BPAIIG British Paediatric Allergy Immunity & Infection Group

WINTER MEETING 2026

4th November 2026

Venue: Robens Suite, 29th Floor, Tower Wing, Guys Hospital, London, SE1 9RT and online

Timings	Topic	Presenter
09:00-09:30	*Registration*	
09:30-09:40	Welcome	BPAIIG committee
Session 1		
09:40-10:05	Business Meeting include research update	BPAIIG committee
10.05-10.20	Training/CSAC update	Dr Simon Drysdale PAIID co-chair, Senior Clinician Trials Paediatrician, Oxford Vaccine Group, University of Oxford
10:20-11:05	Trainee Presentations 1. Discordant Malaria Diagnostics: HRP2 & Clinical Prediction Model to Determine Aetiology in Febrile Comatose Malawian Children 2. Asking is the Easy Part: Confidence, Avoidance & Learning Needs in Vaccination Conversations. A Regional Mixed-Methods Survey of Clinicians Working in Paediatrics 3. Central Nervous System Complications of Invasive Group A Streptococcal Infections in Children: A UK National Cohort Study	1. Ajisa Ahmadu Malawi Liverpool Wellcome Laboratory Technician 2. Dr Eva Wooding Clinical PhD Fellow, MRC Centre for Medical Mycology, University of Exeter 3. Dr Erva Nur Cinar Paediatric Resident (ST3), Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust
11:05-11:35	Small Grant Awardee talk: Intestinal microbiota and inflammation in Kenyan and Ugandan children: applying these insights to tackle neonatal sepsis and AMR	Dr Rosie Crane Clinical Lecturer, City St George's, University of London
Coffee break		
Session 2		
11:50-12:30	A Land Without Allergies	Dr Sara Adbelgalil Consultant in Paediatric Allergy, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals

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12:30-13:05	A career in Paediatric immunology	Mary Slatter Consultant in Bone Marrow Transplant & Immunology, Great North Children's Hospital
Lunch break		
Session 3		
14:00-15.00	Panel Discussion: Metagenomics: how? what? When? Who?	Dr Jonnie Cohen Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Evelina London Children's Hospital & BPAIIG chair Dr Julianne Brown Principal Clinical Scientist, Great Ormond Street Hospital Dr Kathryn Harris Consultant Clinical Scientist Virology, Royal London Hospital
15:00-15:45	Key Paediatric publications in 2026 Individualised duration of antibiotic treatment in culture-negative early-onset sepsis in late-preterm and term-born neonates in Denmark (DURATION): a multi-centre, open-label, randomised, controlled, non-inferiority trial Point-of-care decision rule for antibiotic prescriptions in young children with fever without source: an open cluster randomised trial Oral Food Challenges: The Standard of Diagnosis	 Dr Samuel Channon-Wells Clinical PhD Fellow in Paediatric Infectious Disease, Imperial College London Dr George Lawson Registrar, Great Ormond Street Hospital Dr Kit McDowell PID, Immunology & BMT SpR, Great Ormond Street Hospital Dr Lucas Heeringa F2, St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey
Coffee break		
Session 4		
16.15-16.55	Emerging Viral Infections	Dr Catherine Houlihan Consultant in clinical virology and infectious diseases, UCLH London
16:55-17:00	Concluding comments	Dr Jonnie Cohen, Head of Service and Consultant, Evelina London Children's Hospital & BPAIIG chair
17.00 -	*Post Meeting Social*	*Bunch of Grapes, 2 St Thomas St, London*

BPAIIG Committee Members

- BPAIIG Convenor - Jonathan Cohen, Head of Service and Consultant, Evelina London Children's Hospital
- BPAIIG Secretary - Marieke Emonts, Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunology, Great North Children's Hospital
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- BPAIIG Immunology Rep - Ben Shillitoe, Consultant in Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Diseases, Sheffield Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- BPAIIG Allergy Rep - Rosalind Capelin-Jones, University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust
- BPAIIG Trainee Representatives -
    - Eiman Hamid (Immunology/ID), Paeds ID/Immunology GRID, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust
    - Tal Oryan (Allergy), St Mary's Hospital

Target Audience: Paediatricians, training and career grades, with an interest in allergy, immunology and infectious diseases

Aims and objectives:

- Provide delegates with expert opinion on the management of important conditions relevant to paediatric allergy, immunology and infection.
- Discuss hot topics in paediatric allergy, immunology and infectious disease.
- Update delegates on collaborative research projects relevant to UK paediatric allergists, immunologist and ID specialists.
- Showcase high quality research carried out by trainees in paediatric allergy, immunology and infectious disease.

Teaching methods: Combination of plenary lectures, debate, interactive trainee presentations.

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