



# COPD UK Conference 2026

COPD is a modifiable disease  
Liverpool, 1st and 2nd June 2026  
PROGRAMME

**Day 1 – Monday, 1st June 2026**

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

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| 08:00         | Conference open to Sponsors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 08:30 – 09:30 | Delegate Registration, Exhibition and Coffee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | Welcome to the conference and day 1 – <b>Room 6-9 (Floor 12)</b><br><i>Prof. Tom Wilkinson (Southampton), Dr. Lydia Finney (London)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 09:45 – 10:30 | Plenary 1 - <b>Room 6-9 (Floor 12)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|               | Implementation of biologics in the UK: update for COPD–2026 and beyond<br><b>Chairs: Prof. Tom Wilkinson (Southampton), Dr. Lydia Finney (London)</b><br><i>Structured Panel Discussion: Dr. Jonathan Fuld (Cambridge), Prof. Richard Russell (British Thoracic Society), Prof. Mona Bafadhel (London), Prof. James Dodd (Bristol)</i>                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee break Exhibition Area (Floor 13)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 11:00 – 11:50 | <b>Clinical Parallel Session 1</b><br><b>Room 6-9 (Floor 12)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Translational Science Parallel Session 1</b><br><b>Room 4-5 (Floor 12)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|               | Core COPD Clinical Care<br><br><b>Chairs: Dr. Tom Ward (Leicester) + Mr. Dave Barber (Liverpool)</b><br><b>Speakers:</b><br>1.Smoking and vaping cessation - <i>Prof. Keir Lewis (Swansea)</i><br>2.Optimising pharmacotherapy – <i>Ms. Alicia Piwko (London)</i><br>3.The future of pulmonary rehabilitation – <i>Prof. Sally Singh (Leicester)</i>                                                                                         | Neutrophils, Macrophages or Eosinophils – which cell is best to target for COPD modification?<br><br><b>Chairs: Dr. Jonathan Baker (London), Dr. Simon Lea (Manchester)</b><br><b>Speakers:</b><br>1.Neutrophils – <i>Dr. Katharine Lodge</i><br>2.Macrophages - <i>Prof. Louise Donnelly (London)</i><br>3.Eosinophils – <i>Dr. Augusta Beech (Manchester)</i>  |
|               | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12:00 - 13:00 | <b>Industry Symposia</b><br><b>Room 6-9 (Floor 12)</b><br><b>Advancing COPD Management: The Role of Small Airways, Real-World Evidence and Treatment Optimisation</b><br><b>Chair: Prof. Richard Russell</b><br><b>Speakers: Dr. Biswajit Chakrabarti, Dr. Rory Chan</b><br><i>This session has been organised and funded by Chiesi Ltd.</i><br><i>This session contains promotional content and is for UK Healthcare Professionals only</i> | <b>Scientific Workshop: The future of scientific research in COPD - Room 4-5 (Floor 12)</b><br><b>Chair: Prof. Karl Staples, Dr. Rachel Clifford</b><br>1. Challenge models – <i>Prof. Sebastian L. Johnston (London)</i><br>2. Single cell datasets – <i>Dr. Madhvi Menon (Manchester)</i><br>3. Spatial transcriptomics – <i>Prof. Ian Sayers (Nottingham)</i> |

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| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch, Exhibition and Poster Viewing<br>Exhibition Area & Axis (Floor 13)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 14:00 - 14:45 | Plenary 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|               | <b>Surgical modification of COPD - Room 6-9 (Floor 12)</b><br><b>Chairs: Dr. Matt Pavitt (Brighton), Mrs. Sara Buttery (London)</b><br><b>Speakers:</b><br>1. Lung volume reduction: <i>Miss Sofina Begum (London)</i><br>2. Lung Transplant: <i>Dr. Caroline Patterson (Papworth)</i>                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|               | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 15:00 - 16:00 | <b>Industry Symposia</b><br><b>Room 6-9 (Floor 12)</b><br><b>Management of COPD in a Changed Landscape</b><br><b>Speaker: Prof. Richard Russell</b><br><i>Promotional session organised and funded by Sanofi &amp; Regeneron</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Scientific Workshop: PPIE for the Scientist</b><br><b>Room 4-5 (Floor 12)</b><br><br><b>Chair: Dr. Erika Kennington (Asthma + Lung UK),</b><br><b>Dr Augusta Beech</b>                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Coffee break Exhibition Area (Floor 13)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|               | <b>Clinical Parallel Session 2</b><br><b>Room 6-9 (Floor 12)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Translational Science Parallel Session 2</b><br><b>Room 4-5 (Floor 12)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 16:30 - 17:20 | <b>Heterogeneity in body composition in COPD and management strategies</b><br><b>Chairs: Dr. Hamish McAuley (Leicester), Dr. Sabrine Hippolyte (Brighton)</b><br><br><b>Speakers:</b><br>1. Identifying nutrition as a modifiable factor in COPD – <i>Mrs. Sarah Airey (Cambridge)</i><br>2. High BMI and ventilation: physiological effects and management – <i>Dr Patrick Murphy (London)</i><br>3. Low BMI and ventilation – <i>Miss Raicheal Woods</i> | <b>Data and Artificial Intelligence in COPD</b><br><b>Chairs: Dr. Chris Carlin (Glasgow), Prof. James Dodd (Bristol)</b><br><br><b>Speakers:</b><br>1. Harnessing big data in COPD – <i>Dr. Hannah Whittaker (London)</i><br>2. Diagnostics – <i>Prof. William Man (London)</i><br>3. Multimorbidity – <i>Prof. Lauren Walker (Liverpool)</i> |
| 17:30 - 19:00 | <b>Shortlisted poster display and poster judging – Networking (Floor 12)</b><br><i>Refreshments served</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 19:00         | Standing Reception-Dinner (Floor 13)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## Day 2 – Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

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| 08.00 - 08.30 | Coffee, poster viewing and Exhibition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 08:30 - 09:15 | Welcome to Day 2 and Plenary 1 - <b>Room 6-9 (Floor 12)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|               | <b>Infection as a modifiable trait in COPD</b><br><b>Chairs: Dr. Marie Fisk (Cambridge), Dr. Lydia Finney (London)</b><br><b>Speaker: Prof. Tony De Soyza (Newcastle)</b><br>Diagnosing and managing infection in COPD, including aspergillus, pseudomonas, NTM and considering antimicrobial resistance                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|               | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 09:30 - 10:30 | <b>Industry Symposia - Room 6-9 (Floor 12)</b><br><b>COPD as a Modifiable Disease: Understanding and Reducing Cardiopulmonary Risk</b><br><b>Speakers: Prof. Chris Gale, Dr. Hannah Burke &amp; Dr. Daniel Neville</b><br><i>This is a promotional symposium sponsored and organised by AstraZeneca and is intended for UK HCPs only</i>                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Scientific Workshop: Early Career Research Mentoring Room 4-5 (Floor 12)</b><br><b>Prof. Karl Staples, Prof. Suzanne Cloonan, Dr. Jonathan Baker, Prof. Mona Bafadhel</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee break Exhibition Area (Floor 13) and poster viewing (floor 12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|               | <b>Clinical Parallel Session 1</b><br><b>Room 6-9 (Floor 12)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Translational Science Parallel Session 1</b><br><b>Room 4-5 (Floor 12)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 11:00 - 11:50 | <b>Using imaging to modify COPD disease progression</b><br><b>Chairs: Dr. Ayushman Gupta (Nottingham), Dr. Freddy Frost (Liverpool)</b><br><b>Speakers:</b><br>1.Targeted Lung Health Checks – <b>Prof. Charlotte Bolton (Nottingham)</b><br>2.CT and mucus plugging – <b>Dr. Aaron Braddy-Green (London)</b><br>3.Role of Thoracic MRI – <b>Prof. Jim Wild (Sheffield)</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>Regenerating the Lung</b><br><b>Chair: Dr. Jonathan Baker (London), Dr. Adam Wright (Leicester)</b><br><b>Speakers:</b><br>1. Lung stem cells – <b>Prof. Emma Rawlins (Cambridge)</b><br>2. Resetting immunometabolism to regenerate the lung – <b>Prof. Suzanne Cloonan (Dublin)</b><br>3. Extracellular vesicles and mitochondrial therapy in COPD - <b>Dr. Anna Krasnodembskaya (Belfast)</b> |
|               | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 12:00 - 13:00 | <b>Plenary 2 - Room 6-9 (Floor 12)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|               | <b>Mike Morgan Lecture</b><br><b>Social Prescribing and the wider determinants of health in COPD</b><br><b>Chair: Prof. Tom Wilkinson (Southampton)</b><br><b>Speaker: Prof. Sir Sam Everington OBE (London)</b><br>Prof. Sir Sam Everington, President of the Royal College of General Practitioners, will discuss social prescribing, including housing, financial and employment advice, art and music therapy and gardening, and how it can be delivered to holistically support COPD patients |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 13:00 - 13:15 | <b>Closing session: Conference close and future plans - Room 6-9 (Floor 12)</b><br><b>Speakers: Prof. Tom Wilkinson (Southampton) and Prof. Mona Bafadhel (London)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 13:15         | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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