



The
Down Syndrome
Medical Interest
Group

November 15th 2024, Royal Society of Medicine, London

Time	Event
9.00	Registration and coffee
09.30 - 11.00	Members meeting (DSMIG MEMBERS ONLY * - information on membership below)
09.30	AGM
10.00	Case discussion – members’ problem cases, recent queries handled by the DSMIG team
11.00	Coffee Break
11.20 -16.40	Open meeting – welcome from DSMIG Chair, Dr Jill Ellis, Consultant Community Paediatrician
11.20	Neurodevelopmental and Mental Health Aspects in Children and Young People with Down Syndrome , Dr Ashley Liew, Consultant Paediatric Neuropsychiatrist, Evelina Children’s Hospital
12.00	Children with Down Syndrome in the Emergency Department Dr Elizabeth Herrieven, Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine, Sheffield Children’s NHS Foundation Trust
12.40	Living with Down Syndrome (Parent and Child Experience) Helen Coppins, Founder of Nottinghamshire Down’s Syndrome Support Group
13.10	Lunch
14.00	Cervical Spine Instability in Children with Down Syndrome Mr Nicholas Haden, Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore
14.40	Autism and Down Syndrome Dr Narad Mathura, Consultant Developmental Paediatrician, Evelina London Children’s Hospital
15.20	Jennifer Dennis Award Shortlisted abstract 1: Investigation of Breastfeeding and Related Factors in Children with Down Syndrome, Dr Merve Erdemir Kula, Turkey
15.30	Jennifer Dennis Award Shortlisted abstract 2: Primary School Children with Down Syndrome in England: What factors contribute to mainstream primary school enrolment? Julia Shumway, University College London
15.40	Coffee break
16.00 - 16.40	Current Research, Audit and Guidelines Update
16.00	What can be learned about ageing and Alzheimer’s Disease from cells donated by people with Down Syndrome? Prof Dean Nizetic, Professor of Cell and Molecular Biology, Blizard Institute, Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Queen Mary University of London
16.30	Jennifer Dennis Award
16.35	Closing remarks by Chair, Dr Jill Ellis, Consultant Community Paediatrician

Fee: £ 120 (£60 Trainees/ retired DSMIG Members/ allied health professionals/ Students)

Applied to RCPCH for CPD approval - Register for place here: [DSMIG Winter Meeting 2024 – DSMIG](#)

For further information about registration and joining the DSMIG please contact:

Email: info@dsmig.org.uk

To become a member of DSMIG please go to our website:

www.dsmig.org.uk

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About DSMIG:

DSMIG is a registered charity. It is a network of healthcare professionals, mainly from the UK and Republic of Ireland. The group holds meetings twice a year – one at the RCPCH Annual Conference and a second meeting that is usually held in London. The aim of the group is to share and disseminate information about the medical aspects of Down syndrome and to promote interest in the specialist management of the syndrome.

We do this by:

- Offering advice through our information service about the medical aspects of Down syndrome, and about some aspects of individual local medical services in the UK
- Maintaining a website: www.dsmig.org.uk
- Holding members' meetings and open symposia twice each year, each with a focus on one or two medical issues, models of service provision, research in the field and opportunities for confidential case discussion
- Developing and maintaining guidelines on best medical practice
- Producing materials to support the provision of health care for individuals with Down syndrome including PCHR inserts and Down Syndrome Growth Charts

Aims of meeting:

Our Winter Academic Meeting is being held at the Royal Society of Medicine, London on Friday 15th November 2024. It will follow our usual format with the meeting being divided into 2 sections:

- Members' meeting – is for DSMIG members only includes our AGM, business meeting and case discussions
- Open meeting – as detailed in the programme above

Learning Objectives

- Members attending the Member's meeting will have the opportunity to bring cases for interactive discussion, for peer review, to share learning or to seek advice on diagnostic or treatment dilemmas in a safe and confidential environment.

- Delegates to the main meeting will hear a series of presentations by experts working with children with Down syndrome in their specialist field as well as hearing about the latest research.
- This November, our delegates will leave the Academic Meeting with an increased knowledge of cervical spine instability, autism and neurodevelopmental disorders in Down Syndrome, as well as parental experiences of living with a young person who has Down Syndrome.

Who Should Come?

The Open meeting is for health and associated professionals working in the field of Down Syndrome including :

- Paediatricians
- Learning disability nurses and doctors
- Information officers /advisors from Parent support organisations
- Health visitors
- School or other children's nurses
- Therapists
- GPs
- Other professionals and researchers supporting people with Down Syndrome