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The AvMA 35th Annual Clinical Negligence Conference

20 - 21 March 2025

Bournemouth International Centre

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Book your place to attend <u>the</u> annual event for clinical negligence specialists!

Join us at the Bournemouth International Centre on 20-21 March 2025 for the 35th 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 Cancer and Oncology** 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 19th March we will be holding the conference Welcome Event at Aruba Restuarent & Bar, and the Mid-Conference Dinner will be held on the Thursday evening at the Bournemouth International Centre. We will also be holding our AvMA/Circle Case Management 5k on Wednesday 19th March.

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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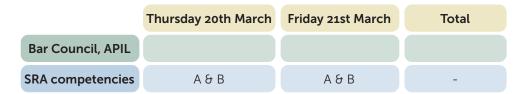
Accommodation

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.

For personal assistance please contact:

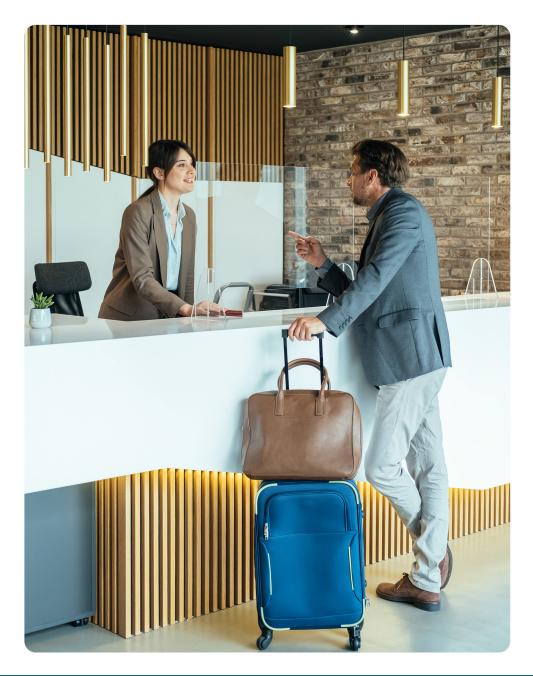
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CPD Accreditation



Conference Documentation

All delegates will receive the online conference documentation on the afternoon of Wednesday 19 March.





ACNC Social Functions

Circle's 5K Charity Run in aid of AvMA

Wednesday 19th March 2025 @ 4:30-5:30pm

Strap on your running shoes - the Circle Case Management Pre-Conference Charity 5k Run is back! Be prepared for some healthy competition, a breath of fresh air, and an opportunity to support AvMA's crucial mission.Be prepared for some healthy competition, a breath of fresh air, and an opportunity to support AvMA's crucial mission.

To book your place email Paula Santos paulas@avma.org.uk or visit our website.

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ACNC Social Functions

ACNC2025 Welcome Event

Wednesday 19th March 2025

19.00 - 23.00

Aruba Restaurant & Bar on the Pier

Get your #ACNC2025 off to a great start by attending our Welcome Event on the evening of Wednesday 19 March. We have exclusive hire of the chic Aruba Restaurant and Bar on the Pier. Enjoy an evening of networking, before the ACNC begins the following day.



£48+VAT

ACNC2025 Mid-Conference Dinner

Thursday 20th March 2025

19.30 - 01.00 **Bournemouth International Centre**

The Mid-Conference Dinner will take place on the evening of Thursday 20 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.



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Thursday 20th March 2025	
Plenary morning sessions kindly sponsored by:	
	King's Bench Walk

- **08.30** Registration and refreshments
- 09.30 Chair's Introduction & AvMA Update
- PAUL WHITEING Chief Executive, AvMA
- 09.45 Plenary Address: Improving the Quality of Cancer Care
- **DR PHILIPPA KAYE** GP and Media Medic
- 10.30 Plenary Address: Causation Issues in Delay in Diagnosis of Cancer
- PROFESSOR PAT PRICE
- Visiting Professor of Oncology, Imperial College, London
- Staging and grading of tumours
- Doubling times
- Consent issues in regard to chemo and radiotherapy; side effects of treatment
- Negligent and non-negligent issues
- New drugs NICE guidelines

11.15	Refreshments	Kindly Sponsored by	JE Bennett Law
11.40	Parallel Lectures	Choose one from the op	tions, right
12.50	Lunch	Kindly sponsored by	TMLEP

PARALLEL LECTURES: A -D

A The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill and the issue of assisted dying/ assisted suicide

PROFESSOR ALEX RUCK KEENE KC (HON)

Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers Chambers, & Professor of Practice, King's College London

B Gynaecology Oncology

MR MOIAD ALAZZAM

Consultant Gynaecological Oncology Surgeon, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

- Risk factors for gynaecological cancers
- Prevention and screening for Gynaecological cancers
- Common errors/mistakes in diagnosing and treatment
- Clinical trials and treatments
- Example cases

C Issues in Expert

Medical Evidence

CHRIS BRIGHT KC

Barrister, No5 Barristers Chambers

- Recent caselaw on expert medical evidence
- Criticism of experts at trial should an expert who has been criticised in a previous hearing be dropped in other pending cases?
- Pitfalls and management of expert evidence

D Neuro-oncology PROFESSOR MICHAEL BRADA

Professor of Radiation Oncology, University of Liverpool

- Diagnoses including common missed diagnoses and delays in primary care in referral
- Treatment
- Missed/late diagnosis
- Negligence claims



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Thursday 20th March 2025 Plenary afternoon sessions kindly sponsored by: 12		E Breast Reconstruction	PROFESSOR PHILIP DREW Consultant Breast Surgeon, Duchy Hospital, Truro		
13.50	Chair's Introduction	King's Bench Walk LISA O'DWYER Director, Medico-Legal Services, AvMA	Surgery	 Consent/the role of counselling Options and techniques Advances in procedures Common errors/mistakes 	
13.55	Plenary Address: The 2025 Legal	RICHARD BAKER KC Barrister, 7BR		Case examples	
	Update		F The	DR STEVEN ALLEN	
14.40	Plenary Address: Breast Cancer Surgery	MISS RASHMI VERMA Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon, Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust;	Radiologist's Casebook	 Consultant Radiologist, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation A brief overview of the imaging modalities used in cancer detection, ultrasound, C/T, MRI, PET imaging and the value of each of these modalities Radiologist's casebook of images, focusing on chest and abdominal tumours 	
	& MR SREEKUMAR SUNDARA RAJAN Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon, Birmingham University Hospital		 Radiologist's casebook of images, locusing on cless and additinat turbuls and where these tumours have been missed on initial reporting Medico-legal issues in outsourcing the reporting of the images The most common errors in imaging and the steps that are being taken by Trusts to address these issues 		
		 Consent, including issues surrounding ductal cell tumours The role of imaging: mammography, ultrasound Sentinel lymph node biopsies Negligent and non-negligent surgery Nottingham Prognostic Index 	G Developments in the Legal Test for Breach of Duty and Causation	 MARCUS COATES-WALKER Barrister, 1 Crown Office Row Providing an opportunity for practitioners to consolidate their knowledge on breach and causation in light of recent case law CNZ v (1) Royal Bath Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (2) Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (2023) – which addressed the question of how retrospective Montgomery consent should be McCulloch and Others v Forth Valley Health Board [2023] UKSC 26: This case looked at the Professional Practice Test and gave guidance to clinicians on whether an alternative treatment is reasonable and requires discussion with the patient 	
15.25	Refreshments	Kindly sponsored by JE Bennett Law		 Review of Khan v Meadows [2021] UKSC 21 on scope of duty. The link between breach of duty and the type of loss claimed (the SAAMCO test) How to apply breach of duty knowledge to your cases 	
15.50	Parallel Lectures	Choose one from the options, right		A review of recent developments in causation and material contribution, the courts approach to divisible and indivisible injuries	
17.00	Close of Day One	lose of Day One		PROFESSOR NICK WATKIN Consultant Urological Surgeon, St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	
19.30			aspects of Urological Oncology	 Main types of urological tumour: testes, kidney, bladder, focusing on prostate The value of PSA testing - when to refer Negligent and non-negligent surgery Robotic nerve sparing surgery 	
20.10	Mid-Conference D Kindly sponsored by			 Grading of tumours and the consequences of the delay in referral 	



#ACNC2025 Programme **PARALLEL LECTURES: I-L** Friday 21st March 2025 Head and Neck **DR WILL INCE** Plenary morning sessions kindly sponsored by: Consultant Uro-Oncologist and Head and Neck Tumours Oncologist, Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge Registration and refreshments 08.30 Types of head and neck tumour, focusing on thyroid, larynx and throat cancer Chair's PAUL WHITEING 09.00 Consequences of a delay in diagnosis, the effect on Chief Executive, AvMA Introduction prognosis and the need for more radical treatment DR CAROLINE BARRY **Plenary Address:** 09.05 Consultant in Palliative Medicine, Norfolk and Norwich **Palliative Care** DR SOHAM DAS л. Disastrous outcomes University Hospital and the University of East Anglia & Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist Expert Witness - Clinical negligence within psychiatric JENNIFER MORAN BSc (Hons) OT care, leading to Specialist Palliative Care Occupational suicide and murder Therapist, Jacqueline Webb **Plenary Address:** DR JEREMY PLATT 09.50 'Double or Quits' -**BEN BRADLEY, BARRISTER** General Practice Expert Witness Medico-legal Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers **Tactical Decisions** Issues in General Covering difficult tactical issues which frequently arise Red flag signals on when to refer urgently in Oncology Cases NICE Guidelines on cancer referral in the presentation of oncology cases; including: Practice and Administrative errors - how can they be prevented **Cancer Referral** • Can I deploy concepts of 'strict liability' in relation to the when test results are not followed up misdiagnosis? Turning 'lost chances' into 'a balance of probabilities' – how best to present statistical data in view of Gregg v Scott [2005] 2 AC 176? GP referral system The increase in screening tests Literature, tumour doubling times and causation 'Lost Years' Claims vs FAA člaims . Provisional Damages Kindly sponsored by Refreshments 10.35 **JE Bennett Law** Choose one from the options, right **Parallel Lectures** 11.00 **DR MARISA MASON** National CEO, National Confidential Enguiry Confidential into Patient Outcome & Death Lunch Kindly sponsored by **Enquiry into Patient** 12.10 - Analyse Outcome & Death Key studies that have led to fundamental changes in the way care is provided

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13.00 Plenary Address: Criminal Law in Healthcare Cases

MAYA SIKAND KC

- Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers
- Lessons to be learned from the Lucy Letby case
 The corporate criminal responsibility of the Board of Management of a Trust to act on reports of actions affecting public safety /corporate manslaughter

13.45 Plenary Address: Pioneering Al & Technology to help beat Cancer

PROFESSOR GORDON WISHART Chief Medical Officer & CEO at Check4Cancer; Visiting Professor of Cancer Surgery at Anglia Ruskin University

14.30 Chair's Closing Remarks

End of Conference

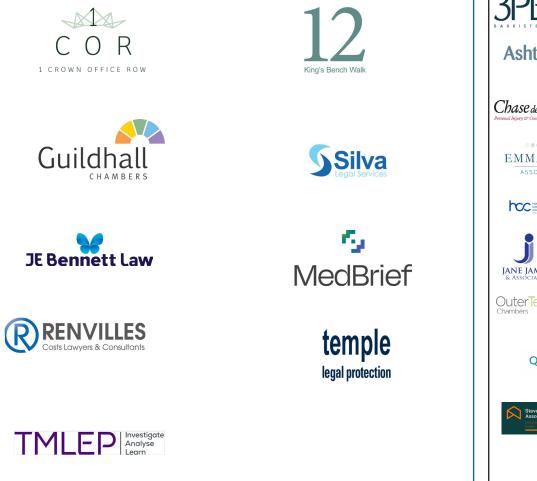
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