

AGENDA

Oxford Neuromuscular Centre Annual Meeting

Friday 11 September 2026

Simpkins Lee Theatre, Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford

08:30 - 09:00 **Registration, Tea, & Pastries**

Session 1: Keynote address – The future of neuromuscular trials – Chair: Prof Matthew Wood

09:00 - 09:55	Welcome from the Director Prof Matthew Wood, <i>Dept. of Paediatrics, University of Oxford</i> The evolution of neuromuscular clinical trials: lessons learned and future directions Prof Maryam Oskoui, <i>McGill University</i>
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Session 2: Rethinking clinical trials in neuromuscular disease – Chair: Prof Laurent Servais

09:55 - 10:55	De-risking large-scale clinical trials (EXPERTS-ALS) Dr Monica Passoni, <i>Nuffield Dept. of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford</i> Next-generation exon skipping for DMD: The Entrada EEV™ Platform Dr Christine Clemson, <i>Entrada Therapeutics</i> Dyne – Talk title TBD TBD, <i>Dyne Therapeutics</i> Making clinical trials work for patients Alex Smith, <i>Harrison's Fund</i> Panel discussion: Designing smarter trials for rare neuromuscular diseases <u>Panel members:</u> Prof Maryam Oskoui (<i>McGill University</i>), Dr Monica Passoni (<i>University of Oxford</i>), Alex Smith (<i>Harrison's Fund</i>), Dr Christine Clemson (<i>Entrada Therapeutics</i>), TBD (<i>Dyne Therapeutics</i>)
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10:55 - 11:15 **Tea & Coffee**

Session 3: Measuring disease, measuring response – Chair: Assoc Prof Alex Thompson

11:15 - 12:25	Extracellular vesicles as biomarker in neurodegenerative disease Dr Elizabeth Dellar, <i>Nuffield Dept. of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford</i> Measuring disease activity in inflammatory neuropathies Dr Roberto Belanti, <i>Nuffield Dept. of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford</i> Mathematical modelling to link biomarkers to disease biology Dr Georgia Brennan, <i>Nuffield Dept. of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford</i> Biomarker-informed prognostic prediction in ALS Dr David Lester, <i>Nuffield Dept. of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford</i>
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12:25 - 13:05 **Lunch in Deneke Hall**

Session 4: From mechanism to therapeutics – Chair: Prof Carlo Rinaldi

13:05 - 14:15	Mapping the transcriptional landscape of the Androgen Receptor in skeletal muscle Francis Grafton, <i>Dept. of Paediatrics, University of Oxford</i> Characterisation of a novel deep-intronic SCN9A variant linked to pain insensitivity in iPSC-derived sensory neurons Emily Gordon, <i>Nuffield Dept. of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford</i> TBD Dr Federico Zambon, <i>Dept. of Paediatrics, University of Oxford</i> Development and optimisation of nicotinic receptor positive allosteric modulators Leonard Lee, <i>Nuffield Dept. of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford</i>
14:15 - 15:15	Poster session

Session 5: Earlier diagnosis, earlier intervention – Chair: Dr Sithara Ramdas

15:15 - 16:35	Timing matters: exon skipping therapy is most effective when initiated early in a mouse model of Duchenne muscular dystrophy A/Prof Thomas Roberts, <i>Dept. of Paediatrics, University of Oxford</i> SMA newborn screening: The England in-service evaluation Dr Georgia Stimpson, <i>Dept. of Paediatrics, University of Oxford</i> Placeholder – awaiting reply To be filled International federated wearable-based motor monitoring in young children with SMA: The Active-NBS study Dr Charlotte Lilien, <i>Dept. of Paediatrics, University of Oxford</i> Building capacity for the next generation of paediatric neuromuscular trials Dr Fiona Moultrie, <i>Dept. of Paediatrics, University of Oxford</i>
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Session 6: Closing talk – Breaking the age barrier in clinical trials – Chair: Prof Dame Kay Davies

16:35 - 17:15	Remote digital outcome measures and natural history in young children with DMD Prof Laurent Servais, <i>Dept. of Paediatrics, University of Oxford</i> Poster awards and wrap-up Prof Dame Kay Davies, <i>Dept. of Physiology, Anatomy & Genetics, University of Oxford</i>
17:15 - 18:15	Drinks reception

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