

Challenging the Limits

Recent advances in the assessment, diagnosis and MDT management of people with disorders of consciousness. June 12 & 13 2014

Draft program

Day 1

9.00 – 9.45 Registration

9.45 – 10.00 Conference opening address

Session 1

10.00 – 10.45 **Neurophysiology of disorders of consciousness and latest research findings**
(Lizette Heine, Coma Science Group, Cyclotron Research Center and Neurology Department, University of Liège, Liège, Belgium)

10.45 – 11.30 **Recent advances in the assessment/ diagnosis of people with DOC Part 1**
(TBC - Dr. Kudret Yelden, Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine, Royal Hospital for Neurodisability, Putney, London)

11.30 – 11.45 Coffee

Session 2 Free paper presentations

11.45 – 12.30 **Recent advances in the assessment/ diagnosis of people with DOC Part 2**
(Aurore Thibaut, Coma Science Group, Cyclotron Research Center and Neurology Department, University of Liège, Liège, Belgium)

12.30 – 13.00 Posters viewing (Authors of selected posters available on site)

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch and Exhibitors viewing

Session 3:

14.00 – 14.45 **Assistive technologies and augmentative communication aids –**
(Representative from Sensory Guru & Judi O'Neil, Specialist Occupational Therapist)

14.45 – 15.30 **Ethical and Legal issues in managing people with Disorders of Consciousness'** – (Prof. Robin Mackenzie, Professor of Law, Kent Law School)

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee

15.45 – 16.30 **Supporting families and exploring their concerns: introducing the HealthTalkOnline module for people with a relative in a vegetative or minimally conscious state** (Prof. Jenny Kitinger, Professor of Communications Research, Cardiff University)

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09.30 – 10.15 **Where are we and where are we heading? An update on research focussing on rehabilitation and long term care of people with Disorders of Consciousness** (Dr. Judith Allanson, Evelyn Trust Consultant in Neurorehabilitation, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge)

10.15 – 10.45 **Maintaining adequate nutrition/ challenges for Dieticians working with people with DOC** – Sue Durrant, Specialist Dietician

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee

Session 2:

11.00 – 11.45 **Considering the treatment and management of people with profound and complex disability over 24 hours, seven days a week** - Wendy Murphy, Consultant Physiotherapist, Oxford

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Session 3:

14.00 – 14.45 **Myths surrounding the measurement of spasticity** - Prof Anand Pandyan, Keele University, Stoke-on-trent

14.45 – 15.30 **Recent advances in spasticity management** - Prof. Anthony Ward, Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine, Staffordshire NHS, Stoke on Trent

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee

15.45 – 16.30 **Splinting & casting in the management of contractures: Results of a systematic review** - Dr. Cherry Kilbride, Senior Lecturer, Brunel University

16.30 – 16.45 **Closing address and prize giving**