



Interventions in Disorders of Consciousness

The Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability, Putney 28 September 2023

Provisional Programme

The focus of this conference is to learn about new developments in clinical practices and applications when working with adult in disorders of consciousness as well as develop an understanding of research needed to further grow the field in this area of practice.

09:00 Registration and refreshments

09.20 **Welcome**
Paul Allen, CEO, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability

Chair (AM) **Dr Andrew Hanrahan**, *Consultant Physician in Neuro-rehabilitation*, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability

09.30 **Introduction to the day, overview of RHN and general definitions**
Dr Andrew Hanrahan, *Consultant Physician in Neuro-rehabilitation*, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability

09.50 **The Role of Neurostimulants in PDOC**
Dr Judith Allanson, Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine (BM BCh MA PhD FRCP), Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability

10.40 **Questions & Answers**

11.00 Coffee Break

11.15 **Physical interventions and postural management in PDOC**
Dr Stephen Ashford, *Consultant Physiotherapist and Honorary Reader*, London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust, Regional Hyper-acute Rehabilitation Unit & King's College London, Department of Palliative Care, Policy and Rehabilitation, London

12.00 **Oral intake in PDOC – Considerations and innovations**
Erin Probert, *Clinical Lead Speech and Language Therapist*, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability

12.20 **Questions & Answers**

12.30 Lunch



Chair (PM) session 1 - Amy Pundole, *Clinical Lead Speech and Language Therapist*, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability

- 13.15 **Introduction and Welcome to Afternoon Session**
- 13.20 **Towards electroencephalography-based consciousness assessment and cognitive function profiling in prolonged disorders of consciousness**
Professor Damien Coyle, *Director*, Bath Institute for the Augmented Human, University of Bath
- 14.05 **Intervention research and PDOC**
Teresa Clark, *Consultant Physiotherapist*, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability
- 14.35 **Questions & Answers**

14.45 Coffee Break with Posters

Chair (PM) session 2 – Teresa Clark, *Consultant Physiotherapist*, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability

- 15.30 **Outcome measurement in PDOC: the Putney FOCUS tool**
Dr Sarah Crawford, *Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist*, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability
- 15.50 **Using linguistic ethnography to capture how adults emerging from a Prolonged Disorder of Consciousness (PDOC) interact in a range of natural contexts**
Amy Pundole, *Clinical Lead Speech and Language Therapist*, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability
- 16.20 **Questions & Answers**

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