

British Neuro-Oncology Society Annual Meeting 2026

Local Therapies for Brain Cancers – Patient variability/ Emerging treatments / Optimising outcomes



**Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd July
University of Birmingham**

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| | Main Plenary Sessions – The Elgar Concert Hall | Location & Speaker |
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| 9:00 – 10:00 | Registration, refreshments and exhibition | Aston Webb Great Hall |
| 10:00 – 12:00 | Session 1: Educational session: Rapid and ultra-rapid testing of brain tumours to meet patient clinical need | |
| 10:05-10:15 | Impact of waiting for a post operative diagnosis of brain tumour: The lived experience | |
| 10:15-10:25 | Consent, tissue sampling and processing for near patient testing | Mr Stuart Smith |
| 10:25-10:35 | Validation of the single shared genomic platform across early adopter sites | Prof Matt Loose |
| 10:35-10:45 | Integrating rapid diagnostic sequencing into the paediatric neuro-oncology workflow | |
| 10:45-10:55 | Operational delivery of a networked local genomic platform within the NHS | |
| 10:55-11:05 | Implementation | |
| 11:05-12:00 | Debate | |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch and exhibition | Aston Webb Great Hall |
| 13:00 – 13:05 | Welcome to BNOS 2026 | |
| 13:05 – 13:25 | Keynote Speaker: Window trials to improve drug development in Glioma | Prof Nader Sani |
| 13:25-13:40 | The need for Neuro-oncology Research Networks | Prof Colin Watts |
| 13:40-14:00 | Q&A | |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Town Hall: Trials Landscape Update | |
| 14:00-14:05 | Access to Clinical Trials for Brain Tumours | Prof Susan Short |
| 14:50-15:00 | Recurrent GB & Combat | Mr Puneet Plaha |
| 15:00-15:30 | Refreshments and exhibition | Aston Webb Great Hall |
| 15:30-17:30 | Session 2: Glioma: Optimising Radiotherapies | |
| 15:30-15:55 | Keynote Speaker: Improving tumour control and reducing neurotoxicity by combining radiotherapy with inhibitors of the DNA damage response | Prof Anthony Chalmers |
| 15:55-16:10 | Investigating targeted radiotherapies for the effective treatment of glioblastoma | Prof Jason Parsons |
| 16:10 – 16:20 | Q&A: Panel discussion: How to expedite delivery of local therapies into clinical practice | |
| 16:20 – 17:00 | Abstracts | |
| 17:00-17:30 | Platinum Sponsored talk | Novocure |
| 17:30 | Close of session | |
| 17:30 – 18:30 | BNOS Mentor and Mentee meet up | Aston Webb Hall |
| 17:30 – 19:00 | Poster, networking welcome reception | Aston Webb Great Hall |
| 17:30 – 19:00 | The Birmingham Boron Neutron Capture Therapy Facility timed visits | University of Birmingham |

| | Parallel Sessions – Aston Webb C Block Lecture Theatre | Location Speaker |
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| 9:00 – 10:00 | Registration, refreshments and exhibition | Aston Webb Great Hall |
| 10:00 – 11:25 | Parallel Session 1: Education Session: AHP | |
| 10:00-10:05 | Welcome | |
| 10:05-10:10 | Management of Low Grade Glioma | |
| 10:10-10:15 | Long term health outcomes in oligodendrogliomas | Dr Florian Boele |
| 10:15-10:25 | Integrated Low Grade Glioma Care | Kelly Dawson |
| 10:25-10:35 | A dedicated low grade glioma clinic: a holistic, patient centred approach | Charlotte Robinson |
| 10:35-10:55 | Q&A + Discussion | |
| 10:55-11:00 | Prehabilitation | |
| 11:00-11:05 | AHP Prehabilitation Service: Improving patient experience | Gary Walsh & Anne Jammes |
| 11:05-11:15 | TBC | Christelle Smit |
| 11:15-11:25 | Prehabilitation in Cardiff | Catherine Lewis |
| 11:45 – 12:20 | AHP Career Development workshop | Chairs: Shivani Shoni, Rhona Watson, Mitchell Hickman |
| 11:45-11:55 | What TJBCM offers to AHPs to support their career and research skill development | TJBCM Dr Nicky Huskens |
| 11:55-12:05 | Deep dive into AHP Research Fellowship programme including key tips, tricks and pitfalls to avoid to become more research-active | TJBCM Camille Goetz |
| 12:05-12:15 | Co-designing a framework to guide individualisation of radiotherapy education and information resources for patients and caregivers affected by glioblastoma | TJBCM AHP Research Fellow Sharon Fernandez |
| 12:15-12:20 | Q&A | |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch and exhibition | Aston Webb Great Hall |
| 15:00-15:30 | Refreshments and exhibition | Aston Webb Great Hall |
| 15:45 – 17:30 | Parallel Session 2: AHP: Survivorship and quality of life | |
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| 7:00 | BNOS 5K Run | |
| 8:00–09:00 | Registration, refreshments and exhibition | Aston Webb Great Hall |
| 09:00–10:30 | Session 3: Preclinical models of brain tumour | |
| 9:00 – 9:20 | Keynote speaker: Predictive patient-derived glioma organoid models for functional precision neuro-oncology | Prof Haikun Liu |
| 9:20–9:35 | Design and development of Chemoseed for local brain tumour drug delivery | Prof Chris McConville |
| 9:35–9:50 | From single-cell omics to patient derived cells: dissecting and modeling glioblastoma heterogeneity | Prof Sara Piccirillo |
| 9:50–10:00 | Q&A and discussion | |
| 10:00–10:30 | Abstracts | |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Refreshments and exhibiton | Aston Webb Great Hall |
| 11:00–11:30 | Plenary Session 2 | |
| 11:00–11:10 | Oral Abstract Vorasidenib | Prof Cath McBain |
| 11:10 – 11:40 | Platinum Sponsored talk | Servier |
| 11:40–12:10 | Brain Tumour Research Young Investigator Award | |
| 12:15–12:30 | BNOS Conference photo | |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch and exhibition | Aston Webb Great Hall |
| 13:30–15:00 | Plenary Session 3: Mapping Neuro-oncology to National Strategy | |
| 13:30 – 13:50 | Keynote Speaker: Overview of the National Cancer plan | Mr David Fitzgerald |
| 13:50 – 14:05 | Analogue to digital implications for clinical trials | Prof Amos Burke |
| 14:05 – 14:20 | Hospital to community care: The West Midlands perspective | Dr Sonia Ashraf |
| 14:20–14:35 | National Strategies- turning promise into practice | Cameron Miller |
| 14:35–15:00 | Panel discussion | |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Refreshments and exhibiton | Aston Webb Great Hall |
| 15:30–17:30 | Session 4: Metastasis | |
| 15:30 – 15:50 | Keynote Speaker: The Cancer Neuroscience of Brain Metastases: Emerging concepts and novel therapeutic targets' | Dr Matthia Karreman |
| 15:50–16:05 | Leptomeningeal metastasis: translational research and future directions | Dr Amanda Fitzpatrick |
| 16:05–16:15 | Debate/ Q&A | |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | BNOS AGM | Elgar Concert Hall |
| 17:30 | Close of session | |
| 19:30 – 23:00 | Conference Dinner | Council House, Birmingham |

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| 09:00–10:30 | Session 3: Parallel Session Paediatric and TYA | |
| 09:00–09:25 | Keynote speaker: Updates on CNS germinoma: the MonoGerm trial and utility of CSF miR-371a-3p | Prof Matt Murray |
| 09:30–10:30 | Abstracts | |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Refreshments and exhibiton | Aston Webb Great Hall |
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| 15:00 – 15:30 | Refreshments and exhibiton | Aston Webb Great Hall |
| 15:30–17:30 | Session 4: Parallel session: Imaging | |
| 15:30 | RANO AI | Dr Tom Booth |
| 15:55–16:10 | Gold sponsor talk: Brain Lab | Aston Webb C Block Lecture Theatre |
| 17:30 | Close of session | |
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| 8:15 | Registration, refreshments and exhibition | Aston Webb Great Hall |
| 09:00-11:00 | Session 5: Design and Delivery of Novel Therapies | |
| 9:00 - 9:25 | Keynote Lecture: Tailoring Therapy in Recurrent GBM Using Personalized Assay Platforms | Prof Soma Sengupta |
| 9:25-9:40 | An AAV-1 mediated dual-payload gene therapy for high grade glioma | Dr Faye Robinson |
| 09:40-09:45 | Q&A/ Discussion | |
| 09:45-10:00 | Abstracts | |
| 10:00-10:30 | Platinum Sponsored talk | Northwest Bio |
| 10:30-11:00 | Refreshments & Exhibition | Aston Webb Great Hall |
| 11:00-12:45 | Plenary Session 6 | |
| 11:00-11:50 | Top scoring Abstracts | |
| 11:50-12:00 | Panel discussion | |
| 12:00-12:30 | Keynote lecture: NIHR Consortium | Prof Juanita Lopez |
| 12:30 - 12:35 | BNOS 2027: The Royal Marsden | |
| 12:35 - 12:45 | Closing remarks | Prof Andrew Brodbelt |
| 12:45 - 14:00 | Departure lunch and exhibition | Aston Webb Great Hall |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | BNOS Stratedgy Meeting | |
| 14:00-15:00 | BNOS Council Meeting | |

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| 14:00 - 16:00 | Student and trainee committee: Updates in Advanced Diagnostics and Therapeutics in Neuro-oncology | The Elgar Concert Hall |
| 14:00 - 14:30 | Neuroimaging advances | |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | Neuropathology bootcamp | |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | Radiotherapy frontiers | |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Targeted therapies in neuro-oncology | |

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| 09:00-10:00 | Session 5: Parallel session: Global Neuro-Oncology | Aston Webb C Block Lecture Theatre |
| 9:00 - 9:15 | Neuro-Oncology in Gaza | Mr Ismail Urgratdhar |
| 09:15-09:25 | Neuro-Oncology in Nepal | Dr Deependra Simangaianda |
| 09:25-09:35 | Neurosurgical Oncology in Ethiopia | Dr Salahadin Mohammed |
| 9:35-09:40 | Q&A/ discussion | |
| 09:40-10:00 | Abstracts | |
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