeds

Get your #ACNC2024 off to a great start by attending our Welcome Event on the evening of Wednesday 20 March. We have exclusive hire of the chic Sky Lounge, on the 13th floor at the Doubletree by Hilton Leeds.

Enjoy an evening of networking, before the ACNC begins the following day.

SOLD OUT!



ACNC2024 Mid-Conference Dinner

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Thursday 21st March 2024

19.30 – 01.00

New Dock Hall, Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds

The Mid-Conference Dinner will take place on the evening of Thursday 21 March. The event will commence with a drinks reception at 19.30 before a three course meal and entertainment.

£82 + VAT



To book your place at the Welcome Event or Mid-Conference Dinner please tick the appropriate box on the registration form.

#ACNC2024 Programme

Thursday 21st March 2024: Morning

08.30 Registration and refreshments

09.30 Chair's Introduction **PAUL WHITEING**
Chief Executive, AvMA

09.45 Plenary Address: **Improving Maternity Care** **DR MATTHEW CAUDWELL**
Consultant Obstetrician & Maternal Medicine Specialist, St George's Hospital London, & member of Independent Review Team for Ockenden Maternity Review

10.30 Plenary Address: **Baby Loss - Supporting Bereaved Families** **STEPH WILD**
Founder, Beyond Bea

11.15 Refreshments

11.55 Parallel Lectures Choose one from the options, right

12.50 Lunch

PARALLEL LECTURES: A-D

- A Maternal Medicine** **MRS KARA DENT**
Consultant Obstetrician, University Hospitals of Derby & Burton
- Pregnancy induced conditions
 - Management of pre-existing conditions
 - The effect on the fetus of the maternal conditions and their treatment
- B Obstetric Anal Sphincter Injuries – what is the accepted standard of care for 3rd and 4th degree tears?** **DR GILLIAN FOWLER**
Consultant Urogynaecologist, Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust
- Classification
 - Episiotomies
 - Management and complications
- C Brain Injury & Dementia Risk - Issues for the Clinical Setting** **THEODORE HUCKLE KC**
Barrister, Sole Practice & Old Square Chambers
- D The Impact of Staff Fatigue on Patient Safety: Managing the Risk** **DR NANCY REDFERN**
Consultant Anaesthetist, Newcastle, & Co-Chair of the Joint Association of Anaesthetists, Royal College of Anaesthetists & the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine Fatigue Working Group

Plenary lectures
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Refreshment breaks
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Mid-Conference Dinner
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Thursday 21st March 2024: Afternoon

- 13.50** **Chair's Introduction** **LISA O'DWYER**
Director, Medico-Legal Services, AvMA
- 13.55** **Plenary Address: The 2024 Legal Update** **JULIAN PICTON KC**
Barrister, Hailsham Chambers
- 14.40** **Plenary Address: Neonatal Cooling and its Impact on MRI Appearances** **PROFESSOR TOPUN AUSTIN**
Consultant Neonatologist, Cambridge Neuroscience, & Honorary Professor of Neurophotonics, University College London
- Predicting outcome neonates undergoing therapeutic hypothermia
 - Why are neonates cooled?
 - Practical issues associated with MRI scanning in neonates
 - Use of MRI and other radiological modalities to help predict outcome following therapeutic hypothermia
- 15.25** *Refreshments*
- 15.50** **Parallel Lectures** *Choose one from the options, right*
- 17.00** *Close of Day One*
- 19.30** **Mid-Conference Dinner Drinks Reception**
- 20.10** **Mid-Conference Dinner**

PARALLEL LECTURES: E-H

E Neonatology Inequalities in Health and their Effect on the Newborn

DR KATHRYN JOHNSON

Consultant Neonatologist, Leeds General Infirmary

- Inequalities in health start before a baby is born with potential adverse effects on the pregnancy affecting the newborn even prior to birth
- Rates of prematurity and congenital abnormality (two of the commonest causes of neonatal death) are affected by inequality and deprivation
- These adverse affects are then seen throughout childhood
- Increased rates of adverse neonatal outcomes in these group perhaps results in a greater number of medical negligence claims from such groups

F Gynaecological Mesh – Litigation and Case Studies

DR WAEEL AGUR

Subspecialist and Lead Urogynaecologist, NHS Ayrshire & Arran; Career Fellow, NHS Research Scotland & Honourary Senior Clinical Lecturer, University of Glasgow & **LAURA ELFIELD**, Barrister, Deka Chambers

- What is it and indications for insertion
- Problems associated with mesh
- Medico-legal problems arising

G Endometriosis

MR ANDREW PICKERSGILL

Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

- Diagnosis
- Treatment options
- Pitfalls in practice

H The Dispute Resolution Toolkit - Mediation Plus!

PAUL BALEN, Trust Mediation; **DAVID PITTAWAY KC**, Barrister, Hailsham Chambers; & **TIM WALLIS**, Trust Mediation

- The Impact of Churchill
- Dispute Resolution Fixed Fees
- Lessons from the NHS Mediation Scheme
- Explaining & Contrasting: Facilitative Mediation; Evaluative Mediation; Joint settlement meetings; Settlement Days; Neutral evaluation; Arbitration

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Motorhomes, Hydro Pools and Cruises: Pushing Quantum in CP Claims
Barrister, Exchange Chambers
& **SARA SUTHERLAND**
Barrister, Exchange Chambers

09.50 Plenary Address: **OLIVER LONGSTAFF**
The Use of Prevention of Future Death (PFD) Reports in Patient Safety
HM Area Coroner - West Yorkshire (Eastern)
& **DR GEORGIA C RICHARDS**
Oxford Medical School, University of Oxford

- Coroner's experiences of PFDs
- Preventable Deaths Tracker
- How the NHS can learn from PFDs

10.35 Refreshments

11.00 Parallel Lectures Choose one from the options, right

12.10 Lunch

PARALLEL LECTURES: I-L

I Breast Cancer - Delayed Diagnosis/ Causation and Reconstruction **MR RICK LINFORTH**
Consultant Breast Surgeon, Yorkshire Breast Clinic

- Tumour volume doubling times
- Lymph node assessment
- Types of reconstruction
- Issues related to reconstruction failure

J Paediatric Plastic Surgery **MR PUNDRIQUE SHARMA**, Consultant Plastic Surgeon, Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool

- Extravasation injuries
- Burns and trauma
- Other common paediatric conditions

K The Realities of Trying to Practice Medicine in the NHS - Mock 'Ward Round' Interactive Session **DR LAUREN MORGAN**
Director, Morgan Human Systems Ltd.

- Delegates will be allocated a group of 'patients' to look after (on paper)
 - You will have to diagnose what's wrong with them, and decide upon a treatment pathway
 - You will be dealt you a few wild cards along the way, in true NHS style
 - Playing the game is fun and might just give you a peek under the bonnet of real life in the NHS!
- (Max attendance 40 people!)

L Paediatric Neurology **DR GAYATRI VADLAMANI**
Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, Nuffield Hospital Leeds

- What is hydrocephalus?
- Diagnosis and treatment
- Medico-legal pitfalls in diagnosis and management

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- 13.00** **Plenary Address:** **DAVID TYACK KC**, *Barrister, No5 Chambers;* &
The Law on Secondary Victims following the Paul, Polmear and Purchase Cases
HENRY PITCHERS KC, *Barrister, No5 Chambers*
- 13.45** **Plenary Address: Health Inequalities in Maternity**
DR EDWARD MORRIS CBE, *Regional Medical Director, East of England, NHS England; Consultant in Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Medical School, University of East Anglia*
& **GEETA NAYAR**
Senior Associate Solicitor, Irwin Mitchell
- 14.30** **Chair's Closing Remarks**
End of Conference

“ The networking is key and there was plenty of opportunity for that which is great. ”

“ Keep up the good work #TeamAvMA ”

“ The programme was excellent and most speakers had distinguished themselves ”

“ Still the best conference for clinical negligence specialists. ”

“ The Plenary Addresses were excellent. ”

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We look forward to welcoming you to the ACNC

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