



BAPA - Annual Conference
Friday 31st January 2025

Doubletree by Hilton
Piccadilly, Manchester

Speaker Information:

Presentation: Auditory Processing Disorder –
do you always need a diagnosis to help the child

Dr Shankar Rangan works as a Consultant Audiovestibular Physician in Paediatrics at Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and is Head of the Department of Paediatric Audiovestibular Medicine. His particular area of interest is aetiology of permanent childhood hearing impairment, and he runs the course “Aetiological investigations for hearing loss in children” at ICH London. His other areas of interest include APD, tinnitus and Hyperacusis in children, Autism and Audiological problems and Paediatric Balance problems. He is the Northern representative for the British Association of Paediatricians in Audiology and the Vice-President of the British Association of Audiovestibular Physicians.

Presentation: Vestibular Disorders in Children

Professor Soumit Dasgupta is a Consultant in Audiovestibular Medicine and Neuro-otology and Clinical lead in Paediatric Audiology at Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust and Honorary Professor at the University of Siena, Italy. He is the international secretary of the International Vestibular Society and the Chairman of Education in the British Association of Audiovestibular Physicians and an Executive committee member of the British Society of Neurotology and Otology. He is a honorary senior lecturer in the University of Liverpool and University of Manchester. He has a special interest in balance disorders and is globally recognised as a leading expert in Paediatric balance disorders.

Presentation: ANSD in Children- an Overview

Dr Chrysa Spyridakou FRCP, MRCS, DO-HNS, MSc, MD(res) is a consultant audiovestibular physician at Royal ENT and Eastman Dental Hospital at UCLH and Honorary Senior Lecturer at UCL. She specialises in the genetics of hearing loss, vestibular problems, audiovestibular problems in children with complex needs, auditory processing disorder and auditory neuropathy. Dr Spyridakou is the specialty advisory committee (SAC) lead for the curriculum in audiovestibular medicine in the UK. She is the vice president of the International Association of Physicians in Audiology (IAPA).

Presentation: Gene Therapy for Hearing Loss

Mr. Robert Nash is a consultant otologist and auditory implant surgeon at Great Ormond Street Hospital. He is an honorary associate professor at University College London. He is the PI for the CHORD gene therapy study for Otof related hearing loss at GOSH. He is a co-supervisor for a PhD student developing an intracochlear gene therapy for Norrie disease.

Presentation: Genetics and Hearing Loss: Q and A session

Dr. Emma Burkitt Wright is a clinical geneticist in Manchester, with an interest in the genomic basis of deafness. (Along with Sarah,) she is part of the North West genomic laboratory hub multidisciplinary team responsible for R67 genomic testing for deafness for patients across the North and East of England.

Sarah Stewart is a genetic counsellor in Manchester specializing in deafness. She has worked on national projects to increase accessibility to genetic testing and counselling for deaf patients (along with Emma) and has a specific special interest in workflows to support patients with Usher syndrome.

Dr Ann Large is a Consultant Audiovestibular Physician at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust. Ann trained in Audiovestibular Medicine in the North West and gained an MSc Audiovestibular Medicine. She has worked as a Consultant Audiovestibular Physician in the Children's Audiology department in Wigan since 2012. Ann has been an invaluable member of the BAPA Executive team and is the Treasurer for BAPA.

Presentation: Presentation by Sonova