

## Speaker Biographies

### Plenary Speakers



#### **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).

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#### **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.

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#### **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.



## **Professor Sameer Zuberi**

Professor Zuberi is Consultant Paediatric Neurologist at the Royal Hospital for Children and Honorary Professor in 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.

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## **Dr Andreas Brunklaus**

Dr Brunklaus is a Paediatric Neurologist at the Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow and Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer at the University of Glasgow. Dr Brunklaus 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.

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## **Dr Rajvinder Karda**

Dr Karda is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Women's Health, UCL. Her research team mainly focuses on developing pre-clinical gene therapy and gene editing treatments for childhood epilepsy, including projects co-funded by DSUK. She is currently a board member of the British Gene and Cell Therapy Society.

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## **Galia Wilson**

Galia has been Chair and Trustee of Dravet Syndrome UK since 2015 and is mum to Arlo (aged 14), who has Dravet Syndrome. Before Arlo, Galia had a busy job working in healthcare communications. Although she had planned to return to work, this was not possible given the amount of care that Arlo requires. Galia now applies her skills to help improve the lives of those living with Dravet Syndrome.