

The 2nd UK PLS Day

Wednesday, 25th September 2024



Research Centre (Thatched Barn) - Christ Church College, Oxford

A meeting for people living with Primary lateral sclerosis (PLS) and their carers, with the aim of sharing the latest developments in research, treatment and practical support.

9:30 – 10:00	Tea & Coffee
10:00 – 10:05	WELCOME Martin Turner
10:05 – 10:20	THE OXFORD PLS EXPERIENCE David Lester
10:20 – 10:45	DIAGNOSING PLS Martin Turner
10:45- 11:15	MEASURING MOVEMENT FOR TRIALS Emma Hodson-Tole
11:15 – 11:45	Tea & Coffee
11:45 – 12:15	PRACTICAL SUPPORT IN PLS Phillippa Sharpe
12:15 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 14:30	THE USA PLS REGISTRY AND BEYOND Sabrina Paganoni (streamed presentation)
14:30 – 15:00	PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT IN PLS Rachel Woolrich
15:00 - 15:30	Tea & Coffee
15:30 – 16:15	BREAKOUT GROUPS - to discuss top tips and present back to group
16:15 – 16:45	Q&A SESSION <i>(including moderated questions from international delegates, via Facebook live)</i>

SPEAKERS

Martin Turner is Professor of Clinical Neurology & Neuroscience in the University of Oxford's Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences, and Consultant Neurologist to the John Radcliffe Hospital, working alongside the MND Clinic team. His research focus is on biomarker discovery to accelerate drug discovery.

David Lester is a Neurology Registrar currently undertaking a DPhil in the University of Oxford's Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences, based at the John Radcliffe Hospital. His research focuses on protein biomarkers and clinical cohort analyses.

Emma Hodson-Tole is Professor of Neuromuscular Biomechanics in Manchester Metropolitan University's Department of Life Sciences. Her research focuses on developing new ways of measuring skeletal muscle health and changes in physical ability, with the aim of improving MND diagnosis and the evaluation of potential new treatments.

Phillippa Sharpe is a Specialist Occupational Therapist at the Oxford MND Care and Research Centre, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Phillippa has worked in continuing disability management; social services; palliative care and Assistive Technology teams for over 15 years. Her research interests focus on how people adapt and change their activities whilst living with MND.

Sabrina Paganoni is an Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School and co-Director of the Neurological Clinical Research Institute at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, USA. Her research focuses on innovation in clinical trials to accelerate the development of new treatments for people living with motor neuron disease.

Rachel Woolrich is Principal Clinical Psychologist at the Oxford MND Care & Research Centre. She focuses on the psychological assessment and support of patients and carers attending the MND clinic, and is interested in understanding the psychological needs of patients and carers living with PLS. She also works with another neurological condition called NF2.



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