

OPAT WORKSHOP 2025

BELFAST

12 September
Hilton Hotel, Belfast



OPAT
Outpatient Parenteral
Antimicrobial Therapy



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Welcome to the OPAT Regional Workshops 2025

Workshops will take place between June – September 2025.

BSAC are delighted to welcome you to this one-day regional workshop on Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT).

The OPAT initiative is a multi-stakeholder project that supports, guides and encourages the establishment of standardised OPAT services throughout and where ever the need may arise. This workshop is bringing together OPAT experts and we hope that you take the opportunity to share expertise, discuss success stories and learn about upcoming challenges in the OPAT setting.

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This workshop is CPD accredited and a link to download your certificate will be sent via email after the conference closes.

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0930

Registration

1000

Welcome and introduction

Eileen Dorgan, Consultant Microbiologist,
Antrim Hospital, Northern Health and Social
Care Trust

1005

**BSAC OPAT Initiative overview –
Where are we now?**

Mark Gilchrist, Consultant Pharmacist
Infectious Diseases, Imperial College
Healthcare NHS Trust

**SESSION 1 :
Local experiences**

Chair: Eileen Dorgan, Consultant
Microbiologist, Antrim Hospital, Northern
Health and Social Care Trust

1020

S-OPAT in ÉIRE

Geraldine Moloney, Consultant in Infectious
Diseases, University Hospital Galway

1040

Elastomeric Pilot

Peter McKee, Lead OPAT Pharmacist
Southern Trust

1100

**Standardising OPAT documentation
and reporting**

Fiona Gilmore, Lead OPAT Pharmacist,
Northern Trust

1120

Break**SESSION 2 : Endocarditis
and other OPAT
challenges**

Chair: Peter McKee, Lead OPAT Pharmacist
Southern Trust

1150

Challenging OPAT referrals

Cheryl Scott, Lead OPAT Pharmacist South
Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

1210

**ESC Guidelines on Endocarditis –
OPAT and COPAT**

Eileen Dorgan, Consultant Microbiologist,
Antrim Hospital, Northern Health and Social
Care Trust

1230

Lunch

1330

Regional Stocktake of OPAT Services

Bronagh McBrien, Programme Manager
– Antimicrobial Resistance, Public Health
Agency

**SESSION 3 : Spotlight
on Endocarditis**

1350

**Case series of OPAT Endocarditis
patients**

Suzanna Paterson, Specialist Trainee
in Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
Belfast Trust

1415

**Discussion of local issues/lessons
learnt**

1445

Summary of day & closing remarks



Eileen Dorgan

*Consultant Microbiologist, Antrim Hospital,
Northern Health and Social Care Trust*

Dr Eileen Dorgan earned her medical qualification from Queen's University, Belfast. After completing her registrar training in the Belfast Trust she has worked as a Consultant Microbiologist in the Northern Trust since 2016. Her areas of interest include medical education, antimicrobial stewardship, and OPAT. She gained her MSc in Clinical Education in 2021 and is currently the infection lead for the Trust's OPAT service.

being a spokesman on antimicrobials and fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

Mark has particular interests in antimicrobial stewardship around improving systems and processes that affect local, national and international AMR. His clinical interests include OPAT, tuberculosis and critical care.

Postgraduate education includes an MSc and non-medical independent prescribing status and he was recently awarded the NHS Leadership Academy Nye Bevan Award in executive healthcare leadership. He is a past chair of the UK Clinical Pharmacy Association – Pharmacy Infection Network (UKCPA PIN) and was awarded RPS Faculty Fellowship (Infection) in 2013.

He has delivered many lectures and workshops on AMS both at national and international level and has published around his areas of interest.



Mark Gilchrist

*Consultant Pharmacist Infectious Diseases,
Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust*

Mark is a Consultant Pharmacist Infectious Diseases & Head of Antimicrobial Stewardship Programme at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust.

He is a council member of British Society of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy and co-chairs its UK OPAT Initiative. He is Professor of Practice (Infectious Diseases) at Imperial College London, together with



Fiona Gilmore

Lead OPAT Pharmacist, Northern Trust

Fiona Gilmore graduated from Liverpool John Moores University in 2005 with Masters degree in Pharmacy (MPharm). She completed the Non-medical Independent Prescribing qualification in 2012 and a post-graduate Masters in Clinical Pharmacy in 2013 at Queen's University Belfast.

Fiona has worked in the Northern Trust since 2006 and was appointed a Specialist Antimicrobial Pharmacist

in 2013. In 2019 she was appointed as the Lead OPAT Antimicrobial Pharmacist at the Northern Health and Social Care Trust.



Bronagh McBrien

Programme Manager – Antimicrobial Resistance, Public Health Agency

Bronagh is the programme manager for AMR in the Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland. She has a background in clinical pharmacy and has experience in the management of HIV and sexual health.



Peter McKee

Lead OPAT Pharmacist Southern Trust

Peter graduated from the Robert Gordon University and worked as a clinical pharmacist at the Royal Hospital, Mater Hospital and Craigavon Area Hospital in Northern Ireland. He has an MSc in Clinical Pharmacy and is an independent prescriber. He is currently employed as Lead OPAT pharmacist in the Southern Health and Social Care Trust.



Geraldine Moloney

Consultant in Infectious Diseases, University Hospital Galway

Dr Geraldine Moloney is a medical graduate of University of Galway. After completing specialist training in Infectious Diseases with RCPI, she undertook a PhD in Clinical Microbiology in University of Dublin, Trinity College. Her areas of interest include antimicrobial stewardship, microbiome and C. difficile infections, sepsis and OPAT. She is a consultant in Infectious Diseases at Galway University Hospitals, where she is the regional lead for the OPAT programme.



Cheryl Scott

Lead OPAT Pharmacist South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Cheryl Scott graduated from Queen's University, Belfast, in 2003 with a degree of Masters of Pharmacy with First Class Honours. She completed a post-graduate Masters in Clinical Pharmacy in 2010, as well as the non-medical Independent Prescribing qualification that same year.

Cheryl has been a Specialist Antimicrobial Pharmacist since

2008 working in both Primary and Secondary care sectors. In 2019 she was appointed as the Lead OPAT Antimicrobial Pharmacist at the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust, tasked with developing and designing the new OPAT service Trust-wide, as part of the wider OPAT MDT.

Cheryl has a breadth of experience working across care boundaries in both Primary and Secondary care in Northern Ireland, including involvement in multiple regional, national and European antimicrobial audits and projects.

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