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Friday 20 November 2026

08:30 - 09:15	**Registration and Networking**
09:15 – 09:25	**Welcome**- Dr. *Hema Kannapan, Conference CME Lead, Dr. Rupeysh Jha Conference OC Secretary* **Lamp Lighting –** *Dr. Ramesh Mehta, Chair, BAPIO Foundation Board of Trustees; Dr. Joydeep Grover, President, BAPIO Foundation; Dr. Uma Gordon, Chair, BAPIO Foundation Grand Advisory Council*
09:25 – 10:55	**Session: Navigating PLAB and the GMC** *Chair: Dr. Satheesh Mathew, Vice President, BAPIO Foundation & Dr. Biju Simon, Secretary, BAPIO Foundation*
09:25 – 09:35	**Common medico-legal issues faced by IMGs and ethnic minority doctors** *Mr. Amardeep Nibber, Acting Head of Legal, Medical Defence Shield*
09:35 – 09:55	**Keynote address: Internationally qualified doctors and the changing context: culture, conduct and career prospects** *Mr. Charlie Massey, Chief Executive and Registrar, GMC*
09:55 – 10:10	**Keynote address: Lessons from 20 years of writing medicolegal reports** *Prof Mark Strachan, President, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh*
10:10 – 10:30	**Panel discussion**
10:30 – 10:55	**General Medical Council Workshop**: **'When jokes aren't funny – microaggressions have macro impacts'** *Ms. Tista Chakravorty-Gannon, Head of Outreach Strategic Delivery and National Engagement, GMC*
10:55 – 11:15	Tea/Coffee break (Member's Lounge)
11:15 – 12:15	**Session: Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare** *Chair: Mr Pankaj Chandak, RCSEng Hunterian Professor and Paediatric Transplant and Research Fellow, London*
11:15 – 11:35	**Keynote address: AI, Surgery and the IDEAL framework** *Prof Peter McCulloch, Professor of Surgical Science and Practice, Oxford*
11:35 – 12:15	**Panel discussion** **AI for clinical conundrums – insights from Emergency Medicine** - *Dr Vivek Chhabra, Emergency Medicine Consultant, Cornwall*

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	Move-37: Ready or not – NHS's next move - *Mr. Rajesh Sivaprakasam, Consultant in Transplant, Access, and General Surgery, London* **Regulation of AI in healthcare without stifling innovation** – *Dr. Findlay MacAskill, National Advisor, ResponsibleAI UK* **AI-powered longevity** – *Dr. Nishant Joshi, Founder of CREAM AI*
12:15 – 13:00	**Session: Education & Training** *Chair: Dr. Uma Gordon, Consultant Gynaecologist, Bristol & Dr. Siya Sharma, Consultant Gynaecologist, Kings Lynn*
12:15 – 12:30	**Keynote address: Learnings from a global journey in medicine** *Dame Parveen Kumar, Professor emerita of medicine and education, Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry*
12:30 – 12:45	**Keynote address: The Indo-UK healthcare education corridor** *Prof Sir Stephen Powis, Chair, NHS Professionals and Former National Medical Director, NHS England*
12:45 – 13:00	**Keynote address: Medical Education and Training Review** *Dame Jane Dacre, Independent Chair (Phase 2), Medical Education and Training Review*
13:00 – 13:50	Lunch break (Member's Lounge)
13:50 – 14:35	**Session: Global Health, Climate Change and Menopause** *Chairs: Dr Jyothi Srinivas, Consultant Paediatrician, Milton Keynes & Ms Ruchira Singh, Consultant O&G, Birmingham*
13:50 – 13:55	**Welcome** *Dr Jyothi Srinivas, Consultant Paediatrician & Chair, BAPIO Women's Forum*
13:55 – 14:05	**Menopause** *Dr Pushpa Maharajan, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Luton*
14:05 – 14:15	**Climate change and women's health** *Prof Mala Rao, Senior Clinical Fellow, Department of Primary Care and Public Health, Imperial College London*
14:15 – 14:25	**Women leadership within BAPIO: A Fireside Chat** *Dr Uma Gordon, Chair, BAPIO Grand Advisory Council and Prof Geeta Menon, BAPIO Foundation Trustee*
14:25 – 14:35	**Panel discussion**
14:35 – 15:25	**Session: The importance of medical value travel for global health** *Chair: Dr. Subarna Chakravorty, Consultant Paediatric Haematologist, London & Dr. Kinnari Mehta, Consultant Anaesthetist, Cardiff*
14:35 – 14:50	**Topic TBC** *Mr. Anas Wajid, Group Director & Chief Sales and Marketing Officer, Max Healthcare*
14:50 – 15:00	**One World One family: Pioneering a New Model of Healthcare** *Dr. Uma Gordon, Medical Director, Bristol Fertility Clinic*
15:00 – 15:10	**Indo-UK Medical Value Travel – a NHS Perspective** *Mr. Richard Mitchell, CEO, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust*
15:10 – 15:25	**Panel discussion** *Mr Anas Wajid* *Dr Uma Gordon* *Mr Richard Mitchell*

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	Mr. Ankit Mehrotra, Co-Founder, The Medical Travel Company
15:25 – 15:40	Tea/Coffee break (Member's Lounge)
15:40 – 16:35	**Session: Building blocks of good health services** *Chairs: Dr Hema Kannapan, Consultant Paediatrician, Coventry & Dr. Yashwant Patil, Consultant Paediatrician, India & Immediate past International President, COMHAD*
15:40 – 15:55	**General Practice and beyond** *Dr Victoria Tzortiou Brown, Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners Council*
15:55 – 16:05	**ADHD Assessment – Key components of a service model** *Dr Renu Jainer, Consultant Paediatrician & Chair, BAPIO Paediatric Forum*
16:05 – 16:15	**Adolescent Obesity: Nip in the bud** *Dr Prajakta Kaduskar, Hony Secretary General, COMHAD*
16:15 – 16:25	**Complications of Excess Weight Clinics - an effective national pilot to combat severe childhood obesity** *Dr. Jan Idkowiak, Clinical Associate Professor in Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes, University of Birmingham*
16:25 – 16:35	**Community first response initiative** *Prof Alastair Sutcliffe, Professor of General Paediatrics, University College London*
16:35 – 16:45	**Genetic screening – Why important?** *Dr Usha Dave, National President, COMHAD India*
16:45 – 17.15	**Session: Global approaches to common dermatological conditions** *Chair: Dr. Atul Akhoury Shankar, GP*
16:45 – 16:55	**A global perspective on diagnosing & managing skin lesions and skin cancer** *Dr Ajoy Bardhan, Consultant Dermatologist and Clinical lead, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Trust*
16:55 – 17:05	**Managing the global impact of the red face & other facial dermatoses** *Dr Jaideep Bhat, Consultant Dermatologist, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Trust*
17:05 – 17:15	**Panel Discussion**
17:15 – 17:20	Vote of Thanks

PARALLEL SESSION

Chairs Lounge

09:30 – 11:00	**Session: British Indian Nurses Association (BINA) – How to convert a seat at the table to a voice at the table** *Chair: Mr. Marimouttou Coumarassamy, Chair, BINA*
11:00 – 11:20	**Tea/Coffee break**
11:00 – 12:00	**Session: BAPIO Research & Innovation Competition Part 1**

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11:15 – 12:15	**Oral Presentations I**
12:15 – 13:15	**Lightning Presentations I**
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch break (Member's Lounge)
14:00 – 14:30	**Session: BAPIO Young Doctors Forum Session**
14:00 – 14:15	**A paradigm shift to anti-discrimination – creating cultural safety.** *Ms. Tista Chakravorty-Gannon, Head of Outreach Strategic Delivery and National Engagement, GMC*
14:15 – 14:30	**Introduction to the BAPIO YDF NHS Entry Handbook** *Dr Sirisha Uma Pasupati & Dr Triya Chakravorty, Co-Chairs, BAPIO Young Doctors Forum (YDF)*
14:30 – 17:45	**Session: BAPIO Research & Innovation Competition Part 2**
14:30 – 15:30	**Oral Presentations II**
15:35 – 16:35	**Lightning Presentations II**
16:45 – 17:45	**Oral Presentations III**

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Saturday 21 November 2026

Banqueting Suite

08:15 – 09:00	**Registration and Refreshments**
09:00 – 09:10	**Welcome/Introduction** – *Prof Divya Prakash, Conference OC Chair* **Lamp Lighting** – *Prof Frankie Swords, National Medical Director; Dr. Ramesh Mehta, Chair, BAPIO Foundation Board of Trustees; Dr. Joydeep Grover, President, BAPIO Foundation; Dr. Uma Gordon, Chair, BAPIO Foundation Grand Advisory Council*
09:10 – 10:00	**Session: The importance of general practice in promoting better global health** *Chair: Dr Ankur Khandelwal, GP, Bedford & Dr. Hasmukh Shah, GP, Wales*
09:10 – 09:20	**Primary-secondary care interface: Challenges and solutions** *Dr Tanvir Alam, Chair, APNA NHS*
09:20 – 09:30	**General Practice at crossroads** *Dr Kalindi Tumurgoti, Chair, BAPIO GP Forum*
09:30 – 09:40	**Q&A session**
09:40 – 10:00	**Keynote address: 'The Hospital to Community Shift' pillar of the 10-year health plan** *Prof Frankie Swords, National Medical Director*
10:00 – 11:00	**Session: The future of IMGs in the UK post the Medical Training (Prioritisation) Act** *Chair: Dr. Ramesh Mehta, Chair, BAPIO Foundation Board of Trustees & Prof Keshav Singhal, Vice Chair, BAPIO Foundation Board of Trustees*
10:00 – 10:30	**Debate: The House believes IMGs working in the NHS should consider leaving the UK** **Moderator**: *Prof Rajat Gupta, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, BCH* ***For**: Prof. Nandini Chakravorty, Dean, Royal College of Psychiatrists* ***Against**: Dr. Amit Kochhar, BMA Representative Body Chair*
10:30 – 11:00	**Panel discussion** *Prof Sheona MacLeod, Former National Director of Education & Training, NHS England* *Prof Indranil Chakravorty, Co-Chair, BAPIO Institute for Health Research* *Dr. Rahul Chodhari, Associate Director, Medical Innovation & Improvement, NHS New Hospital Programme* *Ms. Clare Teeney, Chief People Officer, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust*
11:00 – 11:20	Tea/Coffee break (Member's Lounge)
11:20 – 12:15	**Session: The evolving role of emergency medicine in global healthcare** *Chair: Dr. Joydeep Grover, Emergency Medicine Consultant, Bristol*
11:20 – 11:35	**The Future of Acute Care: Learning Across Healthcare Systems and Harnessing AI** *Prof Prabath Nanayakkara, Acute Internal Medicine, Amsterdam UMC*

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11:35 – 11:50	**The World Academic Council of Emergency Medicine in an ECO Era** *Prof Sagar Galwankar, CEO, INDUSEM (Indo-US Emergency and Trauma Collaborative)*
11:50 – 12:15	**Panel discussion** *Prof Prabath Nanayakkara* *Prof Sagar Galwankar* *Prof Shweta Gidwani, Emergency Medicine Consultant, London* *Dr. Santosh Bongale, Emergency Medicine Consultant, Glasgow*
12:15 – 12:35	**BAPIO Research & Innovation Competition Prize Ceremony**
12:35 – 13:30	Lunch break (Member's Lounge)
13:30 – 14:00	**Session: Metabolism and Diabetes** *Chairs: Dr. Anand Rischie, GP, Walsall & Dr Rupeysh Jha, GP, Birmingham*
13:30 – 13:45	**Health inequalities: a Cardiovascular perspective** *Prof Kiran Patel, Chief Medical Officer, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust*
13:45 – 14:00	**The Case for Earlier and More Intensive Lipid Optimisation** *Prof Derek Connolly, Consultant Cardiologist, Birmingham City Hospital and Sandwell Hospital*
14:00 – 15:10	**Session – Healthcare Inequalities** *Chair – Prof Shivani Sharma, Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor, Aston University & Prof Jagtar Singh, National Advisor, APNA NHS*
14:00 – 14:15	**Sushruta Lecture: Mental health inequalities** *Prof JS Bamrah, Consultant Psychiatrist, Manchester*
14:15 – 14:25	**Beyond longevity: Building better healthcare for an aging world** *Mr. Saurabh Bhagat, CEO & Founder, SHEOWS*
14:25 – 14:35	**From health inequalities to research equity: Closing the gap** *Prof Mahendra Patel, Director, Centre for Research Equity* *Nuffield Dept of Primary Care Health Sciences, University of Oxford*
14:35 – 14:45	**Equity in healthcare and its global impact** *Dr. Zeshan Qureshi, Author*
14:45 – 15:10	**Panel discussion** *Prof JS Bamrah* *Mr. Saurabh Bhagat* *Prof Mahendra Patel* *Dr. Zeshan Qureshi* *Dr Uday Bodhankar, Executive Director, Commonwealth Association for Health And Disability (COMHAD)*
15:10 – 15:20	**Session – Building your financial future across borders** *Roohi Ansari, Senior Vice President & Head - Business Development, International Banking, HSBC India*
15:20 – 15:40	Tea / Coffee Break (Member's Lounge)

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15:40 – 17:00	**<u>Session: Global lessons in leadership</u>** *Chairs: Prof Divya Prakash, Consultant Orthopaedics, Birmingham & Prof Janesh Gupta, Honorary Consultant at Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust*
15:40 – 16:00	**Keynote address: From student to President** *Prof Mumtaz Patel, President, Royal College of Physicians*
16:00 – 16:20	**Keynote address: What if kindness becomes the key driver in healthcare?** *Prof Anupam Sibal, Group Medical Director, Apollo Hospitals*
16:20 - 16:40	**Keynote address: From Garage to Global: reflections on the journey from early stage ideas to scalable, system-level impact** *Dr. Nik Kotecha, Founder and Chair of Trustees of The Randal Charitable Foundation*
16:40 – 17:00	**Panel discussion**
17:00 – 17:05	Vote of Thanks
18:30 – 19:15	**Drinks and Networking Reception – 1882 Suite (Separate registration required)**
19:15 – 23:00	**BAPIO Awards & Gala Dinner (Separate registration required)**

PARALLEL SESSION
Warwickshire Suite

15:45 – 17:15	**<u>Session: Global perspectives on improving wellbeing</u>** *Chairs: Dr. Saraswati Hosdurga, Consultant Paediatrician, Bristol & Co-Chair, BAPIO Institute for Health and Wellbeing & Dr. Sunil Kumar, Lead for Lifestyle Medicine at WHOCC in Imperial College London & Co-Chair, BAPIO Institute for Health and Wellbeing*

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Sunday 22 November 2026
Warwickshire Suite

08:00 – 08:45	**Sunrise Yoga**
08:45 - 09:30	**Registration and Refreshments**
09:30 - 10:30	**<u>Session: The Power of Allied Health Professionals – Our Journey and Impact on Patient Care</u>** *Chair: Mr. Vignesh Murali, Divisional Operations Director, Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Chair, British Indian Allied Health Professionals Association (BIAHPA)*
09:30 – 10:00	**The BIAHPA journey: Building a voice for AHPs** *Mr. Vignesh Murali, Divisional Operations Director, Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Chair, British Indian AHP Association*
10:00 – 10:30	**The Impact of AHPs on Patient Journeys – Rehabilitation in Action** *Ms. Shruti Verma, Director, Smart Rehabilitation*
10:30 – 10:45	**<u>Session: Leading with Compassion</u>** *Chair: Dr. Dhanlaxmi Shetty, Assistant Professor, Tata Memorial Center* *Speaker: Prof Geeta Menon, National Dean for Inclusive Integrated Careers and Lead Dean for SAS and Locally Employed Doctors*
10:45 - 11:15	Tea / Coffee Break (Member's Lounge)
11:15 – 12:45	**<u>Session: The changing role of SAS/LED doctors in the NHS</u>** *Chair: Dr. Kantappa Gajanan, Chair, BAPIO SAS/LED Forum*
11:15 – 11:20	**Welcome & Introduction** *Dr. Kantappa Gajanan*
11:20 – 11:35	**Bridging the gap: Navigating training bottlenecks and securing long term careers for IMGs** *Dr Santosh Bongale, Consultant in Emergency Medicine, Glasgow*
11:35 – 11:55	**Progression to Specialist** *Dr. Amit Kochhar, Associate Specialist ENT Surgeon*
11:55 – 12:10	**Leadership, Choices & Personal Journey** *Dr. Ujjwala Anand Mohite, Co-Chair, BMA SAS Committee*
12:10 – 12:25	**The Great LED Debate 2026 – *Stay, Strive or Leave?*** *Dr. Kantappa Gajanan* *Dr. Santosh Bongale* *Dr. Amit Kochhar* *Dr. Ujjwala Anand Mohite*
12:25 – 12:30	**Closing remarks** *Dr. Kantappa Gajanan*
12:45 – 13:00	Vote of Thanks
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch (Member's Lounge)

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