

ACADEMIC CHILD HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

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Glasgow Paediatric Research Day

The 16th Glasgow Paediatric Research Day was held on Friday 7th November at the QEUH Teaching and Learning Centre. The programme included 18 oral communications and 22 posters and was led by Dr Helen McDevitt, Leonard Gow Lecturer in Child Health. The invited speakers' session was co-chaired by Dr Phil Davies and Dr Neil Gibson. Prizes for best oral communications were awarded to Patawee Asamaphan, from the MRC-University of Glasgow Centre for Virus Research and Charlotte Murphy, School of Cardiovascular & Metabolic Health. Poster prizes were awarded to Jonathan Lang, The University of Edinburgh Medical School and Dr Hannah Venard from the Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow. The 2026 GPRD will be held on **Friday 6th November** with the invited speaker plenary session focusing on Paediatric Infectious Disease. For more info, visit [Glasgow Paediatric Research Day](#) or contact [Karyn Cooper](#). We would like to thank Dr McDevitt for leading the organisation of the GPRD over the last 5 years.

Undergraduate Prizes

- **RCPCH Medical Student Prize** - This prize is administered annually by the RCPCH and open to all MBChB students with a special interest in paediatrics and in 2025 this was awarded to Maryam Sahibqran.
- **Yorkhill Portfolio Prize** - This prize of £750 combined with the Yorkhill Medal, is awarded annually for the best paediatric portfolio by a year 5 MBChB student. Runner up prize is £250. In 2025, the First prize was awarded to Elizabeth Anne Watt and the Runner-up prize was awarded to Heather Newport.
- **Yorkhill Essay Prize** - This prize of £750 is awarded annually for the best essay of 2500 words on any aspect of paediatrics submitted by an MBChB student in year 1 or 2. Runner up prize is £250. In 2025, the First prize was awarded to Tsz Ching Fedora Lau for her essay "*Should we operate on extremely preterm infants from a clinical and ethical point of view*". Runner-up prize was awarded to Isaac Yu Ming Cheuk for his essay "*More than just baby fat: The overlooked consequences of childhood obesity*".
- **Hall Prize in Child Health** - This prize of £500 is awarded annually on the recommendation of the Samson Gemmell Professor of Child Health on the basis of the class examinations and the final professional examination in Child Health for an MBChB year 5 viva. The prize for 2025 was awarded to Cara Jane McCauley.

Postgraduate Prizes

- **Harry Stewart Hutchinson Prize** - This prize is awarded annually for submission of an original piece of research work in a field of medical science related to child health. This year's prize was awarded to Dr Xanthippi Tseretopoulou for her paper "*Validation of a parent-reported outcome measure for young boys with a condition affecting sex development (PRO-CSD)*".
- **Yorkhill Postgraduate Research Prize** - This prize is awarded annually awarded for a research or audit project in which the applicant is named first on a peer-reviewed paper published over the last year. This year's prize was awarded to Dr Andrew Barclay, for his paper "*Definition, investigation and management of gastrointestinal dystonia in children and young people with neurodisability*".

For prizes awarded over last decade, visit [child health prizes and awards](#)

Glasgow Academic Training Environment

The Glasgow Academic Training Environment (GATE) allows trainees to benefit from exposure to excellence in both the research environment and clinical training. All trainees in ST1 or ST2 of a West of Scotland training programme in paediatrics are eligible to apply. Current GATE trainees include Dr Lucy Eskell supervised by Dr Ben Reynolds, Dr Eunice Tang, supervised by Professor Faisal Ahmed, Dr Caitlin Collins supervised by Dr Louisa Pollock and Dr Mariska Peck supervised by Dr Angela Lucas-Herald. Newly selected GATE trainees for 2025 include Dr Louise Edwards supervised by Dr Angela Lucas-Herald and Dr Sarah Wright, supervised by Dr Eve Smith. Applications will re-open on the 1st of August 2026. For more information, visit [Clinical Academic Training GATE](#)

NHS GGC Women's & Children's Directorate Staff Excellence Awards

[Nominate](#) a colleague, team or department for their outstanding work. Nominations close by **30th January 2026**.

School of Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing

We would like to thank all the clinical staff who help with teaching during the academic year and also those involved in judging Child Health prize submissions, reviewing abstract submissions and for participation in the planning and organisation of the Glasgow Paediatric Research Day.

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The next academic Child Health Newsletter will be circulated in June 2026.