

The NCMD Research Seminar Series

Date: Fridays, weekly in term-time; **Time:** 12:00-13:00

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Dear Colleagues,

The Northern Centre for Mood Disorders (NCMD) was launched in 2015 with a remit to increase research into mood disorders, foster best clinical practice and support related educational activities for health care professionals and the general public.

The NCMD seminar programme provides an opportunity to hear from internal and external speakers working in the fields of psychiatry, psychology, and neuroscience research. It is open to all University and NHS based clinicians and academics interested in research and the treatment of mood disorders and related conditions.

We re-start on 19th September 2025 and the Autumn term program can be found below.

As usual a recurring calendar invite will be sent to those on the NCMD mailing list, as well as a weekly reminder email with the upcoming agenda. If you have any colleagues or trainees who would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact elaine.ord@newcastle.ac.uk.

Updates on the talks will be posted on the NCMD website: <https://mood-disorders.co.uk/news>.

We look forward to seeing you back this term,

Yours,

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NCMD SEMINAR SERIES TIMETABLE: AUTUMN TERM 2025

DATE	SPEAKER	TITLE
19 th Sept	Dr Annie Jeffery , <i>Epidemiologist and Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Epidemiology and Applied Clinical Research, Division of Psychiatry, UCL</i>	Association between polypharmacy and depression relapse in individuals with comorbid depression and type 2 diabetes: a UK electronic health record study
26 th Sept	Dr Emily Hird , <i>Senior postdoctoral research fellow at the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, UCL</i>	Reward processing and motivational mechanisms underlying the antidepressant effects of exercise
3 rd Oct	Maureen Tshuma , <i>CREATE PhD fellow, Brighton and Sussex Medical School</i>	Development, implementation and evaluation of a community-based assessment and management of cognitive and psychological ability for older people living in urban Zimbabwe.
10 th Oct	Dr Kavi Appuhamy , <i>Academic Clinical Fellow, University of York</i>	Physical health and severe mental illness in South Asia.
17 th Oct	Professor Marcus Kaiser , <i>Professor of Neuroinformatics Precision Imaging, School of Medicine, Nottingham University</i> (Hybrid with the NUTCRI MHND Theme Early Career Researcher (ECR) Meeting)	Towards personalised, closed-loop, and at-home ultrasound neuromodulation
24 th Oct	Dr Victoria Wing , Clinical Lecturer and Speciality Trainee in General Adult Psychiatry & Dr Tiago Costa , PhD Candidate and Speciality Trainee in General Adult Psychiatry, Newcastle University and CNTW NHS Foundation Trust.	From bench to voice: Advancing neuropharmacology and neurotechnology research with patient and public involvement and engagement
31 st Oct	No session	
7 th Nov	Dr David Anderson , <i>Consultant Psychiatrist</i> & Ananya Ananthakrishnan , <i>RA, Newcastle University</i>	The CALM App - Digital Mood Charting in Bipolar: Co-design, co-production and beyond
14 th Nov	Dr Nadia Lipunova , <i>SVP of Real-World Evidence, Holmusk</i> and Dr Kira Griffiths , <i>Lead Research Scientist, Holmusk</i>	Real-world evidence in psychiatry: NeuroBlu Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to NeuroBlu Data (Nadia) • Latent class trajectory analysis of abnormal movements associated with antipsychotic treatment (Kira) Semaglutide and cognition among patients with psychiatric conditions (Nadia)
21 st Nov	Dr Georgios Schoretsanitis , <i>Senior Physician, Psychiatry University Hospital, Zurich, Chief Director, Professor Dr. Med. E. Seifritz</i>	Therapeutic Drug Monitoring in dose titration of clozapine
28 th Nov	Dr Marco Bocchio , <i>Assistant Professor, Dept of Psychology Durham University</i>	Preclinical and observational perspectives on psychedelics, serotonin, neuroplasticity and mental health
5 th Dec	Prof Mike Browning , <i>Professor of Computational Psychiatry, University of Oxford</i>	The Effect of Pramipexole in Treatment Resistant Depression: Results of the Pax-D Study
12 th Dec	Prof Rupert McShane , <i>Oxford University</i> Discussant: Prof Chittaranjan Andrade	'Ketamine: a case and a service: lost opportunity or a model for introducing innovation?'
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