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Other sessions and poster presentations with a focus on heart failure taking place at this conference may also be of interest to you. Details can be found in the main BCS ASC programme.

Dear Colleague

I am pleased to announce that the BSH will once again be involved with several sessions involving heart failure during this years' British Cardiovascular Society (BCS) Annual Scientific Conference – seven in total.

The first two of these sessions will be held on Monday 2 June: *'Investigations in heart failure: tracking changing prognosis and tailoring therapy'* is a joint session with the British Nuclear Cardiology Society and the British Society of Echocardiography and *'Cardiovascular aspects of pregnancy'* will be held in association with the British Congenital Cardiac Association and the Heart Care Partnership UK.

Three further joint sessions follow on Tuesday 3 June. *'Hypertension and heart failure'* is a joint teach-in session with the Primary Care Cardiovascular Society, *'Cognitive dysfunction in heart failure'* is held in conjunction with the British Geriatrics Society Cardiovascular Section and *'Advanced heart failure: optimum clinical care includes embedded supportive strategies'* will be a joint venture with the National Council for Palliative Care and the Heart Care Partnership UK.

'Non-compaction and heart failure' is a BSH-organised session to be held on Wednesday 4 June. This is followed in the afternoon by *'CRT: unanswered questions'*, another joint session with the British Society of Echocardiography.

To attend any of these sessions you will need to register with the BCS for their Annual Scientific Conference. You can access an electronic version of the BCS meeting registration form on the BCS website (www.bcs.com).

I look forward to seeing you in Manchester and welcoming you to these heart failure sessions.



Martin Cowie
BSH Chairman

Monday 2 June

Joint
session
BSH/
BNCS/
BSE

Investigations in heart failure: tracking changing prognosis and tailoring therapy

11.15–12.45, Charter 1

Programme directors: John Cleland (Hull) /
Simon Woldman (London)

Chairs: John Cleland (Hull) / Andrew Kelion (London)

Biomarkers from blood tests

Roy Gardner (Glasgow)

Echocardiography

Simon Ray (Manchester)

Nuclear techniques

Alexander Jacobsen (Cambridge)

Magnetic resonance

Sanjay Prasad (London)

Cardiovascular aspects of pregnancy

14.00–15.30, Charter 3-5

Programme director: Joseph de Giovanni (Birmingham) /
Suzanna Hardman (London)

Chairs: John Cleland (Hull) / Jane Flint (Birmingham)

Pre-conception advice

Dawn Adamson (London)

Managing pulmonary hypertension in pregnancy

Sara Thorne (Birmingham)

Recent developments in postpartum cardiomyopathy

Denise Hilfiker (Hanover, Germany)

A personal perspective of post-partum cardiomyopathy

Susan Sneddon (Edinburgh)

Late cardiovascular complications of pre-eclampsia

Jill Pell (Glasgow)

Joint
session
BSH/
BCCA/
HCP(UK)

Tuesday 3 June

Joint
Teach-in
session
BSH/
PCCS

Hypertension and heart failure

08.45–10.15, Charter 1

Programme director: Nigel Rowell (Middlesbrough)

Chairs: Martin Cowie (London) / Nigel Rowell (Middlesbrough)

Hypertension and heart failure: the epidemiology and assessment in primary care

Richard Hobbs (Birmingham)

From hypertension to heart failure. A continuum of systolic and diastolic dysfunction? Treatment implications

John Sanderson (Birmingham)

Do changes in intracellular ions explain the link between hypertension and heart failure?

Rosaire Gray (London)

Where hypertension and heart failure meet: addressing both kidney and cardiac function

Henry Dargie (Glasgow)

Cognitive dysfunction in heart failure

11.15–12.45, Exchange 2

Programme director: Jackie Taylor (Glasgow)

Chairs: John Baxter (Sunderland) / Peter Cowburn (Southampton)

Joint
session
BSH/
BGS-CVS

What is the association between heart failure and cognitive dysfunction?

Duncan Forsyth (Cambridge)

What could be the underlying mechanisms?

John Starr (Edinburgh)

What is the impact of cognitive dysfunction in heart failure?

Jackie Taylor (Glasgow)

How do we manage cognitive dysfunction and heart failure?

John Baxter (Sunderland)

Tuesday 3 June

Joint
session
BSH/
NCPC/
HCP(UK)

Advanced heart failure: optimum clinical care includes embedded supportive strategies

14.00–15.30, Charter 1

Programme directors: James Beattie (Birmingham) /
Suzanna Hardman (London)

Chairs: Michael Connolly (Manchester) / Martin Cowie (London)

Supportive care for advanced heart failure – an overview

James Beattie (Birmingham)

Addressing the burden of heart failure on patients and carers

Yvonne Millerick (Glasgow)

Are we there yet? Barriers to integrating supportive and palliative care

Miriam Johnson (Scarborough)

Quality and quantity of life for people with heart failure should not be mutually exclusive

Suzanna Hardman (London)

Non-compaction and heart failure

10.45–12.15, Charter 3-5

Programme directors: Martin Cowie (London) /
Perry Elliott (London) /
Suzanna Hardman (London)

Chairs: Martin Cowie (London) / Suzanna Hardman (London)

Overview: an emerging epidemic? Evidence, facts and myths

Perry Elliott (London)

**Non-compaction: the spectrum of genotype and phenotypes
(to include range of clinical presentations)**

Jeffrey Towbin (Houston, Texas, USA)

How best to image: what the different modalities contribute:

MRI – Sanjay Prasad (London)

Echocardiography – Alison Duncan (London)

Treatment implications

Theresa McDonagh (London)

**BSH
session**

Wednesday 4 June

Joint
session
BSH/BSE

CRT: unanswered questions

13.30–15.00, Charter 3-5

Programme directors: Andrew Clark (Hull) /
Peter Cowburn (Southampton) /
Theresa McDonagh (London)

Chairs: Peter Cowburn (Southampton) / Kevin Fox (London)

Debate:

**Selection of patients for CRT: echocardiographic measures
of dyssynchrony have a role**

Pro – John Sanderson (Birmingham)

Con – Andrew Clark (Hull)

Workshop session:

What is non-response?

John Cleland (Hull)

Treating non-response—drugs, devices and system of care

Rakesh Sharma (London)



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