



Health Inequalities in Gynaecological Cancer Care Conference

13th March 2026

AGENDA

TIME	SPEAKER	TITLE OF TALK
09:30	Conference Chairs	Welcome
09:40	Marcus Rijken	Global oncology ethnic disparities in endometrial cancer
10:05	Hanny Pijnenborg	Global oncology ethnic disparities in endometrial cancer
10:30	Break	
10:40	Stewart O'Callaghan	LGB+ experiences of gynaecological cancer and sexual wellbeing.
11:05	Jennifer Davies	Urine self-sampling as an alternative cervical screening method for the LGBTQ+ community.
11:30	Jessie Cao	Cervical screening in ethnically diverse populations and attitudes towards self-samplings.
11:55	Jo Morrison	Challenges for coastal and rural cancer care.
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Stacey Bryan	Why Representation Matters: community-led approaches to health inequalities.
13:55	Princess Jemima Nambo	Faith, culture, and cervical screening uptake among Black African women; equitable provision.
14:20	Break	
14:30	Sue Sherman	Improving cervical screening access for physically Disabled women and people with a cervix; patient and smear taker perspectives.
14:55	Elaine Leung and Sbba Siddique	GO Further and the Power of Narrative Initiative.
15:20	Panel Discussion	
15:45	Closing Remarks	

Speaker	Biography
Marcus Rijken	<p>Marcus Rijken is a gynaecologist-oncologist and assistant professor global health whose career spans clinical care, tropical medicine, and international research collaborations. He began as a tropical doctor in refugee camps on the Thai–Myanmar border, focusing on maternal and child health, and completed a PhD on malaria in pregnancy through the Mahidol-Oxford Research Unit . He later trained in gynaecology in the Netherlands and Oxford and now works at the Dutch cancer institute / Antoni van Leeuwenhoek, where he specializes in global oncological care and leads research on improving outcomes for women living in low and middle income countries. His work includes global studies on gynaecological cancer, collaborating with teams across Africa (Malawi, Uganda, Ghana), Asia (Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand), and the Caribbean (Suriname)</p>
Hanny Pijnenborg	<p>Hanny Pijnenborg is professor of gynecologic oncology at the Radboud university medical center Nijmegen, the Netherlands. She completed her OBGYN training in 2004 at the Maastricht University Medical Center and defended her thesis “The Predictive value of molecular markers for recurrent endometrial carcinoma” in 2005. Since 2016 she has been working as a gynecological oncologist at Radboudumc where she initiated the endometrial research group in 2010. Her main research focus is translational research in endometrial cancer. She was chair of ENITEC (European Network of Individual Treatment in Endometrial Cancer) and is currently board member. Within the ENITEC network she initiated several projects including the development of the ENDORISK model, to predict the risk of lymph node metastasis preoperatively.</p>
Stewart O’Callaghan	<p>Stewart O'Callaghan (they/them) is the award-winning Founder and CEO of OUTpatients, the UK's LGBTIQ+ cancer charity. Building upon their personal experience as a cancer patient, the charity is proudly patient-led and working to improve the representation, information and support available to LGBTIQ+ people affected by cancer.</p>
Jennifer Davies	<p>Dr Jen Davies is a senior Obstetrics and Gynaecology Trainee in the Wales Deanery, UK with an interest in screening and early detection of Gynaecological Cancers. Her PhD at the University of Manchester explored urine HPV testing as an alternative to current cervical screening. She has a passion for narrowing the cervical screening health inequity gap both in the UK and globally, with a particular interest in minority groups including the LGBTQ+ and ethnically diverse communities.</p>
Jessie Cao	<p>Dr Jessie Cao is an obstetrics and gynaecological trainee and is currently working as a clinical research fellow at St Mary’s Hospital, Manchester. Her research focus is on the acceptability of urine self-sampling as an alternative method in underserved populations and non-attenders. She works closely with the wider Alternative CERvical Screening (ACES) team under the supervision of Prof Emma Crosbie.</p>

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Jo Morrison	<p>Dr Morrison has worked as a Consultant Gynaecological Oncologist at the Somerset Gynaecological Cancer Centre in Taunton, since 2010. She is Somerset NHS Foundation Trust Associate Medical Director for Research, Honorary Associate Professor at the University of Exeter, and holds an MRC-funded Clinical Academic Research Partnership Award studying postnatal cervical screening.</p> <p>In addition, she is Editor-in-Chief for <i>The Obstetrician and Gynaecologist</i> (2023-26), a Senior Editor for Gynae Cancers in the Cochrane Collaboration (2011-) and is co-chair of the BGCS guidelines sub-group (2021-).</p> <p>DOI - BGCS guidelines co-chair; NHS Cervical Screening Programme Research Innovation and Development Committee (RIDAC) member</p>
Stacey Bryan	<p>Miss Stacey Bryan is a Consultant Gynaecological Oncologist at Imperial College hospital and is also the Co-founder and Chair of the British Caribbean Doctors & Dentists Association, a charity who's main aim is to improve the healthcare outcomes of Caribbeans living in the UK.</p>
Princess Nambo	<p>Princess Jemima (PJ) Nambo is a 3rd-year MBPhD student in the Department of Applied Health Sciences at the University of Birmingham. PJ has keen interests in teaching as well as mentoring, and is passionate about advancing religio-cultural sensitivity within research and healthcare.</p>
Sue Sherman	<p>Susan Sherman is a Professor of Psychology at the University of Sheffield. The focus of her research is on understanding the psychosocial barriers and facilitators to cancer screening (cervical and HPV self-sampling) and immunisation (HPV, COVID-19, varicella) uptake. Much of her research has a health equity focus and she is interested in the public, patient, and healthcare provider perspectives. Currently, she leads an NIHR funded project which aims to improve access to cervical screening for physically Disabled people.</p>
Elaine Leung and Sbba Siddique	