Supported by our conference partners and sponsors, the programme has a strong focus on integrated and multidisciplinary care.

Presentations will tie in with the latest thinking in the NHS Long Term Plan, the new GP contract and new ways of working in community partnerships. It has the patient and holistic care at its heart.

Dr Katherine Hickman, GP and Co-Chair of the Conference Organising Committee, says: “The programme reflects what PCRS is about – integrating multiple disciplines in order to provide first class respiratory care. It also champions the wider primary care team, the physiotherapists, pharmacists, paramedics, occupational therapists, physicians assistants and allied healthcare professionals that are all now integral to patient care.

Last year there was a new and strong pharmacist presence at the conference and the 2019 programme has been designed to appeal to as many different health disciplines as possible. We are hoping the conference will attract all members of the respiratory primary care team and our respiratory colleagues from secondary care.

Katherine says what she most looks forward to at the PCRS conference is the opportunity to take back new ideas that can be implemented in her practice. “Many of us currently feel overwhelmed by the pressures of primary care. But if I can learn just one new thing that will make my practice work more efficiently or improve care, such as a relaxation technique that I can teach my patients to use at 3am in the morning instead of phoning 999 – that makes my life and theirs feel more manageable.”

Anne Rodman, independent advanced respiratory nurse specialist and Co-Chair of the Conference Organising Committee, says: “I am looking forward to meeting new members and catching up with the rest of the respiratory family. As the only national primary care respiratory conference, this is the one opportunity when we can all get together and there is always a really positive buzz. In challenging times it’s great to see people going away re-energised.”
Primary Care Respiratory Update

The programme

Clinical sessions
As well as focusing on the ‘patient with asthma’ or the ‘patient with COPD’ clinical sessions will look at broader issues such as breathlessness, the frail and elderly patient with co-morbidities and respiratory related allergy. There will be an update on getting asthma management right and reducing patients’ over reliance on short acting beta agonists (SABA).

- Managing cough and cough as a diagnostic symptom
- Respiratory-related allergy
- Respiratory disease in the context of co-morbidities and ageing
- Debate: NICE vs GOLD COPD – what’s new?
- Journal overload
- SABA guardians – creating the followers SABA over-reliance – the bottom up approach

Service development sessions
These sessions will focus on delivering sustainable change and improvement in respiratory care. They will showcase innovative and exciting new ideas for creating systematic change.

Speakers will be discussing the latest thinking on topics ranging from group consultations, the NHS Long Term Plan, how the skills of allied healthcare professionals can be embedded in the respiratory pathway and how to better serve hard-to-reach patients in deprived areas.

Workshop sessions
This stream provides a series of interactive practical workshops run in conjunction with Education for Health.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is June 30.
A number of new sessions are being introduced this year with a focus on holistic aspects of patient care. Topics include helping patients to change their lifestyles, and how cognitive behavioural therapy, dancing, relaxation, breathing techniques and supported self-management can improve the quality of patients’ lives. Other workshops will give delegates an insight into using the Right Breathe app to find the right inhaler for patients and help them to use it correctly, the importance of nutrition and sarcopenia, spirometry interpretation and smoking cessation techniques.

- Helping people to change
- Using the Right Breathe App
- CBT in a 10 minute consultation
- Spirometry interpretation
- “Strictly” COPD
- Smoking cessation techniques hands-on session
- Getting your patient moving
- Relaxation and breathing techniques
- Nutrition, sarcopenia and respiratory disease
- Supported self-management

Plenaries

These sessions bring all delegates together to discuss thought-provoking, in depth respiratory issues

- Fit for the future- optimising respiratory care within the next 10 years of the NHS
- Managing breathlessness: the breathing, thinking, functioning approach
- Grand Round: Get moving on diagnosis

**npj Primary Care Respiratory Medicine research stream**

The PCRS conference is the only UK event in the academic calendar with a stream entirely dedicated to primary care respiratory research showcasing the cutting edge of respiratory scientific research in primary care. It is a key meeting in the academic calendar for world-leading researchers and early career researchers alike to find out about what is going on elsewhere, share ideas and make new collaborations.

We welcome quantitative and qualitative research across the spectrum, from systematic reviews and database studies through to clinical trials and implementation studies. Abstracts on work in progress and study protocols are also welcome.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is June 30.

**Sponsored symposia**

Delegates will also be able to attend a series of sponsored symposia developed in conjunction with our pharmaceutical company sponsors.

Please check online for details about speakers and updates to the programme at: https://www.pcrs-uk.org/conference-programme

“Thanks PCRS, my first conference and found it so worthwhile. I now have lots of work to do when I get back home. See you next year.”

Kathryn, advanced primary care nurse practitioner

“ This is a really enjoyable event and I shall be going away with lots of ideas to take back to the practice and the CCG. This is also an opportunity to mix with colleagues working at the primary/secondary care interface, which is something you never normally get the chance to do.”

Simon, GP
The PCRS Respiratory Conference 2019
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