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: *Working with commercial partners to deliver novel pharmacological interventions- The FGFR3 story*	Dr. Melita Irving Evelina Children's Hospital London
14:10	**20m**	**Break**	
14:30	30m	Developing Clinical Trials for rare bone diseases 2/3: *Repurposing drugs for treatment of skeletal dysplasias- MCDS as a paradigm*	Dr. Michael Wright Newcastle Hospitals, Newcastle upon Tyne
15:00	30m	Developing Clinical Trials for rare bone diseases 3/3: *the role of radiology in clinical trials and outcome measures*	Professor Leanne Ward University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
15:30	30m	Communicating effectively with trial participants and their families	Maddie Still Beacon for Rare Diseases
16:00	30m	Q&A Session	All
16:30	***30m***	***Unknown Cases/ Cases for discussion***	

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 Norwegian Centre for Rare Diseases and Oslo University Hospital 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'**	***Founders Presentation (10m per person)***	
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'***	***Founders Prize Presentation***	
11.45	30'	A family's story- Has anything changed over the last 40 years?	Ivy Broadhead and Eugene Grant
12:15		***AGM***	