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AORTIC DISSECTION AWARENESS DAY UK 2024

Thursday 19th September

“Aortic Dissection Surgery Around the World”



The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh



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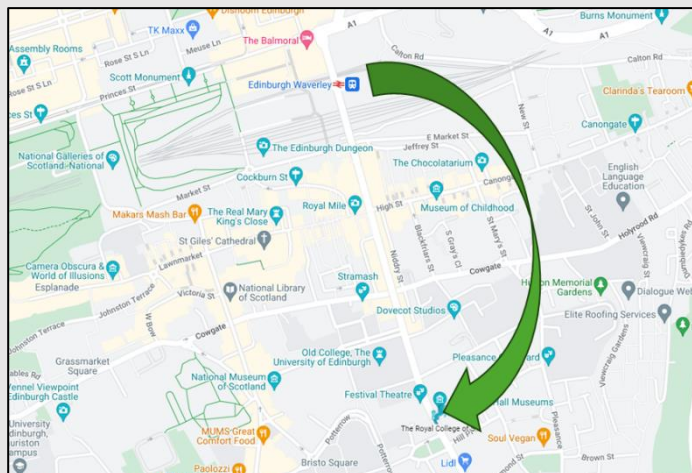
All delegates and guests will receive a name badge at the Welcome desk. Please wear your badge at all times.

Catering facilities

Catering will be served in the Reception Room and the Logan Turner Room. These rooms will remain available all day for delegates requiring a quiet rest or private conversation. Tea/coffee breaks, mineral water and a buffet lunch are all included in your registration.

Venue

Playfair Hall
The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
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Directions

The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh is approx. 10 mins walk from Princes Street or from Edinburgh Castle. A taxi from **Edinburgh Airport** takes around 35mins and costs £25-£40 (depending on traffic). The nearest mainline train station is **Edinburgh Waverley** (0.5 miles). A taxi from here to the venue takes 5 mins. The nearest bus stop is **Surgeon's Quarter**, right outside the venue. There is blue-badge parking only, which will be reserved for guests with severely restricted mobility who request it on a first-come, first-served basis.

Accommodation

We recommend delegates stay in the local area the night before the event, to make it easier to arrive at the venue for a 9am start. The designated conference hotel is **Ten Hill Place**, which is right next to the venue. Other hotels are available to suit a range of budgets. Please contact **Surgeon's Quarter Travel** for all your travel needs and the best rates.

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THEME: AORTIC DISSECTION SURGERY AROUND THE WORLD

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and Coffee	
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome & Introductions <i>Mr. Gareth Owens, Chair, Aortic Dissection Awareness UK & Ireland</i> <i>Prof. Tim Graham, Vice-President, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh</i> <i>Mr. Renzo Pessotto, Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Edinburgh</i>	
09:45 – 10:00	The UK & Europe - Chairs: <i>Mr. Gareth Owens & Mr. Geoff Tsang</i>	
10:00 – 10:15	Aortic Dissection in Edinburgh, <i>Mr. Renzo Pessotto & Mrs. Sam Dounis</i>	
10:15 – 10:30	Patient Pioneer, <i>Miss Sarah Nuttman (UK) & Prof. Dr. Sabine Wipper (Austria)</i>	
10:30 – 10:45	Aortic Surgery in Ireland: <i>Prof. Mark Redmond & Mr. Stuart Garvie</i>	
10:45 – 11:00	Keynote: UK Aortic Surgery in 2024: The State of the Nation, <i>Prof. Aung Oo</i>	
	<i>Interactive Q&A</i>	
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 11:50	The Americas - Chairs: <i>Mrs. Carin Andersen & Prof. Joseph Bavaria</i>	
11:50 – 12:05	Keynote: Our Story, <i>Prof. Joseph Bavaria & Rev. Dr. Allison Seed</i>	
12:05 – 12:30	Effective Patient/Clinician Partnerships, <i>Dr. Ben Youdelman & Mrs. Carin Andersen</i>	
12:30 – 12:45	THINK AORTA in Brazil & Canada, <i>Dr. Grace Mulatti & Ms. Lindsey Rusche</i>	
	<i>Interactive Q&A</i>	
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch Break	
13:45 – 14:00	In Memoriam: Remembering those who have died of Aortic Dissection	
	<i>Led by Mr. Gareth Owens</i>	
14:00 – 14:15	Asia & Australasia - Chairs: <i>Prof. Rob Sneyd & Prof. John Chan</i>	
14:15 – 14:30	Patient Story: My Himalayan AD journey, <i>Prof. Rob Sneyd</i>	
14:30 – 14:45	Care for Type A Aortic Dissection in Malaysia, <i>Prof. John Chan</i>	
14:45 – 15:00	Patient Story: My Christmas holiday 'Down Under', <i>Mr. Cliff Grover</i>	
	<i>Interactive Q&A</i>	
15:00 – 15:30	Tea Break	
15:30 – 15:45	Global Collaboration - Chairs: <i>Dr. Ben Youdelman & Prof. Rob Sneyd</i>	
15:45 – 16:00	The Marfan Foundation & THINK AORTA, <i>Ms. Eileen Novins</i>	
	The Aortic Association & THINK AORTA, <i>Ms. Eva Butler</i>	
16:00 – 16:30	Panel discussion – Chairs: <i>Prof. Tim Graham & Dr. Gordon McManus</i>	
	What are the strategic priorities that we should focus on to improve Aortic Dissection care around the world?	
16:30 – 17:00	Closing Remarks, Announcement & Preview of AD Awareness Day UK 2025	
	<i>Mr. Gareth Owens, Prof. Tim Graham & 2025 Host (to be announced)</i>	
17:00 – 17:30	Networking & opportunity for patients/clinicians and group photos	
17:30	Depart	

Speakers (in order of appearance)

Mr. Gareth Owens, *MSc. (Oxon), MBCS, CITP, Chair, Aortic Dissection Awareness UK & Ireland*

Prof. Tim Graham, *Vice-President, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*

Mr. Renzo Pessotto, *Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, UK*

Mrs. Sam Dounis, *Aortic Dissection Survivor, Aortic Dissection Awareness UK & Ireland*

Miss Sarah Nuttman, *Aortic Dissection Survivor, Aortic Dissection Awareness UK & Ireland*

Prof. Dr. Sabine Wipper, *Director of Vascular Surgery, University Hospital Innsbruck, Austria*

Mr. Stuart Garvie, *Aortic Dissection Survivor & Ireland Representative, AD Awareness UK & Ireland*

Prof. Mark Redmond, *Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon & National Lead in Cardiothoracic Surgery, Ireland*

Prof. Aung Oo, *Clinical Lead for Aortovascular Surgery, Barts Health NHS Trust, London, UK*

Rev. Dr. Allison Seed, *Aortic Dissection Survivor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA*

Prof. Joseph Bavaria, *Cardiac Surgeon & Professor of Surgery, Jefferson Health; Past President, Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA*

Mrs. Carin Andersen, *Patient Lead, THINK AORTA US; Co-Founder/President, Aortic Hope*

Dr. Benjamin Youdelman, *Director of Thoracic Aortic Surgery, Maimonides Medical Center, New York, USA & Clinical Lead, THINK AORTA US*

Ms. Lindsey Rusche, *Patient Lead, THINK AORTA Canada & President, GADA Canada*

Dra. Grace Carvajal Mulatti, *Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Emergency Supervisor at Hospital das Clínicas, Universidade de São Paulo; Joint Clinical Lead, PENSE AORTA, Brazil*

Prof. John K M Chan, *Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Hunterian Professor, Royal College of Surgeons of England (2015)*

Prof. Rob Sneyd, *Aortic Dissection Survivor, Aortic Dissection Awareness UK & Ireland; Emeritus Professor & former Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Plymouth,*

Mr. Cliff Grover, *Aortic Dissection Survivor, Aortic Dissection Awareness UK & Ireland*

Ms. Eileen Novins, *Chief Global Business Development Officer, The Marfan Foundation*

Ms. Eva Butler, *Executive Director, The Aortic Association, Europe*

Chairs

Mr. Gareth Owens, Mr Geoff Tsang (*Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon, University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust and Medical Advisor, Cardiac Surgery, Aortic Dissection Awareness UK & Ireland*), **Mrs. Carin Andersen, Prof. Joseph Bavaria, Prof. Rob Sneyd, Prof. John K M Chan, Dr. Benjamin Youdelman, Prof. Tim Graham & Dr. Gordon McManus** (*Head of Research, Aortic Dissection Awareness UK & Ireland*)

Panel

Prof. Joseph Bavaria, Prof. John K M Chan, Dra. Grace Mulatti, Mrs. Carin Andersen, Mr. Gareth Owens

Photo/Video

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