



Leonardo Royal Hotel, Oxford, Godstow Rd, OX2 8AL

Programme Day 1: Monday 27th April

Time	Topic	Speaker(s) 2026
9:00 am	Registration open	
9:30 am	Welcome and Housekeeping	Barbara Stayner and Kathryn Lubasch (Co-Lead Genetic Counsellors, Oxford)
9.45am	MILI Trial	Dr Lara Hawkes (Consultant Geneticist Oxford Centre for Genomic Medicine)
10.15am	Cardiac – Cure Heart	Professor Hugh Watkins and Dr Liz Ormondroyd - Oxford University
10.45pm	Developing Compassionate Cultures	Julia Lim - OUH NHS Foundation Trust Culture & Leadership Talent Manager
11.15-11.30am	Tea Break	
11.30am	Overview of specialist service & clinical management of mitochondrial disease	Sue West (Specialist Nurse Practitioner) Oxford Mitochondrial Disorders Service
11.50am	Overview of diagnostic and genetic testing for mitochondrial disease	Oxford Regional Genetics Laboratory Mitochondrial Team
12.10pm	Overview of reproductive genetic counselling for mitochondrial DNA conditions	Jo Lowndes (Principal Genetic Counsellor) & Robyn Watson (Trainee Genetic Counsellor) OxGEM
12.30pm – 1.15pm	Lunch Break Level 2 Restaurant and Poster Viewing in the Lobby	
1.15pm	GCRAB AGM (Virtual link available for those not attending conference)	
1.45	Ancestry in the Margins: Justice Genomics and the Ethics of Human Classification	Sasha Henriques (Principal Genetic Counsellor, Guys Hospital, London)
2.15	Title - TBC	Clara Turner (Chartered Psychologist and Global Head of Leadership and Management Development at AXA UK)
3.00-3.15pm	Tea Break	
3.15 pm	The Grace Project: Genetics Research Awareness via Community Engagement	TBC
3.45pm	Learning from Champions: A Sport Psychology approach to building High-Performance Healthcare Teams	Natacha Lazareff (Performance Psychologist)
4.30pm	End of Day	

Conference Dinner Arrival 5.30pm– The Wolvercote, 130 Godstow Road, OX2 8PG



Programme Day 2: Tuesday 28th April 2026

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
9:00am	Welcome and Housekeeping	Barbara Stayner and Kathryn Lubasch (Co-Lead Genetic Counsellors, Oxford)
9.10am	GTAC Update	Heidy Brandon
9.30am	Trans healthcare experiences	TransActual
10:15am	The Patient Safety Incident Response Framework (PSIRF) - Insight into the NHS governance framework and its positive impact on clinical learning and reflection	Cat Gibbons (OUH NHS Foundation Trust Clinical Governance and Risk Practitioner)
11-11.15 am		Tea Break
11:15 am	Accepted Abstracts: Lightening talks + longer presentations incl. Lauren Kerzin-Storarr Prize presentation (20 minutes)	
12.45pm – 1.30pm	Lunch Break and Poster Viewing	
1.30pm	AGNC AGM (virtual link available for members not attending conference)	
2.15pm	Poster Prize giving	
2.30pm	Experiences in the Inherited Eye Conditions Service, Oxford Eye Hospital, OUH Trust	Sian Sperring (Genetic Counsellor, Oxford)
3:00pm-3.15		Tea Break
3.15pm	The 4Rs of Leadership	Alan Philipps
4:00pm	The Fertility Partnership, Oxford: Our NHS PGT collaboration	TFP Oxford Fertility
4.30pm	Closing remarks	Barbara Stayner and Kathryn Lubasch (Co-Lead Genetic Counsellors, Oxford)