

Welsh Cardiothoracic Society



Hensol Castle, Hensol Park, Hensol, CF72 8JY
7th November 2015

Inaugural Meeting

08:00 - 09:00 Coffee and Registration

09:00 - 09:50

Introduction - Miss Indu Deglurkar, President, WCTS

Chief Guest's address - Prof Mark Drakeford AM, Minister for Health & Social Services

SCTS Future direction - SCTS

Opening Plenary Session - 09:50 - 10:40

Chair: Prof Saeed Ashraf, Prof Ulrich Von Oppell

09.50 - 10:15 Cardiac surgery in Wales - Mr Pankaj Kumar

10:15 - 10:40 Thoracic surgery in Cardiff - Miss Malgorzata Kornaszewska

Thoracic surgery in Swansea - Mr Ira Goldsmith

10:40 - 11:00 Coffee, Posters and Exhibitions

Session II - 11:00- 13:00

Chair: Mr Nihal Kulatilake, Mr Dheeraj Mehta

11:00 - 11:30 Future commissioning and direction of cardio-thoracic surgical services and discussion - Mrs Alison Williams, Chair, Joint Committee (TBC)

11:30 - 11:45 Presidential address - Miss Indu Deglurkar

11:45 - 12:05 RTT and access time - Mr Aprim Youhana

12:05 - 12:25 Lung cancer initiative: Fit for list - Mr Ira Goldsmith

12:25 - 12:45 Provision of non-cancer thoracic surgery in Wales - Mr Ainis Pirtnieks

12:45 - 13:00 Modelling the heart - Prof. Saeed Ashraf

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch, Posters and Exhibitions

Afternoon Session

Session III – 14:00– 16:00

Chair: Mr Aprim Youhana, Mr Ahmed Azzu

- 14:00 – 14:20** Developing minimally invasive mitral valve surgical expertise in Wales
- Prof Ulrich Von Oppell
- 14:20 – 14:40** Developing hybrid aortic arch replacement expertise in Wales
- Miss Indu Deglurkar
- 14:40 – 15:00** Reshaping the junior medical and non-medical workforce
- Mr Dheeraj Mehta
- 15:00 – 15:10** Training in Wales: A trainee's perspective - Mr Prakash Nanjaiah
- 15:10 – 15:30** Communication is the art of Kings (and Queens!) - Dr John Dunne,
Consultant Anaesthetist and Director, Foundation Training Programme
- 15:30 – 15:45** The changing demographics of cardiac surgical patients in Wales
- Mr Mesbah Rahman
- 15:45 – 15:55** Advice for the future generation - Mr Nihal Kulatilake
- 15:55 - 16:00** Closing remarks, results of the poster competition and next meeting
- Mr Ira Goldsmith, Honorary Secretary, WCTS

16:00 – 17:00 Coffee, Networking and Exhibitions



Hensol Castle: is located just minutes from the M4 with easy accessibility. This 400-year old castle that has been used as a stage set for Doctor Who, Sherlock and Torchwood, is a unique wedding venue and ideal conference centre. The conference facilities are in the new purpose-built Courtyard Hall that is capable of hosting 320 delegates theatre-style and a befitting venue to host our Inaugural WCTS meeting.