



Multidisciplinary Association of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals

**24TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**Dilemmas in Spinal Cord Injury Care:**  
**'Finding some answers'**  
*17<sup>th</sup> November 2022*

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- To gain a greater understanding of different approaches to paediatric spinal cord injury care & consider how we can improve its delivery.
- To improve our knowledge of how to assess & manage a person with a psychiatric illness who has sustained a spinal cord injury.
- To achieve a greater insight into patients' expectations of spinal cord injury research & service delivery.
- To consider some ethical dilemmas we may face, as clinicians in spinal cord injury care.

**PROGRAMME**

9:00 – 9:15 **AGM** Benita Hexter, MASCIP Chairperson

**MEETING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY**

9:15–9: 55 **Meeting the needs of children with spinal cord injury – how can we do better?**

Sonia McGarvey (Mother of a young person with SCI), Co. Donegal, Ireland

9:55–10:10 **Shaping acute rehabilitation & physiotherapy around the child with a spinal cord injury.**

Kate Laats, Welsh SCI Rehabilitation Centre, Cardiff

10:10–10:25 **Security in numbers – bringing children with spinal cord injury together for wheelchair skills day.**

Sharon Leahy, National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dublin

10:25–11:00 **MORNING COFFEE**

11:00–11:15 **Children & Young People's services at *Back-up*.**

Andy Masters, *Back-up* Trust

11:15–11:35 **The lived experience of paediatric spinal cord injury.**

Ella Beaumont, Expert by experience.



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### **CARING FOR PATIENTS WITH A MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS & SPINAL CORD INJURY**

11:35–12:15 **Spinal cord injury & a mental health diagnosis: Optimising assessment & management.**

Dr. Parashar Ramanuj, Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist, London SCI Centre, Stanmore.

12:15–12:30 **How to identify who needs psychological treatment when: Addressing the gap through screening.**

Dr. Jane Duff, National Spinal Injuries Centre, Stoke Mandeville

12:30–12:45 **The Pamper Parlour.** Sian Rodgers, London SCI Centre, Stanmore

12:45–14:00 **LUNCH**

### **MANAGING PATIENT EXPECTATIONS**

14:00–14:40 **“Breakthroughs” in SCI research: Managing patients’ expectations.**

Harvey Sihota, Chief Executive *Spinal Research*

14:40–14:55 **Energy Expenditure in Persons undergoing Acute Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation: A Prospective Cohort Feasibility Study.**

Carolyn Taylor, Princess Royal SCI Centre, Sheffield.

14:55–15:10 **Support Network Model.** Gary Dawson, *Spinal Injuries Association*

15:10–15:40 **AFTERNOON TEA**

### **ETHICAL CHALLENGES IN SPINAL CORD INJURY CARE**

15:40–16:20 **The right to live or die after spinal cord injury**

Dr. Andrew Hanrahan, Consultant in Neuro-Rehabilitation,  
Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability, Putney.

16:20–16:35 **Challenge or Opportunity - Rehabilitation outcomes in patients with Metastatic Spinal Cord Injury.**

Dr. Gisele Lafeuillee, London SCI Centre, Stanmore

16:35–16:45 **Reflections** Benita Hexter, MASCIP chairperson

16:45–16:55 **Presentation of prizes**

16:55–17:00 **Close**