

## SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

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8.30 am *COFFEE AND REGISTRATION*

9.15 am **Presidential address**  
Professor Humphrey Hodgson  
President, British Association for the Study of the Liver

### MORNING SESSION

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#### FOCUS ON NATURAL HISTORY, EPIDEMIOLOGY, SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT

##### Morning chairman

Professor Maggie Bassendine, Past Chairman, Liver Section of the British Society for Gastroenterology & Professor of Hepatology, University of Newcastle

9.20 am **The natural history of HCV infection and related liver disease including current thinking on the clinical significance of non-linear progression to hepatic fibrosis**

Dr. Steve Ryder, Consultant Hepatologist, Queens Medical Centre, University Hospital Nottingham

9.40 am **Epidemiological analysis of HCV infection: UK data as at 2004, international comparisons and current projections of future disease burden**

Dr. Julie Parkes, Lecturer in Public Health Medicine, Applied Clinical Epidemiology Group, University of Southampton

10.00 am **Monitoring infection in individuals identified at high risk of transmission: should we be screening selected patients attending antenatal care and genitourinary medicine clinics?**

Professor David Goldberg, Professor of Public Health, University of Glasgow and Consultant in Public Health, Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health, Glasgow

10.20 am **Non-invasive assessment of stage of disease: a review of progress in the identification and use of biological markers**

Professor William Rosenberg, Professor of Medicine, University of Southampton

10.40 am **Panel discussion with audience participation**

11.00 am *MORNING COFFEE*

#### FOCUS ON CURRENT SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE AND EXPERT OPINION FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HCV DISEASE

11.20 am **Recent developments in the scientific evidence base for the investigation and management of HCV infection**

Professor Graham Foster, Professor of Hepatology, Barts and The London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry, London

11.40 am **An enumeration and discussion of factors affecting clinical outcomes from medical intervention in HCV disease**

Dr. Nikolai Naoumov, Reader in Hepatology/Consultant Physician, Institute of Hepatology, University College, London

12 noon **Current progress in the management of co-infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)**

Dr. Sanjay Bhagani, Consultant Physician in Infectious Disease, Royal Free Hospital, London

12.20 pm **Monitoring response to therapy: criteria for assessment of response and the timing of cessation of treatment**

Professor William Irving, Professor of Virology, University of Nottingham

12.40 pm **Panel discussion with audience participation**

1.00 pm *LUNCHEON*

### AFTERNOON SESSION

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#### FOCUS ON SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND CLINICAL GOVERNANCE – I

##### Afternoon chairman

Professor Howard Thomas, Professor of Medicine, Imperial College at St. Mary's Hospital, London

1.50 pm **Current data on the rate and extent of implementation with reference to the DoH Action Plan & Awareness Campaign**

Professor Howard Thomas, Professor of Medicine, Imperial College at St. Mary's Hospital, London

2.10 pm **Current developments in the commissioning of specialist services**

Ms. Barbara Howe, Director of Specialist Commissioning, London North East

2.30 pm **The National Plan for Liver Services: rationale, structure and current status of operational implementation**

Professor Kevin Moore, Professor of Hepatology, Royal Free and University College Medical School, Royal Free Hospital, London

2.50 pm **Computerized management of HCV cohorts: a theoretical overview and practical IT demonstration**

Professor Jonathan Brown, Professor of Applied Science and Information Technology, Postgraduate Medical School, Cranfield University and Consultant Gastroenterologist, Gloucester Royal Infirmary

3.10 pm **Panel discussion with audience participation**

3.30 pm *AFTERNOON TEA*

#### FOCUS ON SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND CLINICAL GOVERNANCE – II

3.50 pm **The role of managed clinical networks in the implementation of the National HCV Strategy**

Dr. Matthew Cramp, Consultant Gastroenterologist, Derriford Hospital, Plymouth

4.10 pm **HCV & drug and alcohol & prison services: can their operational integration improve the effectiveness of clinical care?**

Dr. Eilish Gilvarry, Clinical Director, Drug and Alcohol Service, Newcastle/Director, Centre for Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of Newcastle & Chairman, Substance Misuse Faculty of The Royal College of Psychiatrists, London

4.30 pm **Progress in the development of the role of specialist hepatology nurses: current *modus operandi* and higher training initiatives**

Ms. Lee Copley, Clinical Nurse Specialist, St. George's Hospital, London

4.50 pm **Patient participation and public involvement in clinical decision making and service development**

Mr. Charles Gore, Chief Executive, Hepatitis C Trust, London

5.10 pm **Panel discussion with audience participation**

5.30 pm **Chairman's closing remarks and Close of Symposium**

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### About this symposium

The symposium has been designed to enable a comprehensive examination of recent advances in the investigation and management of hepatitis C infection in the UK, including the natural history and epidemiology of disease, screening of the individual at risk, assessment of disease stage, the scientific evidence and expert opinion base for medical intervention and the assessment of treatment response, the problem of co-infection and current thinking on the clinical governance of hepatitis C services within the context of NICE judgements, the DoH Action Plan and Awareness Campaign, the National Plan for Liver Services, the role of the multi-disciplinary team and strategies for the involvement of patients and their carers in clinical decision making.

### Who should attend?

Consultants in gastroenterology, hepatology, virology and infectious disease, public health medicine and SpRs/non-consultant career grades across these specialties, clinical nurse specialists, hospital pharmacists, clinicians and scientists of the Health Protection Agency, managers and commissioners of NHS gastroenterology/hepatology services, health policy makers and academics in public health policy and health services research, members of the pharmaceutical industry and all those colleagues with a responsibility for or interest in the effective investigation and management of HCV infection and disease.

### Venue

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London.

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### Symposium Planning Committee

Professor Maggie Bassendine, Dr. Matthew Cramp, Professor Geoffrey Dusheiko, Professor Graham Foster, Professor William Irving, Professor Andrew Miles, Professor William Rosenberg, Dr. Steve Ryder, Professor Howard Thomas

### Venue:

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London