



NPRANG - SPEAKER BIO'S

James Gardner
Allergy Nurse Consultant at the Food Allergy Immunotherapy Centre
Great Ormond Street Hospital

James qualified at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London as a Paediatric Nurse and, after working in general paediatrics/haematology, joined the allergy team at St Mary's Hospital, London then for many years was the lead allergy nurse at the Royal Free Hospital & Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, both in London.

Until recently was Children's and Young Persons Allergy Nurse Consultant at the Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle.

He is Associate Clinical Lecturer in Newcastle University where he is lead of the Allergy E-module masters programme.

James previously completed his MSc in Allergy from the University of Southampton and focused on the use of component resolved diagnostics in peanut allergy. He is the current Secretary of the Allied Health working group in the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology and Vice Chair of BSACI Nurses Group.

He has been involved in several European task force groups through the academy including expert panel for the anaphylaxis guideline. Other work includes competencies for allied health working in allergy, MHealth and social media.

His main research interests are in food allergy, allergic rhinitis and MHealth



Dr Deborah Marriage
Consultant Nurse
Bristol Royal Hospital for Children, UK

Deb Marriage is the Consultant Nurse for Asthma & Allergy at Bristol Royal Hospital for Children where she has worked since the allergy service began in 2002. She previously worked in allergy at St Mary's Hospital, London. Deb has successfully completed the MSc in Allergy at Southampton University and a Professional Doctorate in Health at the University of Bath.

She was previously Chair of the BSACI Nurses' group and is currently a Trustee of the BSACI. She is an advocate for nurse-led services and in promoting the extended role of nurses. She enjoys research and her particular interests are in asthma, and in egg and peanut allergy.



Dr Jenny Hughes
Paediatric Consultant
Antrim Area Hospital

I have been a consultant Paediatrician in Antrim Hospital for 10 years. Over this time, I have developed the Paediatric Allergy and Respiratory service. I regularly run multidisciplinary Paediatric Allergy OPC's including an evening adolescent clinic for our teenagers with food allergies.

As part of my training, I undertook an MSc Allergy at Southampton University. I am a founding member and co-ordinator of the NI Paediatric Respiratory and Allergy Network. I am an honorary lecturer at Queens University Belfast where I provide allergy training to the 4th year medical students during their Healthcare of Children module. I have a lead role the Paediatric safe asthma discharge pathway for NI.

I also have a particular interest in patient safety with training in the Scottish improvement Leadership course and clinical lead for the NI Paediatric Safety Collaborative.

Outside work I enjoy all things related to swimming – teaching at a local swimming club and also my own long distance open water swimming.



Rebecca Bryson
Paediatric Respiratory Nurse Specialist
Asthma & Allergy
Wirral University Teaching Hospital

Rebecca has worked as a Paediatric Respiratory Nurse specialising in asthma and allergy for over 20 years at Wirral University Teaching Hospital (WUTH). During this time she has graduated from the University of Southampton with an Allergy MSc in 2011 and gained extensive experience as a non-medical prescriber running nurse led asthma and allergy clinics. Rebecca is also a Higher Education Academy Teaching Fellow and has a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (higher education). Rebecca is now as a Senior Lecturer in children's nursing at the University of Chester. Over the years Rebecca has been involved in numerous teaching activities and is a trainer for Education for Health Asthma degree and diploma modules, and is a tutor on the Advancing Paediatric Asthma Course run by Rotherham Respiratory.

In addition, for the past eight years Rebecca has been an active committee member of the National Paediatric Respiratory and Allergy Nurses Group (NPRANG) including treasurer and vice chair roles and now is involved in the NPRANG education subcommittee. Rebecca is also actively involved with the British Society for Allergy and Clinical Immunology (BSACI) Allergy Education Network (BAEN) and the with the regional paediatric allergy network, North West Paediatric Allergy. Rebecca has been an invited speaker at a variety of national and regional conferences. Rebecca is delighted to be involved in this excellent webinar event on behalf of NPRANG



Dr Ann McMurray
Asthma Nurse Specialist
Royal Hospital for Children and Young People - Edinburgh

Ann is an Asthma Nurse Specialist at the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People in Edinburgh. Ann qualified originally as a general nurse in 1993 and then as a children's nurse in 1995. She has worked as an asthma nurse specialist for the last 20 years. More recently Ann has completed her PhD at the University of Edinburgh/ AUKCAR working on a study entitled Parent and Patient perspective of fatal and near fatal asthma.

Ann is actively involved with the Asthma UK Centre for Applied Research (AUKCAR) as a collaborator and is interested in Patient Public Involvement (PPI) especially working with the young people's group, @speakasthma.

Ann has written for publication and is also a peer reviewer for medical and nursing journals. Ann has been an active member of the NPRANG community for many years and became Chair in November 2018.