

Scottish EM Conference 2026

Date: 12 - 13 May 2026

Venue: Apex Grassmarket Hotel, Edinburgh, EH1 2HS

RCEM accredited for 11-CPD points

Day 1 - Tuesday 12 May

9:10 - 9:45	Registration, posters, exhibition and refreshments	
9:45 - 9:50	Welcome Dr Fiona Hunter, University Hospital Monklands and RCEM	
Session 1		
9:50 - 10:15	President's and VP Scotland address Dr Ian Higginson, University Hospitals Plymouth and RCEM, and Dr Fiona Hunter	
10:15 - 10:40	Robin Mitchell Fellowship: Gold standard sim at the Gold Coast Simulation Centre Dr Jocelyne Velupillai, NHS Lothian	
10:40 - 11:05	Student presentations	
11:05 - 11:35	Refreshments, posters, exhibition and networking	
Session 2		
11:35 - 12:10	Free papers presentations	
12:10 - 12:35	Improving unscheduled care: Shifting the focus Dr Shobhan Thakore, Centre for Sustainable Delivery and NHS Education for Scotland	
12:35 - 13:10	Free papers presentations	
13:10 - 14:05	Lunch, posters, exhibition and networking	
13:30 - 14:00	Lunchtime session: Clinical leads meeting	
	Session 3 - Track 1	Session 3 - Track 2
14:05 - 14:25	RCEM Global	EM at the Deep End Dr Marion Campbell
14:25 - 14:45	Making QI make sense: Interpreting the RCEM curriculum Dr Fiona Burton, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow	Trauma CTs: A step guide for EM Dr Stuart McEwan, Glasgow Royal Infirmary
14:45 - 15:15	Just another job... Dr Ian Higginson	Rib fracture fixation Dr Sarah Gill, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow
15:15 - 15:40	Refreshments, posters, exhibition and networking	

	Session 4 - Track 1	Session 4 - Track 2
15:40 - 16:30	Patients in police custody	MDDUS - medicolegal considerations for EM physicians Ms Jane Scott and Ms Lindsey McGregor, Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland
16:30 - 17:15	SpaceFlight: A primer for the emergency physician Dr J.D. Polk, NASA	
17:15 - 17:20	Winners announced for free papers and student presentations	
17:20	Close of Day 1	
17:30	Social event at Dragonfly Delegates can add this social event to their booking when registering for the conference	

Day 2 - Wednesday 13 May

9:15 - 9:50	Registration, posters, exhibition and refreshments
9:50 - 9:55	Welcome back
Session 1	
9:55 - 10:50	Thoracotomy
10:50 - 11:15	Penetrating chest trauma: The role of a thoracic surgeon Dr Nikos Kostoulas, Golden Jubilee National Hospital
11:15 - 11:40	Refreshments, posters, exhibition and networking
Session 2	
11:40 - 12:05	Top 5 papers: The best this year Dr Ryan McHenry, West of Scotland and ScotSTAR
12:05 - 12:20	Top 5 paediatric papers Dr Jen Browning
12:20 - 12:45	UNCORKED Dr Ben Clarke
12:45 - 13:30	Lunch, posters, exhibition and networking
Session 3	
13:30 - 14:00	Commonwealth Games Dr Emma Lunan, Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026
14:00 - 14:30	Rabies in the ED: Risk assessment and post-exposure prophylaxis Dr Oliver Koch, NHS Lothian
14:30 - 15:00	BBVs and health inequalities Professor Jamie Frankis
15:00 - 15:30	Humanitarian aid Dr Reem Al Soufi
15:30	Close of conference