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08.15	**Registration and refreshments**
09.00	**Welcome and introduction** **Dr Stella Hughes FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland**
09.05	**Presidents' address and RCP update** **Professor Mumtaz Patel PRCP, RCP president**
09.25	**Session 1** **Chair – Dr Aidan O'Neill FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland**
09.30	**Preparing for the next pandemic** **Dr Michael Hunter FRCP,** consultant in infectious diseases, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
10.05	**'Bad Blood' in acute kidney injury** **Dr Jason McMinn**, consultant nephrologist, Northern Health and Social Care Trust
10.40	**An update on interstitial lung diseases** **Dr Nazia Chaudhuri FRCP,** senior clinical lecturer, Ulster University School of Medicine; honorary respiratory consultant, Western Health and Social Care Trust
11.15	**Comfort break**
11.40	**Session 2 – Obstetric medicine** **Chair – Dr Stella Hughes FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland**
11.45	**Epilepsy in pregnancy** **Dr Ellen Campbell,** consultant neurologist Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
12.15	**Acute medical problems in pregnant patients at the front door** **Dr Melanie Nana,** consultant in obstetric medicine, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
12.45	**Panel Q&A**

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13.05	**Lunch break**
14.10	**Session 3** **Chair – Dr Fred McElwaine FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland**
14.15	**Dignity in medicine** **Dr Simon Coulter,** consultant in palliative care, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust
14.50	**Haematological emergencies** **Dr Aaron Niblock FRCP**, consultant haematologist, Western Health and Social Care Trust
15.25	**Comfort break**
15.45	**Session 4** **Chair – Dr Nashid Alam FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland**
15.50	**Modern management of heart failure** **Dr Karen Darragh,** consultant cardiologist, Northern Health and Social Care Trust
16.25	**Renal medicine on the medical take: beyond the abbreviations** **Dr Richard McCrory,** specialty doctor in renal medicine, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust
17.00	**Closing comments – Dr Hossam Abdulkhalek FRCP, RCP regional adviser, Northern Ireland**
17.05	**Conference ends**

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