

# European Neonatal Ethics Conference – 2019

“Sharing Ethical Practice Together”

**November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**Venue:**

**St Mary’s Stadium, Britannia  
Road, Southampton,  
SO14 5FP**



**Speakers**

**Professor Keith Barrington**

Professor of Paediatrics, University of Montreal,  
Quebec Canada

**Professor Howard Clark**

Professor and Head Academic Child Health UHS  
Southampton

**Dr Rosa Geurtzen**

Fellow in Neonatology and Neonatal Research,  
Radboud University, Amalia Children’s Hospital,  
Netherlands

**Dr Annie Janvier**

Associate Professor Department of Paediatrics  
Consultant Neonatologist & Ethicist, University of  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

**Lisa Leppard**

Senior Sister Lead Family Care, NICU, Princess Anne  
Hospital, Southampton

**Professor Neil Marlow**

Professor of Pediatrics, UCL, President European  
Society of Pediatric Research

**Dr Sofia Moratti**

Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow,  
European University Institute, Florence

**Mr Rob Wheeler**

Consultant Paediatric Surgeon & Director Dept of  
Clinical Law University Hospital Southampton

**Professor Claudia Wiesemann**

Director Department for Medical Ethics,  
Göttingen University Germany

**Professor Fiona Woollard**

Professor of Philosophy, University of Southampton

## Professor Dominic Wilkinson, Chair, European Neonatal Ethics Conference



Dominic Wilkinson is Director of Medical Ethics and Professor of Medical Ethics at the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford. He is a consultant in newborn intensive care at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. He also holds a health practitioner research fellowship with the Wellcome Trust and is a senior research fellow at Jesus College Oxford. Dominic has published more than 120 academic articles relating to ethical issues in intensive care for adults, children and newborn infants. He is co-author (with Julian Savulescu) of 'Ethics, Conflict and Medical treatment for children, from disagreement to dissensus' (Elsevier, 2018). He is also the author of 'Death or Disability? The 'Carmentis Machine' and decision-making for critically ill children' (Oxford University Press 2013) ("the best book of the decade in bioethics... this is a book that must be read by everybody who is seriously interested in the bioethical issues that arise in neonatal intensive care or, more generally, in decision making for children with chronic, debilitating or life-threatening conditions." (John Lantos, Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews). He was Editor and Associate Editor of the Journal of Medical Ethics from 2011-2018. Twitter: @Neonataethics

## Dr Alok Sharma Co-Organiser and Treasurer European Neonatal Ethics Conference



Dr Alok Sharma is a Consultant Neonatologist at Princess Anne Hospital Southampton. He is Lead for the Wessex-Oxford Neonatal Education Programme. Alok started his postgraduate training in paediatrics in India completing an MD on 'Meconium Aspiration'. He has trained in neonatal and paediatric intensive care at Aberdeen, London, Exeter, Southampton and Leicester. He has founded the 'Neonatal Ethics and Difficult Situations Course' which is run nationally in multiple centres in the UK along with Dr D Wilkinson, Dr Sijo Francis, and Dr S Babarao. He has also developed the OPEN concept in simulated learning and worked on its implementation in ethics education. He has run numerous workshops on the ethical aspects of implementation of therapeutic hypothermia in India in partnership with the National Neonatology Forum India. Work on multidisciplinary neonatal simulation done by his team, and its impact on neonatal outcomes was nominated for the National BMJ Award securing the Runner's Up position in 2014 and was awarded the Best Research Award at ASPIH 2014.

## Lisa Leppard Chair Scientific Committee



Lisa Leppard is a Senior Sister/ Family Care Sister on the Neonatal Unit at Princess Anne Hospital Southampton UK. She has worked on the Unit for 27 years and has developed the role of Family Care Sister. She has been instrumental in leading the team to achieve Bliss Baby Charter Accreditation for the unit. Lisa leads the Family Care Team in Southampton, counselling & supporting parents throughout their stay on the Neonatal Unit and is also the nursing palliative care lead for the Thames Valley and Wessex Neonatal Network and co-authored the Network Palliative Care Guidelines. She has trained as a Gestalt /Humanistic counsellor and is devolving a counselling service within the Neonatal Unit for parents. She is currently working the UHS psychology team to implement a Mental Health Frame work for parents on NICU.

Lisa joined the NEDS team in 2014 and has helped support delivery of the courses in Southampton and London. This involves simulated scenarios in neonatal ethics, brain death and organ donation. Lisa recently qualified as an accredited Mediator and hopes to expand her role in this area soon.

## Dr Jasim Shihab Treasurer & Co Organiser



Dr Jasim Shihab is a Consultant Neonatologist working at East Lancashire NHS Trust . He has completed training in Neonatology in India, Aberdeen and London. He has also completed training in Neonatal Transport with the NETS team. He is an accredited neonatal simulation instructor with the MPROvE Academy since 2015 and has been instrumental in setting up the 'Difficult Neonatal Airway Course'.

Jasim's area of special interest in 'Impact of Culture' on Performance amongst trainees during communication. He has run simulation workshops on this with the MPROvE Academy both in the United Kingdom, and overseas. He is also involved in research on the use of death as a modality of training in neonatal simulation.