

Dementia Research Conference 2025

Online via Zoom

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Day 1: Wednesday 21 May 2025

Theme: Ageing and Dementia (Six CPD points/day)

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 living with dementia
12.10	Sarah Edgar and Tasmin Eperson, 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 & Brain Waves Talk title: Dementias Platform UK (DPUK): Addressing pre-clinical risk factors through global data sharing initiatives
14.00	Keynote speaker: 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	<p>Amaani Al-Azzawi, Doctoral Researcher, Centre for Dementia Studies</p> <p>Talk title: OASIS-CARE Study Protocol</p> <p>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</p>
14.50	<p>Refreshment Break</p>
15.00	<p>Keynote speaker: Professor Jackie Cassell, National Lead of the UK Health Security Agency</p> <p>Talk title: Dementia, Care Homes and Infection: a health protection perspective</p>
15.30	<p>Dr Dorina Cadar, Reader in Neuroepidemiology at Brighton and Sussex Medical School</p> <p>Talk Title: The Lifestyle Prescription- Rethinking Dementia Through Prevention</p>
15.50	<p>Gerda Prakopimaitė</p> <p>Talk Title: Cognitive Frailty: Understanding Public and Professional Perceptions</p>
16.10	<p>Cherie Nyota, Senior Research Grants Officer, Alzheimer's Society UK TBC</p> <p>Talk Title: Alzheimer's Society UK Funders' perspectives and priorities</p>
16.45	<p>Dr Ain Nizam, Doctoral Researcher and Clinician SPFT</p> <p>Talk Title: Cognitive decline following Alzheimer's disease diagnosis in patients with diabetes: A systematic review</p>
17.00	<p>Reflections of the day</p> <p><u>Dr Dorina Cadar</u>, Reader in Neuroepidemiology and Dementia, BSMS</p>

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Day 2: Thursday 22 May 2025

Theme: Advances in Dementia Research

9.30	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Professor Naji Tabet, Director, Centre for Dementia Studies (CDS), BSMS, UK</p>
9.35	<p>Professor Naji Tabet, Director, Centre for Dementia Studies (CDS), BSMS, UK</p> <p>Talk Title: New Dawns on Diagnosis and Disease-Modifying Treatment for Alzheimer's</p>
10.00	<p>Keynote Speaker: Professor Chris Bird, Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience within the School of Psychology and Director of Sussex Neuroscience.</p> <p>Talk Title: The impact of Mild Cognitive Impairment on the ability to make sense of what is going on now and to remember it later</p>
10.30	<p>Dr Victoria Garfield, Senior Lecturer in Genetic Epidemiology, University of Liverpool, UK</p> <p>Talk Title: An integrated genetic and observational epidemiological approach to disentangling diabetes and dementia</p>
11.00	<p>Dr Kay Deckers, Assistant Professor, Dementia Risk Reduction; Head Section, Neuropsychology; Department of Psychiatry and Neuropsychology, Maastricht University, the Netherlands</p> <p>Talk Title: Dementia risk reduction: from epidemiology to public health initiatives and intervention studies (in routine clinical care)</p>
11.30	<p>Refreshment Break</p>
11.40	<p>Dr Claire Lancaster, Assistant Professor, Centre for Dementia Studies, BSMS</p> <p>Talk title: APOE4 and Alzheimer's Disease</p>
12.10	<p>Emily Buden, Doctoral Researcher, Centre for Dementia Studies, BSMS</p> <p>Talk title: Memory and Menopause - Insights from a Feasibility Study</p>
12.30	<p>Lunch</p>
13.30	<p>Dr Andrew Sommerlad, Associate Professor at UCL Division of Psychiatry and Consultant Old Age Psychiatrist in Islington Memory Service</p> <p>Talk Title: Approaches to Reducing Dementia: Update of the 2024 Lancet Commission</p>
14.00	<p>Keynote speaker: Professor James Rowe, Professor of Cognitive Neurology, Cambridge Centre for Frontotemporal Dementia and Related Disorders at</p>

	<p>the University of Cambridge and Associate Director Dementia Platform (DPUK) Talk title: What's new in Frontotemporal Dementia?</p>
14.50	Refreshment Break
15.00	<p>Ash Gireesh, Doctoral Researcher, University College London Talk Title: Trajectories of Inflammatory makers, socioeconomic inequalities and neurocognitive disorders</p>
15.20	<p>Jiamin Yin, Doctoral Researcher, Rochester University, USA Talk Title: Depression and Cognitive Decline in the General Population</p>
15.45	<p>Dani Thorn, Research Assistant, Centre for Dementia Studies, BSMS Talk Title: No Dem Study: Practices, attitudes and outcomes of patients that do not receive a dementia diagnosis at a memory assessment service.</p>
16.00	<p>Melis Cobandag, 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</p>
16.20	<p>Dr Bethany Linder, Research Fellow, CEDAR Lab, Centre for Dementia Studies, BSMS Talk Title: Adapting and Communicating Health Guidance for People Living with Dementia: Experiences of Health Professionals and Family Caregivers</p>
16.40	<p>Rajvir Sran and Ella Dicu, Medical Researchers, BSMS Talk Title: Interoception, Sensory function and lifestyle in Dementia</p>
17.00	Final reflections and close: Dr Dorina Cadar and Professor Naji Tabet