

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023



PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

 In-person at Leonardo Royal Hotel, London City  Live-stream online



**Join the only scientific meeting in the UK dedicated to
furthering knowledge about Dravet Syndrome.**

The conference delivers a packed agenda of leading voices in Dravet Syndrome to enable discussion of the latest updates, news and medical research. It is aimed at adult & paediatric neurologists, paediatricians, epilepsy nurses, and other health professionals involved in the care of children and adults with Dravet Syndrome.

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Learning Objectives

Learning objectives include:

- Increased understanding of Dravet Syndrome, including its characteristics (seizures and comorbidities), how to diagnose and manage the condition, how to reduce associated risks of premature mortality (e.g. risks of SUDEP)
- Improved awareness and understanding of current and emerging treatments for Dravet Syndrome
- Increased understanding of new and ongoing research and clinical trials, including natural history and advances in genetic research

CPD Points



**Royal College
of Physicians**

The Dravet Syndrome UK Professional Conference 2023 has been approved by the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom for 5 category 1 (external) CPD credits.



The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) has approved this activity for CPD in accordance with the current RCPCH CPD Guidelines.



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TIME	SPEAKER	TITLE
Registration and Arrivals		
08:30 - 09:00	-	Delegates arrive in-person at venue OR log in online
Introduction		
09:00 - 09:05	Professor Helen Cross	Welcome and introduction
09:05 - 09:35	Professor Ingrid Scheffer	Dravet Syndrome in 2023: where are we now and where are we going?
Advances in Diagnosis		
09:35 - 09:55	Professor Andreas Bruncklaus & Professor Ingrid Scheffer	Advances in diagnosis of SCN1A epilepsies: a changing paradigm
09:55 - 10:15	Professor Sanjay Sisodiya	Diagnosing Dravet Syndrome in young people and adults
10:15 - 10:40	Professor Helen Cross (Chair) & above speakers	Q&A on the above topics
10:40 - 10:50	Break	
Characterising Dravet Syndrome – Advances in Knowledge		
10:50 - 11:10	Dr Elaine Hughes	More than seizures – latest insights into comorbidities
11:10 - 11:25	Professor Ingrid Scheffer	What's new in vaccinations and Dravet Syndrome?
11:25 - 11:45	Professor Helen Cross (Chair) & above speakers	Q&A on the above topics
11:45 - 11:55	Break	
Living with Dravet Syndrome – Insights from Research		
11:55 - 12:15	Professor Andreas Bruncklaus	SCN1A Horizons: natural history of Dravet Syndrome
12:15 - 12:30	Dr Lisa Clayton	Insights from DSUK research: feeding issues and gastrostomy
12:30 - 12:50	Professor Liam Dorris	Insights from DSUK research: impact on caregivers
12:50 - 13:15	Professor Helen Cross (Chair) & above speakers	Q&A on the above topics
13:15 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
Changing Treatment Landscape		
14:00 - 14:20	Professor Sameer Zuberi	The changing treatment algorithm
14:20 - 14:40	Professor Sanjay Sisodiya	New and emerging treatments and what these mean for adult patients
14:40 - 15:00	Professor Helen Cross & Professor Ingrid Scheffer	Advances in gene therapy
15:00 - 15:25	Professor Helen Cross (Chair) & all speakers	Final Q&A with all speakers
15:25 - 15:30	Professor Helen Cross	Close and thank you

**This independent meeting is supported by educational grants from
Biocodex, Encoded Therapeutics, Jazz Pharmaceuticals,
Liva Nova, Stoke Therapeutics, Takeda UK and UCB.**

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Speaker Biographies



Professor Helen Cross, OBE

Professor Cross is Chair of DSUK's Medical Advisory Board. She is the Prince of Wales's Chair of Childhood Epilepsy at UCL-Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London and Young Epilepsy, Lingfield, and the current President of the ILAE (International League Against Epilepsy).



Professor Ingrid Scheffer

Professor Scheffer is Chair of Paediatric Neurology, University of Melbourne, Director of Paediatrics, Austin Health, University of Melbourne and Honorary Senior Principal Research Fellow, The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, University of Melbourne. Her work as a paediatric neurologist and epileptologist has transformed understanding of epilepsy.



Professor Sanjay Sisodiya

Professor Sisodiya is Professor of Neurology at UCL Institute of Neurology and honorary consultant neurologist at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery and the Epilepsy Society. He runs epilepsy and specialist epilepsy genomics clinics. He is the chief investigator of several international projects and is a member of DSUK's Medical Advisory Board.



Dr Elaine Hughes

Dr Hughes is Consultant Paediatric Neurologist at Evelina Children's & Kings College Hospitals. She is Lead Consultant for Children's Epilepsy and for Regional Children's Epilepsy Services in South East London, Kent, and East Sussex. She established the South East Thames Paediatric Epilepsy Group and is co-founder of UK Paediatric Epilepsy Group (now BPEG), and is a member of DSUK's Medical Advisory Board.

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Professor Sameer Zuberi

Professor Zuberi is Consultant Paediatric Neurologist at the Royal Hospital for Children and Honorary Professor at the University of Glasgow. He is founder and Clinical Lead of the Glasgow Epilepsy Genetics Service. He is Chair of the International League Against Epilepsy Commission on Classification & Terminology, Board Member of the European Paediatric Neurology Society, and a member of DSUK's Medical Advisory Board.



Professor Andreas Brunklaus

Professor Brunklaus is a Consultant Paediatric Neurologist at the Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow and Honorary Professor at the University of Glasgow. He has ongoing research interests in epilepsy genetics and ion channelopathies, in particular SCN1A and Dravet Syndrome. He is the lead investigator for the SCN1A Horizons Natural History Study and a member of DSUK's Medical Advisory Board.



Professor Liam Dorris

Professor Dorris leads a clinical-research team from his NHS post as a paediatric neuropsychologist at the Royal Hospital for Children (RHC) in Glasgow, which is a leading university teaching hospital. His team provide clinical placements for clinical psychology trainees, and research supervision for a range of degree programmes. Professor Dorris will lead the investigation of neurocognitive development in the SCN1A Horizons Natural History Study.



Dr Lisa Clayton

Dr Clayton is a neurology registrar in North London and is currently undertaking a clinical research fellowship in genetic epilepsies at the UCL Institute of Neurology and Chalfont Epilepsy Centre. She completed her PhD at the UCL Institute of Neurology in 2007 exploring vigabatrin-associated visual field loss. Her interest is in Dravet Syndrome and other genetic epilepsies in adults.

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