

MS Frontiers Programme 2024



Wednesday 3 July	
Arrival from 13.30	
Early Career Researcher afternoon	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flash talks from ECRs • a patient and public involvement (PPI) showcase • informal breakout table discussions to help you in your own research • talks from Stuart Nixon MBE (MS Society Ambassador) and Amy Thompson (founder of MS Together), who are both living with MS 	
Thursday 4 July	
09.00 - 19.15	
Registration from 9.00am	
Welcome: Translation and Impact	
Sasha Leigh (co-chair of the MS Society Research Strategy Committee)	
Repurposing therapies for MS - lab insights and clinical progress	
Professor Anna Williams (University of Edinburgh)	
The personalised approach: from research to changing how we treat people living with MS	Cellular and molecular players in MS
Parallel session chaired by Joela Mathews, Dr Blanca De Dios Pérez and Amy Webster	Parallel session chaired by Dr Karim Kreft and Dr Donia Arafa
Lunch and poster exhibition	
What does MS look like in 2034?	
Professor Alasdair Coles (University of Cambridge) Helena Jidborg Alexander (MS Trust)	
Wellbeing of people affected by MS	Targeting progression: new insights and opportunities from pathology
Parallel session chaired by Dr Annie Hawton and Dr Prince Nwaubani	Parallel session chaired by Dr Owain Howell and Dr Jonathan Pansieri
Coffee break	
MS Prevention	Neuroimmunology in MS
Parallel session chaired by Dr Emma Tallantyre and Rebecca Smith	Parallel session chaired by Dr Yvonne Dombrowski and Dr Gavin Brittain
Conference debate	
Artificial Intelligence is ready to personalise care for people with MS – for and against	
Dr Kate Petheram (South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust) - for the motion Dr Arman Eshaghi (University College London) - against the motion	
Chaired by Dr Nikos Evangelou (University of Nottingham) Panellists include Professor Helen Ford (University of Leeds), Stuart Nixon MBE (MS Society Ambassador)	
Drinks reception and poster exhibition	
Gala dinner from 7.15pm	
Friday 5 July	
09.00 - 13.00	
Optional self-guided walking tour (before 9am)	
MS biology in the ageing central nervous system	
Professor Jennifer Graves (University of California San Diego)	
Using “big data” at an individual level	Measuring and managing the cognitive impacts of MS
Parallel session chaired by Professor Ruth Dobson and Marie Braisher	Parallel session chaired by Dr Rachael Hunter and Dr Thomas Williams
Break	
Poster prizes and 3-min poster flash talks	
Ian McDonald Memorial Lecture	
Cognition in MS: current advances and future perspectives Professor Maria Pia Amato (University of Florence)	
Wrap up and reflections	
Dr Emma Tallantyre and Dr Yvonne Dombrowski (co-chairs of the Frontiers Scientific Committee)	
Takeaway lunch and networking from 1pm	