2025 Conference Feedback

Attendees:

General Feedback:

Thank you for organising such an inspiring and meaningful event. Even as an online attendee, I felt engaged and motivated by the range of speakers and the emphasis on compassion, innovation, and the future of healthcare :)

Thank you guys for organising such a lovely conference. I look forward to staying involved with the College of Medicine!

Overall the experience was highly enjoyable; the structure of the day flowed very nicely, the speakers and hosts maintained a positive energy and mood, however the highlight was definitely being able to engage with others interested in health care and hear about the different journeys of the professionals as it truly provided great insight and provoked thought.

I was so impressed by the calibre and content of the talks, and the diversity of the speakers. From experts in their fields, to experts by experience and powerful patient testimonies.

One of the best conferences I've ever attended!

4.5 / 5 overall

About the speakers:

Dr Chloe Baker:
'[My favourite talk was] Dr Chloe Baker. She was very insightful and described such an amazing experience, and her presentation was interesting to watch. She gave some really good tips about how to deal with the difficult situations she experienced during her work.'

Panel:
'The highlight of the conference for me was the panel discussion led by Dr Catherine Zollman, Dr Margaret Hannah, Maria Walawender, Ross Mayo and Dr Teodora Popa. Hearing experts from such diverse backgrounds, global health, nursing leadership, climate science, homelessness advocacy and reproductive genetics, speak together about reducing healthcare inequalities and the future of the NHS was

incredibly inspiring. Even online, the conversation felt dynamic and grounded in real-world impact.'

Simon Mills:
'I thought Simon Mills' talk raised some important questions around the role of complementary therapies in medicine, and it was good to see students actively engaging with these ideas.'

Prof Charlotte:
'Prof Charlotte's talk and bringing one of her closest patients showed me the real impact of truly getting to know your patient, understanding their barriers and being determined to work with them and see and be there for them truly makes a huge impact on their healthcare outcomes. I liked how personal it felt, and the images were very inspiring too.'

Prof Louise Younie:
'I found the idea of "human flourishing" really relevant, especially in the context of how demanding a career in medicine can be, and it made me think more about looking after ourselves as well as patients.'

Mr Henry Marsh:
'Mr Henry Marsh [was a highlight of the conference for me]. It was just so cool to see someone we might have looked up to when applying to medicine, who has been so successful in his career, in-person. And he was really funny too.'

Lyndsey Barret:
'Lyndsey Barret's talk's emphasis on accessibility and making activity personal and meaningful really stood out, because it felt like a much more inclusive way of thinking about health. As someone who had to have physical therapy after a netball injury, it was especially interesting to me.'

Lord Nigel Crisp:
'Lord Nigel Crisp's talk [was a highlight for me], as it made me think about healthcare in a completely different way. Not just what it is now, but what it could become, but also the role we might have in shaping that. You don't really get told that much, as a medical student.'

Dr William Bird:
'Dr William's talk was quite eye-opening, since I hadn't fully considered how stress, behaviour, and environment all link together in shaping long-term health outcomes. I don't feel like medical school emphasises it as much as they should. It was interesting to see how Intelligent Health is working to address these issues.'

Dr Rupy:
‘I found Dr Rupy’s talk really interesting, and honestly, the most impactful. Coming away from it, it made me realise all the possibilities within medicine outside of being a doctor, and that you can use your preexisting passions to build/do something new. It’s made me think about my future, and I feel this talk has caused a significant shift in perspective in myself.’

Alexandra Adams:
‘The session I enjoyed most was Alexandra Adams’ talk, “Power of the Journey.” As the first deaf-blind medical student in the UK, her story was incredibly powerful. She spoke openly about navigating medicine as both a trainee and a patient, and her message about resilience, inclusivity, and shaping a more compassionate healthcare system really resonated with me. Even online, her authenticity and strength came through, and it reminded me why patient-centred care must always remain at the heart of medicine.’

Mr Pankaj Chandak:
‘I really enjoyed hearing from Dr Chandak about the history of organ transplant; he and his team were so integral to the innovation and use of 3D printing in organ transplantation!’

How would you rate your overall experience at the conference?

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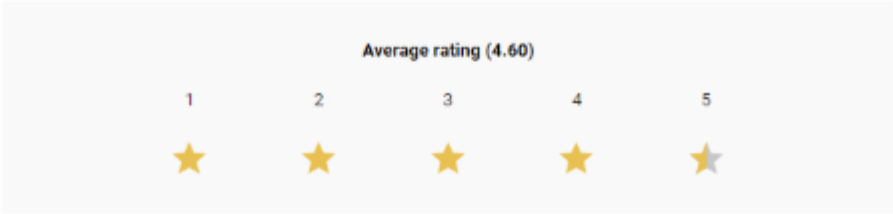

How engaging/valuable did you find the content of the sessions overall?

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How would you rate the venue and facilities?

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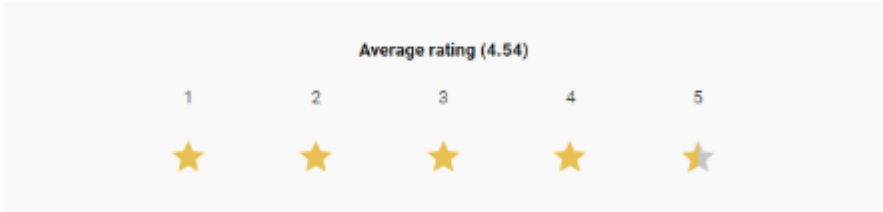

How accessible and inclusive did the event and venue feel to you?

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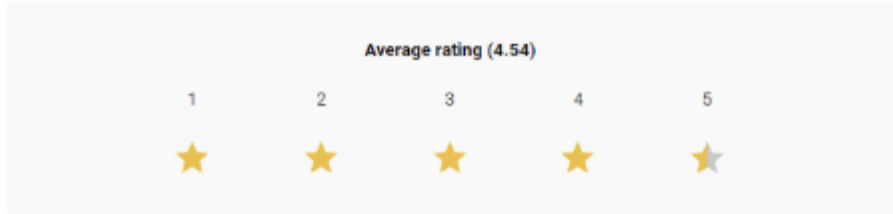
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