

Dementia Research Conference 2025

Online via Zoom

Day 1: Wednesday 21 May 2025

Theme: Ageing and Dementia

9.30	Welcome and Introductions Dr Dorina Cadar and Professor Naji Tabet, Centre for Dementia Studies (CDS), Department of Clinical Neuroscience, Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS)
9.40	Introductions and overview Professor Gordon Ferns, Deputy Dean BSMS
9.50	Introductions and overview Professor Andrew Dilley, Head of Department of Clinical Neuroscience, BSMS
10.00	Keynote Speaker: Dr Ivan Koychev, Reader and Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Imperial College London and Central Northwest London NHS Foundation Trust Talk title: Blood and digital biomarkers implementation in dementia care
11.00	Kath Sykes, Implementation Manager, NIHR ARC KSS & Innovation Health Lead Talk Title: My Choice – A resource on lifestyle for people living with dementia
11.25	Dr Rebeca Atkinson, Research Fellow, BSMS Talk Title: CO-COG Study: A co-designed app for people diagnosed with mild-to-moderate cognitive impairment
11.50	Julia Fountain, Patient and Participant Involvement Facilitator, Sussex Partnership NHS FOUNDATION Trust Talk title: Advice to researchers and clinicians from engaging with people with dementia
12.10	Natalie Portwine, Dementia Research Unit, Sussex Partnership Dementia Research Unit Talk title: The value of taking part in research
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Keynote speaker: Sarah Bauermeister, Associate Professor of Cognitive Neuropsychology at the University of Oxford, Senior Scientist, Dementias Platform UK and Brain Waves Talk title: Dementias Platform UK (DPUK): Addressing pre-clinical risk factors through global data sharing initiatives
14.00	Keynote speaker: Professor Mark Hayward, Director of Research at the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Talk title: OASIS study - an uncontrolled feasibility evaluation of a coping intervention for hallucinations in the context of dementia.

14.30	Amaani Al-Azzawi, Doctoral Researcher, Centre for Dementia Studies Talk title: OASIS-CARE Study Protocol A survey study to understand the knowledge, self-efficacy, attitudes, wellbeing, burnout and approaches that care home staff have towards supporting people living with dementia who experience hallucinations, in care home settings
14.50	Refreshment Break
15.00	Professor Jackie Cassell, National Lead of the UK Health Security Agency Talk title: Dementia, Care Homes and Infection: a health protection perspective
15.30	Dr Dorina Cadar, Reader in Neuroepidemiology at Brighton and Sussex Medical School Talk Title: Cognitive Frailty: An Overview
15.50	Gerda Talk Title: Cognitive Frailty: A Qualitative Study with Health Care Professionals and General Public
16.10	Alzheimer's Society UK Funders' perspectives and priorities
16.35	Reflections of the day <u>Dr Dorina Cadar</u> , Reader in Neuroepidemiology and Dementia, BSMS

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Day 2: Thursday 22 May 2025

Theme: Disease-modifying treatments and clinical adaptations

9.30	Welcome and Introductions Dr Dorina Cadar, Centre for Dementia Studies, BSMS
9.40	Professor Naji Tabet, Director, Centre for Dementia Studies (CDS), BSMS, UK
10.00	Keynote Speaker: Professor Ramin Nilforooshan, Professor in Psychiatry at the University of Surrey (UK) and a consultant psychiatrist for older adults in Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS FT Talk Title: New Modifying Treatments for Alzheimer's Disease
10.30	Dr Victoria Garfield, Senior Lecturer in Genetic Epidemiology, University of Liverpool, UK Talk Title: Sleep and Dementia
11.00	Dr Kay Deckers, Assistant Professor, Dementia Risk Reduction; Head Section, Neuropsychology; Department of Psychiatry and Neuropsychology, Maastricht University, the Netherlands Talk Title: Dementia risk reduction: from epidemiology to public health initiatives and intervention studies (in routine clinical care)
11.30	Refreshment Break
11.40	Dr Claire Lancaster, Assistant Professor, BSMS Talk title: APOE4 and Alzheimer's Disease
12.10	Emily Buden, Doctoral Researcher Talk title: Memory and Menopause- Insights from a Feasibility Study
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Dr Andrew Sommerlad, Associate Professor at UCL Division of Psychiatry and Consultant Old Age Psychiatrist in Islington Memory Service Talk Title: TBC
14.00	Keynote speaker: Professor James Rowe, Professor of Cognitive Neurology, Cambridge Centre for Frontotemporal Dementia and Related Disorders at the University of Cambridge and Associate Director Dementia Platform (DPUK) Talk title: Frontotemporal Dementia and Related Disorders
14.50	Refreshment Break

15.00	Dr Ain Nizam, Doctoral Researcher and Clinician SPFT Talk Title: Cognitive decline following Alzheimer's disease diagnosis in patients with diabetes: A systematic review
15.15	Dani Thorn, Research Assistant, BSMS Talk Title: No Dem Study: Practices, attitudes and outcomes of patients that do not receive a dementia diagnosis at a memory assessment service.
15.30	Dr Joanne Rodda, Associate Professor, Kent and Medway Medical School Talk Title: Using low-field MRI for dementia progression
16.00	Melis Cobang, Research Assistant, CEDAR Lab, Centre for Dementia Studies, BSMS Talk Title: VIVALDI Ascot Study Quality of Life for Older People Living in Care Homes during Covid Outbreaks
16.20	Dr Bethany Linder, Research Fellow, Centre for Dementia Studies. Talk Title: Adapting and Communicating Health Guidance for People Living with Dementia: Experiences of Health Professionals and Family Caregivers
16.45	Final reflections and close: Dr Dorina Cadar and Professor Naji Tabet