

'Breaking the Silence' Anal Cancer Awareness Day



Saturday 21 March 2026, 9am – 3.30pm

Post Graduate Lecture Theatre, Belfast City Hospital

Time	Topic	Speaker
9.00am	Healthcare Professional Registration (NB: Patient/Carer Registration will take place at 9.45am)	
9.30am	Welcome & Housekeeping	Allison Irwin Clinical Nurse Specialist, BHSCT
9.35am	Early detection/diagnosis	Catherine Hanna, Consultant Oncologist, BHSCT Stephanie Craig, Senior Lecturer, QUB
10.00am	Coffee Break	
10.20am	Anal Cancer <i>'The past, present and future'</i>	Professor David Sebag-Montefiore Clinical Oncologist & Health Research, University of Leeds and St Bartholomew's Hospital
10.55am	Department of Health – Cancer Strategy	TBC
11.10am	Macmillan Perspective	TBC
11.20am	Patient voices	Introduced by Allison Irwin
11.50am	Tackling the Stigma	Panel discussion led by Michael Anderson Bottom Line
12.05pm	Late effects of Radiotherapy	Sarah O'Hare Therapeutic Radiographer, BHSCT
12.15pm	Treatment effects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatigue • Pelvis physio • Dietary • Exercise • Incontinence 	Donna Cheshire, Occupational Therapist Alison Robinson, Physiotherapist Martina Kelly, Dietitian David Burke, Specialist Registrar Frances Hutchins, Specialist Nurse (All BHSCT)
13.00pm	Lunch	
13.45	Role of Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)	Allison Irwin Clinical Nurse Specialist, BHSCT
13.50	Intimacy and relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menopause & HRT • Psychosexual issues 	Fiona Harrity, Menopause Care Nurse, BHSCT TBC



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14.05pm	Support for you and your family	Margaret McManus, Information Services Manager, BHSCT
14.15pm	Breakout room for patients	Dealing with effects of treatment Exploring support beyond treatment
	Breakout for Professionals	Professionals Treatment pathways Research and Future Directions
3.00pm	Questions and closing remark	
3.30pm	Finish	

NB: Programme and speakers subject to change



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