

SCOTTISH MICROBIOLOGY  
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## SCOTTISH MICROBIOLOGY ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING 2025

Friday 25th & Saturday 26th April 2025

Apex City Quay Hotel & Spa

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### Final Programme

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Chair	Jenny Smith	
15.00–18.00	Check-in / Arrival and Exhibition	
18.00–18.45	The origin of immunity to fungal infections	Neil Gow, University of Exeter
18.45–20.00	Refreshments and Exhibition	
20.00	Dinner	

#### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Chair	Sharon Irvine	
09.00 –09.10	Welcome	Jenny Smith, SMA President
09.10 –09.50	SERL @ 25y - what's changed?	Lesley Allison, SERL, Edinburgh
09.50 –10.30	“Antibiotic prescribing and resistance in care homes for older people” – from the ARCH project	Charis Marwick, University of Dundee

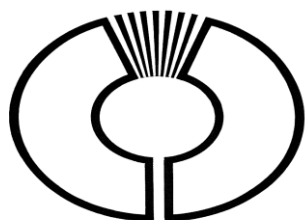
10.30 – 11.30 Coffee, Exhibition and Check Out

#### Free paper session

Chair	Tracey Jolliffe	
11.30-11.45	Distinct genetic lineages driving vancomycin <i>resistant</i> <i>Enterococcus faecium</i> in Scotland	Martin McHugh NHS Lothian
11.45-12.00	Latex agglutination testing for Streptococci from blood culture: are the results reliable and do they have a clinical impact?	Lewis Marshall NHS Tayside
12.00-12.15	Community antibiotic prescribing in patients with COVID-19 across three pandemic waves: a population-based study in Scotland, UK.	Laura Ciaccio University of Dundee
12.15–12.30	A 20-year review of 16S PCR in the diagnosis and management of cerebrospinal infections	Kerry Falconer NHS Lothian
12.30–12.45	Short treatment duration for disseminated nocardiosis in an immunocompetent host.	Marina Zheleva NHS Tayside
12.45-13.00	Rising MRSA infections in perinatal patients in NHS Lothian	Emily Cooper NHS Lothian
13.00-13.15	A case of <i>Pasteurella multocida</i> -related brain abscess in an immunocompetent patient	Alison Infante NHS GG&C

13.15 – 14.00 Buffet Lunch

Chair	Linda Mulhern	
14.00–14.35	The CHARISMA study: the epidemiology, diagnosis, and management of severe acute respiratory tract infections	Elen Vink, University of Glasgow, CVR
14.35–15.10	Review of <i>Streptococcus dysgalactiae</i> sub-species <i>equisimilis</i> (SDSE) bacteraemias in Greater Glasgow and Clyde. Is there a silent epidemic of <i>S. dysgalactiae</i> bloodstream infections in Scotland	Collette McCarron & Leo Huang SMiRL Glasgow
15.10-15.45	Airborne contamination from hospital toilets and how to prevent it	Gordie MacKay University of the West of Scotland
15.45	Raffle draw for free attendance at next meeting, Free Paper Prize Giving, Wrap-up & Depart	



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