

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME TALKS SERIES

Every month we will be hosting a short talk from specialist health professionals on various topics relating to the health needs of children and adults with Down's syndrome.

These free sessions are aimed at helping healthcare professionals increase their knowledge and awareness. The talks take place on the last Tuesday of every month between 12.30pm – 1pm.

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Tuesday 28th Jan | Dr. Haytham Kubba

Dr Kubba has been a consultant in children's ENT in Glasgow since 2003 and is an Honorary Associate Professor in Child Health at Glasgow University. Dr Haytham Kubba will be talking about Respiratory issues in children with Down's Syndrome (Airways and OSA)



Tuesday 25th Feb | Dr. Sherin Hamza

Dr Hamza has experience in developmental assessment of children with developmental delay and assessing and diagnosing autism spectrum disorder. Over the past few years Dr Hamza has specialised in the management of children with Down syndrome. Dr Sherin Hamza will be talking about dual diagnosis in children (Down's syndrome and Autism).



Tuesday 25th March | Dr. Shahid Zaman

Dr Shahid Zaman, a Consultant Clinical Psychiatrist and Associate Professor at the University of Cambridge to support research into how people with Down's syndrome develop Alzheimer's disease. Dr Zaman will present a summary of the tremendous increase in knowledge and our understanding of dementia in people with Down syndrome.





Tuesday 29th April | Dr. Florian Gahleitner

Dr Gahleitner is a Consultant Respiratory Paediatrician at the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People, Edinburgh. He will be talking about lower airways and lung disease in children with Down's syndrome including recurrent respiratory infection, tracheobronchomalacia, and interstitial lung disease.

Tuesday 27th May | Davina Richardson

Davina is a children's specialist nurse, who has been working at Bladder & Bowel UK, a national charity for more than six years. Davina set up a community children's continence service in the NHS for over 10 years. This provided assessment and treatment for children with constipation, soiling, day and night time wetting and delayed toilet training. Davina Richardson will be talking about bowel and bladder issues in children with Down's syndrome



Tuesday 24th June | Dr. Liz Herrieven

Liz Herrieven is a consultant in emergency medicine and paediatric emergency medicine, working at Sheffield Children's Hospital. She has a special interest in access to healthcare for people with a learning disability and autistic people. She works with DSMIG and the DSA answering health queries raised by professionals and families. Dr Liz Herrieven will be talking about Musculoskeletal issues in children and adults with Down's Syndrome

Tuesday 29th July | Dr. Lindsey Hunter

Dr Lindsey Hunter is a consultant in paediatric and fetal cardiology at the Royal Hospital for Children (RHC), Glasgow. Lindsey has led the national fetal cardiology service in Scotland over the last 11 years and continues to be passionate about fetal & paediatric cardiac echo teaching. Dr Lindsey Hunter will be talking about heart health in children with Down's Syndrome



Tuesday 26th August | Dr. Martina Smith

Dr Martina Smith is a research associate in the Social Sciences Research Institute at the University of Sheffield. Martina's research focuses upon co-producing research to critically and creatively explore the experiences, lives and mental health of family carers of people with learning disabilities. Dr Martina Smith will be talking about Mental and physical health of carers and adult siblings

Tuesday 30th September | Dr. Ewan Stewart

Has worked as a GP for 30 years. A GP partner in Lothian until 2021 when he moved to Fife to work as a salaried GP and Generalist Clinical Mentor in ScotGEM in St Andrews. Dr Ewan Stewart will be talking about annual health checks in adults with Down's Syndrome



Tuesday 28th October | Dr Jill Phillips

Dr. Phillips is currently a consultant in Paediatric Dentistry working between RHC Glasgow and Glasgow Dental Hospital and School. Dr Jill Phillips will be talking about Dental Management in patients with Down's Syndrome



Tuesday 25th November | Dr. Santoro

Dr Santoro serves as the Director of Neuroimmunology and Demyelinating Disorders Program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. He is also an Assistant Professor of Neurology at the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California. Dr Santoro also has clinical research expertise in inflammation as it is related to cerebrovascular disease and neurocognitive disorders such as Down syndrome regression syndrome, of which he has spoken on internationally. Dr Santoro will be talking about regression in adults with Down's Syndrome



"It's great there is a lot of advice and support out there - I feel much more informed about conditions associated with Down's syndrome after this session"

"Such an interesting session which challenged my thinking about Downs Syndrome"

"A wider understanding about Downs Syndrome"