

Skeletal Dysplasia Group Autumn 2026 Meeting

Bench, bedside and beyond

Programme

Thursday 12th November – Afternoon Session

Day 1 - Translating research into Clinical Practice

13:00	10m	Welcome	Dr M Wright, NUTH, Newcastle upon Tyne
13:10	30m	Understanding molecular mechanisms of disordered skeletal development- ER stress as an example	Pr M Briggs Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne
13:40	30m	Developing Clinical Trials for rare bone diseases 1/3: <i>Working with commercial partners to deliver novel pharmacological interventions- The FGFR3 story</i>	Dr. Melita Irving Evelina Children's Hospital London
14:10	20m	Break	
14:30	30m	Developing Clinical Trials for rare bone diseases 2/3: <i>Repurposing drugs for treatment of skeletal dysplasias- MCDS as a paradigm</i>	Dr. Michael Wright Newcastle Hospitals, Newcastle upon Tyne
15:00	30m	Developing Clinical Trials for rare bone diseases 3/3: <i>the role of radiology in clinical trials and outcome measures</i>	Professor Leanne Ward University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
15:30	30m	Communicating effectively with trial participants and their families	Dr.Rick Thompson Beacon for Rare Diseases
16:00	30m	Q&A Session	All

16:30	30m	<i>Unknown Cases/ Cases for discussion</i>	

Friday 13th November – Morning Session

Day 2 - *Understanding and Improving Quality of Life for People of Restricted Growth*

9:00	5m	Welcome	Dr M Wright, NUTH, Newcastle upon Tyne
9:05	30m	History of our approach to HRQoL - The Norwegian Experience	Prof. Svein Fredwall TRS National Resource Centre for Rare Disorders Oslo Norway
9:35	30m	The importance of non-surgical non-pharmacological therapies - The OT and Physio Story	Carrie Marr and Team Sheffield Children's Hospital, Sheffield
10:05	40'	<i>Founders Presentation (10m per person)</i>	
10:45	15'	Break	
11:00	30'	Understanding the metabolic effects of extreme size- small and large	Dr. Lucy Merrell University of Bath
11.30	15'	<i>Founders Prize Presentation</i>	
11.45	30'	A family's story- Has anything changed over the last 40 years?	Ivy Broadhead and Eugene Grant

12:15		AGM	