



Course Agenda

ILAE British Branch
20th Specialist Epilepsy Teaching Weekend

16 - 17 May 2026, Birmingham


Saturday 16 May

09:30 - 10:00	Refreshments and Registration	
10:00 - 10:15	Introduction & welcome	Dr Fergus Rugg-Gunn
SESSION 1		Chair: Professor Philip Smith
10:15 - 11:00	Interactive diagnostic case presentations	Professor Philip Smith
11:00 - 11:45	Differential diagnosis	Dr Fahmida Chowdhury
11:45 - 12:15	EEG basics	Dr Tejal Mitchell
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch	
SESSION 2		Chair: Professor Sallie Baxendale
13:15 - 13:45	Imaging the brain	Professor Alexander Hammers
13:45 - 14:15	Neuropsychology	Professor Sallie Baxendale
14:15 - 14:45	Neuropsychiatry including dissociative convulsions	Dr Thomas Cope
14:45 - 15:15	Refreshment Break	
SESSION 3		Chair: Dr Fergus Rugg-Gunn
15:15 - 16:15	Anti-seizure medication	Dr Fergus Rugg-Gunn
16:15 - 16:45	Epilepsy and reproduction	Dr John Craig
16:45 - 17:15	Status epilepticus	Dr Sanjeev Rajakulendran
17:15-17:30	Close	
17:30 - 18:45	Drinks reception and live music	

Sunday 17 May

08:00 - 09:00	Refreshments/ light breakfast	
	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
09:00 - 09:40	SESSION 1	
	1A: Neonatal seizures	Dr Ronit Pressler
	1B: Seizures on a general medical ward	Professor Arjune Sen
	1C: Epilepsy related memory and cognitive problems	Dr Thomas Cope
09:50 - 10:30	SESSION 2	
	2A: The benign paediatric epilepsies	Dr Elaine Hughes
	2B: Epilepsy and sleep disorders	Dr Sofia Eriksson
	2C: Genetics of epilepsy	Professor Sanjay Sisodiya
10:30 - 11:00	Refreshment break	
11:00 - 11:40	SESSION 3	
	3A: The severe paediatric epilepsies	Dr Suresh Pujar
	3B: Mortality in epilepsy	Dr Becky Liu
	3C: Managing epilepsy and learning disability	Professor Lance Watkins
11:50 - 12:30	SESSION 4	
	4A: Treatment of epilepsy in children	Dr Ailsa McLellan
	4B: Co-morbidities of epilepsy	Dr Rhys Thomas
	4C: Driving regulations and medico-legal aspects	Dr Dominic Heaney
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	

SURGICAL MANAGEMENT		Chair: Dr Sofia Eriksson
13:30 - 14:15	Clinical and EEG features of temporal and frontal lobe seizures – interactive session	Professor Beate Diehl
14:15 - 15:15	Surgery for epilepsy, theory and interactive case discussion	Professor Andrew McEvoy / Ms Anna Miserocchi
15:15 - 15:45	Q&A – everything else you wanted to know about epilepsy.	Panel (speakers from final sessions)
15:45	Conclusion and close	Dr Fergus Rugg-Gunn

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