

**SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF GASTROENTEROLOGY  
WINTER MEETING 2025  
5 December 2025**

**Apex Dunblane Hydro Hotel**

**Host(s): Dr Laura Clark  
Forth Valley Royal Hospital**

Time	Topic	Speaker
07:30 – 08:45	<b>NRS Gastroenterology Meeting</b>	<b>Stuart Lounge</b>
	<b>NRS Hepatology Meeting</b>	<b>Strathspey Room</b>
08:45 – 09:10	<b>Registration SSG Meeting</b>	
09:15 – 09:30	<b>Opening and Welcoming Comments</b>	<b>Dr Laura Clarke</b>
<b>Session 1</b>		
<b>Chair(s): Dr Stuart Paterson and Dr Laura Clark</b>		
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> <b>Palliative care in liver disease - what's the point?</b>	<b>Dr Fiona Finlay</b> Palliative Care Consultant University Hospital Hairmyres
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Free paper #1</b> <b>Clinical significance of Fungiascites in patients with cirrhosis</b>	<b>Dr Tufail Raza</b>
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Free paper #2</b> <b>Liver assessment in Community Alcohol Services: effect on drinking behaviour, liver injury and hospital attendance</b>	<b>Ms Cherry Fung</b>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee and Pharmaceutical Exhibition</b>	
<b>Session 2</b>		
<b>Chair(s): Dr Shahida Din, Dr Santosh Salunke and Dr David Watts</b>		
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> <b>Gastroenterology as a Rural Surgical Generalist: experiences in Shetland and Zambia</b>	<b>Mr Stuart Fergusson</b> Consultant Surgeon Gilbert Bain Hospital NHS Shetland
11:30 – 11:45	<b>Free paper #3</b> <b>Implementation of a Bolus PPI Protocol Post-Endoscopy: Audit of Clinical Outcomes in NHS Fife</b>	<b>Dr Aye Moh Moh Paing</b>
11:45 – 12:00	<b>Free paper #4</b> <b>Quantitative Faecal Immunochemical Testing (qFIT): A Greener, Cheaper, and Patient-Preferred Alternative to Faecal Calprotectin (fCal) for Monitoring Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)</b>	<b>Dr Peter Cartlidge</b>
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> <b>From genetics to disease mechanisms in IBD</b>	<b>Dr James Lee</b> Clinician Scientist Group Leader The Francis Crick Institute
12:30 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b> <b>Poster Viewing and Pharmaceutical Exhibition</b> <b>(13:05 – 13:25 – SSG Business Meeting)</b>	

<b>Session 3</b>		
<b>Chair(s): Dr Timothy Heron and Dr Iain Morrison</b>		
13:30 – 14:00	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> <b>Inherited amyloidosis and what the gastroenterologist needs to know</b>	<b>Dr Kathryn Brennan</b> Consultant Neurologist & Neuropathy Lead NHS GG&C
14:00 – 14:15	<b>Free paper #5</b> <b>Validating a novel FIT directed pathway for Iron Deficiency Anaemia</b>	<b>Dr Stuart Reid</b>
14:15 – 14:45	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> <b>Demand management in endoscopy</b>	<b>Dr Colin Noble</b> Consultant Gastroenterologist NHS Lothian National Co-lead for Endoscopy
<b>14:45 – 15:15</b>	<b>Coffee and Pharmaceutical Exhibition</b>	
<b>Session 4</b>		
<b>Chair(s): Dr Richard Burnham and Mrs Michelle Head</b>		
15:15 – 15:45	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> <b>The Quiet Opportunist: CMV Diagnosis Amidst IBD Therapy</b>	<b>Dr Elan Tsarfati</b> Consultant Microbiologist NHS Forth Valley
15:45 – 16:00	<b>Free paper #6</b> <b>Slimming with a cost? Novel GLP-1 therapies implicated in Ischaemic Colitis: A Case Series</b>	<b>Dr Xian Hung Choi</b>
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> <b>Understanding Eating Disorders: A Guide for Gastroenterologists</b>	<b>Dr Alastair McKinley</b> Consultant Gastroenterologist Retired
16:30	<b>Announcement of the Ann Ferguson (Best Oral) and Derek Gillen (Best Poster) prize awards</b>	<b>Dr Gillian Mulholland</b> SSG President
	<b>Closing remarks</b>	<b>Dr Laura Clarke</b>
16:45	<b>Close</b>	

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