Five reasons not to miss #RCEMcpd 2019

With the launch of our full conference programme this week we wanted to let you know about some of the speakers we are most looking forward hearing to at #RCEMcpd 2019.

Register today and join us - discounted early-bird rates end January 2019.

Dr Calvin Lightbody

As an Emergency Medicine Consultant working at University Hospital Hairmyres near Glasgow, Dr Lightbody has experienced treating patients in the Emergency Department who are dying. In this session, Dr Lightbody will stress the importance in recognising that a patient requires appropriate end of life care - avoiding treatments that can be futile and thus minimising harm to patients.

Dr Lightbody is a graduate of Queens University Belfast and took the European Certificate of Essential Palliative Care at the Northern Ireland Hospice in 2015. He tweets as @CJblue72_.

Mr Felipe Dhawahir-Scala

Mr Dhawahir-Scala is a Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon and the Director of the Acute Ophthalmic Services at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital. He also serves as Vice-President of the British Emergency Eye Care Society, which he was involved in founding.

With demographic changes to populations, disease prevalence and the way patients are accessing care, eye emergencies coming to the Emergency Department are becoming even more common than before. Mr Dhawahir-Scala will be discussing eye injuries and how EM doctors can perform lateral canthotomy and cantholysis.
Dr Brendan McGrath

With an interest in the airway management of the critically ill and extensive research in the multidisciplinary response to airway emergencies, Dr McGrath set up (and currently chairs) the National Tracheostomy Safety Project. He was appointed National Tracheostomy Lead Clinician by NHS England in 2015 and works in this role in close collaboration with the Royal College of Anaesthetists as National Clinical Advisor.

Dr McGrath qualified from the University of Sheffield is a Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine at Wythenshawe Hospital.

Dr McGrath is on Twitter as @BrendanAMcGrath.

Lt Col Harvey Pynn

Lt Col Pynn is the Defence Consultant Advisor in Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine, a Consultant in Emergency Medicine at Bristol Royal Infirmary and is the Critical Care Consultant with the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity.

As part of environmental incidents theme at #RCEMcpd 2019 Lt Col Pynn will be alongside sessions on CBRN management and chemical attacks to speak on burns and heat injuries.

Dr Shweta Gidwani

Burnout, exhaustion, low morale and stress are not uncommon complaints from clinicians working in EM. This has a knock-on impact on patient care. For her Fellowship of the Winston Churchill Trust Dr Gidwani has been researching the wellbeing of ED doctors.

Dr Gidwani graduated from medical school in Mumbai, India before completing Emergency Medical training at Manchester Royal Infirmary. She is a consultant at Chelsea & Westminster Foundation Trust alongside working on the India Programme in EM at George Washington University in Washington DC.

She tweets as @Global_EM.