



BEAMS Annual Meeting 2026

Medical Retina in Transition: Delivering Change, Expanding Access, Shaping the Future
Friday 24 April 2026 | 09:30 – 17:30
Edgbaston Park Hotel, Birmingham

Morning Programme

09:30 Welcome and Introduction to BEAMS

BEAMS Chair, Christiana Dinah

09:40 Implementation Summit

Implementing Biosimilars – Are We Realising the Benefits?

Chair: Luke Nicholson

Panel: Romi Chhabra, Venkatadri Sampat, Radhi Krishnan, Nick Edmeades

10:20 Bridging the Gap

Integrating Hospital Eye Care and Community Care

Chair: Claire Bailey

Panel: Richard Gale, Rhianon Reynolds, Ashish Patwardhan

10:50 Facilitated Table Discussions & Feedback

11:20 Coffee Break

11:40 Homegrown Research: Local Insights, Global Impact

Chair: Deepali Varma

- The Effect of Fenofibrate on Diabetic Retinopathy Progression – The LENS Trial
Professor David Preiss
- Primary and Secondary Care Interoperability – Insights from the North West
Marta Ugarte
- Update on the Pinnacle Study of Intermediate AMD
Professor Andrew Lotery

12:25 Retina, Steady, Go

Rapid-Fire Resident Cases and Award presentation

Chair: Ben Burton

Speakers: 6 Residents

13:10 Lunch

Afternoon Programme

14:10 Beacon Lecture

Presented by Professor Alan Bird to Professor Sobha Sivaprasad

14:40 Seeing Beyond the Slide

Rare Disease and Genetics Panel

Chair: Raj Mukherjee

Panel: Will Tucker, Sam De Silva, Quresh Muhamed

Live Reading Room: brief vignette, real-time imaging review, audience polling and discussion

15:20 High-Stakes in the Fundus Arena Three topical debates with live audience voting

Chair: Winfried Amoaku

- **Net Zero Retina – Ambition or Illusion?** Tariq Aslam vs Phil Burgess
- **Photobiomodulation for Dry AMD – Hope or Hype?** Quresh Mohammed vs Ian Pearce
- **Medical Retina Will Be Predominantly Delivered by AI in the Next 10 Years** Serena Salvatore vs Temi Adedoyin

16:00 Coffee Break

16:15 Transformative Horizons in Retinal Medicine

Key advances expected in clinics within the next 2 years

Three 10-minute talks followed by discussion:

- Oculomics and Foundation Models
- Sustained and Novel Delivery Beyond VEGF
- Dry AMD Treatments

Chair: Louise Downey

Speakers: Siegfried Wagner, Christiana Dinah, Nicholas Beare

16:50 Keynote Lecture: GLP-1 Receptor Agonists and Diabetes

Professor Steve Bain, Professor in Medicine (Diabetes).

17:10 Panel Discussion following keynote lecture

GLP-1 RA - Translating Evidence into Practice

Chair: Richard Gale

Panel: Professor Steve Bain, Richard gale, Hani Hasan, Christine Kiire

17:30 Close & Networking

18:30 Optional dinner (Asha's Restaurant) and networking.

Please follow the link to register: <https://beams-retina.org.uk/member-events/>

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