

Occupational Lung Disease - Keeping Up To Date 2026

Thursday 7th May 2026

National Heart and Lung Institute, Guy Scadding Building, Dovehouse Street, London SW3 6LY

PROGRAMME

Time	Title of session	Speaker(s)
9:00-9:30am	<i>Arrival and registration</i>	
9:30-9:45am	Introduction and welcome	
9:45-10:30am	Cases from the Clinic 1 <i>Including Q&A</i>	Dr Johanna Feary Consultant in Respiratory Medicine (Royal Brompton Hospital, London) Professor Jo Szram Consultant in Respiratory Medicine (Royal Brompton Hospital, London) Dr Patrick Howlett Clinical Research Fellow (National Heart & Lung Institute, Imperial College London)
10:30-11:15am	Air pollution and asthma attacks: What can we advise? (guest speaker) <i>Including Q&A</i>	Professor Paul Pfeffer Consultant Respiratory Physician with Specialist Interest in Asthma (Queen Mary University of London and Barts Health NHS Trust, London)
11:15-11:45am	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	
11:45-12:15pm	Diagnostic update <i>Including Q&A</i>	Dr Jennifer Canizales Laboratory Manager, Occupational and Environmental Medicine (National Heart & Lung Institute, Imperial College London) Professor Jo Szram
12:15-1:00pm	Artificial stone silicosis <i>Including Q&A</i>	Dr Johanna Feary
1:00-2:00pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
2:00-2:45pm	Lung problems in athletes: Is sport an occupational hazard? (guest speaker) <i>Including Q&A</i>	Professor James Hull Consultant Respiratory Physician (Royal Brompton Hospital, London)
2:45-3:30pm	Cases from the Clinic 2 <i>Including Q&A</i>	Dr Johanna Feary Dr Patrick Howlett Professor Jo Szram
3:30-3:50pm	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	
3:50-4:20pm	Newsround	Professor Jo Szram
4:20-4:30pm	Closing Q+A and finish	

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GUEST SPEAKERS



Lung problems in athletes: Is sport an occupational hazard?

Professor (Hon.) James Hull is a respiratory physician at the Royal Brompton Hospital and a sports pulmonologist at the Institute of Sport, Exercise and Health (ISEH).

He is co-lead of the International Olympic Committee course on the Respiratory Care of Olympic Athletes and advisor to the UK Sports Institute and several professional sporting teams.



Air pollution and asthma attacks: What can we advise?

Professor Paul Pfeffer is a Clinical Professor of Respiratory Medicine and Consultant Respiratory Physician with Specialist Interest in Asthma at Queen Mary University of London and Barts Health NHS Trust.

His research interests include the capacity of the environment to subvert homeostatic and protective immune responses in the lung; and severe asthma cohort studies including the UK and International Severe Asthma Registries, of both of which he is on the Steering Committee; and applied respiratory research.

His clinical interest is in how personalisation of treatment to each patient, both in terms of individual disease immunology and healthcare beliefs, can improve patient quality of life, reduce breathlessness, and reduce exacerbations.



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