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**NATIONAL ONE-DAY CONFERENCE**

# Prevention of Group B Strep infection in neonates:

The way forward in the UK

**TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2015**



- Brunei Gallery, SOAS, London
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**Group B Strep Support**

Preventing life-threatening group B Strep infection in newborn babies

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## Delegate programme

Tuesday 3 November

### MORNING

**08.45** Registration, welcome refreshments and exhibition

**09.30-11.10**

**Chairs:** *Prof Alan Cameron, Vice President Clinical Quality, Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists*

*Prof Neena Modi, President, Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health*

**09.30** Welcome and introduction

*The Rt Hon Sir Nicholas Soames MP*

**09.45** Overview of neonatal Group B Streptococcal (GBS) disease - what it is and why it's important

*Dr Alison Bedford Russell, Consultant Neonatologist, Medical Director Birmingham Women's NHSFT*

**10.00** The burden of invasive GBS disease in young infants in the UK & Republic of Ireland

*Dr Catherine O'Sullivan, Research Fellow to Prof Paul Heath, Paediatric Infectious Diseases Research Group, St George's, University of London*

**10.20** Epidemiology of adult and infant GBS disease in England & Wales

*Dr Theresa Lamagni, Senior Epidemiologist, Healthcare Associated Infection & Antimicrobial Resistance Department, Public Health England*

**10.40** GBS prevention strategies – UK & International (risk based, screening and vaccination)

*Prof Philip Steer, Emeritus professor of obstetrics at Imperial College, editor emeritus of BJOG*

**11.10** Refreshments, exhibition and networking

**11.40-13.00**

**Chair:** *Prof Neena Modi, President of the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health*

**11.40** UK NSC GBS Screening policy and review

*Prof Alan Cameron, Vice President Clinical Quality, Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists and Member of the UK National Screening Committee*

**12.00** RCOG Recommendations / audit

*Dr Andrew Thomson, Co-Chair, Guidelines Committee, Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists*

**12.20** Questions of the Morning Speakers

*Chair: Prof Neena Modi, President, Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health*

**13.00** Lunch, exhibition and networking

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### Who should attend?

- Obstetricians
- Microbiologists
- Midwives
- Neonatologists
- Paediatricians
- Public Health Specialists

### What will I gain?

- Learn from group B Strep experts sharing the latest updates on neonatal group B Strep disease including incidence, prevention strategies, developments and controversies
- Understand group B Strep prevention policies and practices
- Learn about Northwick Park Hospital's new screening programme – how it was implemented, the pitfalls, the successes and how it is working in practice
- Ask questions of key experts relating to group B Strep disease
- Summary slides (subject to each speaker's permission)
- An opportunity to network

## AFTERNOON

13.45-15.05

**Chairs:** *Prof Alan Cameron, Vice President, Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists*  
*Prof Cathy Warwick, Chief Executive, Royal College of Midwives*

### 13.45 GBS screening & lab diagnostics in UK & continental Europe (standard, enhanced culture, molecular)

*Prof Androulla Efstratiou, Director, WHO Global Collaborating Centre for Diphtheria & Streptococcal Infections, Visiting Professor Imperial College Faculty of Medicine*

### 14.05 Introducing a GBS screening programme in a UK setting

- **Introduction:** *Dr Gopal Rao OBE, Consultant Microbiologist, North West London Hospitals (NWLH) NHS Trust*
- **Midwife experience:** *Mrs Grace Nartey, Matron Midwife, NWLH NHS Trust*
- **Neonatal unit experience:** *Dr Richard Nicholl, Consultant Neonatologist, NWLH NHS Trust*
- **Impact on congenital pneumonia in neonates:** *Dr Reshmi Raychaudhuri, NWLH NHS Trust*
- **Patient experience survey:** *Dr Fiona McQuaid, Clinical Research Fellow*
- **Overview:** *Dr Gopal Rao OBE, Consultant Microbiologist, NWLH NHS Trust*

15.05 Refreshments, exhibition and networking

15.25-17.00

**Chair:** *Prof Cathy Warwick, Chief Executive, Royal College of Midwives*

### 15.25 The legal viewpoint

*Mrs Alison Eddy, Head of Clinical Negligence London, Irwin Mitchell*

### 15.45 Cost/benefit analyses

*Prof Tracy Roberts, Professor of Health Economics and Head of Unit, Health Economics Unit, School of Health and Population Science, University of Birmingham*

### 16.05 Panel discussion of controversies in GBS prevention:

- **Overuse of antibiotics**
- **Long term effects of antibiotics**
- **Anaphylaxis**
- **Antibiotic resistance**

*Panel includes: Dr Alison Bedford Russell, Prof Alan Cameron, Prof Neena Modi, Dr Catherine O'Sullivan, Dr Gopal Rao OBE, Prof Philip Steer, Dr Andrew Thomson*

### 16.35 Questions of the afternoon speakers

*Chair: Prof Cathy Warwick, Chief Executive, Royal College of Midwives*

### 16.55 Summing up and close

*Prof Cathy Warwick, Chief Executive, Royal College of Midwives*



Group B Streptococcus is a bacterium found in around 20-30% of people – normal flora of the gut and genital tract. Usually harmless, it can be passed from mother to her baby around birth.

The large majority of babies do not develop group B Strep infection, but for the babies who do, it can be life-threatening.

Group B Strep is the UK's most common cause of severe bacterial infection in newborn babies (usually septicaemia or pneumonia), and of meningitis in babies under 3 months – yet most GBS infection in newborn babies could be prevented. Finding out whether a Mum is carrying group B Strep late in pregnancy is safe and easy, as is good preventative medicine (simple antibiotics in labour).

The UK rate of GBS infection in newborn babies has not fallen since national risk-based guidelines were introduced in 2003 - we need to be doing more in the UK.



Following the recent announcements about the introduction of MenB and MenACWY vaccines which will offer enhanced protection against meningitis and septicaemia for babies and adolescents, neonatal meningitis is now the leading cause for concern in Meningitis Research Foundation's fight against the disease, and Group B Streptococcal infection causes the overwhelming number of cases.

Research into Group B Strep meningitis is a principal theme for future support by Meningitis Research Foundation. One new study being undertaken will look at cost-effectiveness models for any future vaccines, based on the recent experience with the MenB vaccine.

Meningitis Research Foundation has also just completed a national survey of treatment and clinical protocols for neonatal meningitis, which will be published shortly. The overall message is that there needs to be greater consistency in clinical practice, with wide variations being revealed.



## The venue

The Brunei Gallery is located in the heart of London, between Malet Street and Thornhaugh Street in the north-west corner of Russell Square, Bloomsbury. It is only a three minute walk from the British Museum and is opposite the main entrance to the School of Oriental and African Studies building (SOAS).



## Travel information

**By rail:** Euston, King's Cross and St Pancras International stations are all within walking distance.

**By London Underground (tube):** The Piccadilly, Northern, Victoria, Metropolitan, Circle, and Hammersmith & City lines are all within walking distance. The nearest station is Russell Square.

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	23 September onwards
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I am a member of

RCM  RCOG  RCPATH  Other

### Additional requirements

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Pescatarian  Ovo-lacto vegetarian  Vegan

#### Allergies

Nuts  Wheat (Gluten free)  Shellfish

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