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**Inaugural meeting of BRITSpA
incorporating the 9th New Perspectives in Research and Management in AS Meeting
16th and 17th September 2015 - Hilton Metropole, Birmingham**

Day 1 Wednesday 16th September 2015		
16:00 - 16:30 REGISTRATION		
Chairmen: Dr Karl Gaffney, Norfolk and Dr Raj Sengupta, Bath		
16:30 - 17:00	Welcome and Introduction to BRITSpA	Karl Gaffney/Raj Sengupta/Andrew Keat
17:00 - 17:20	BSRBR AS update	Gary Macfarlane, Aberdeen
17:20 - 17:40	BSR/NICE guidelines update/discussion	Karl Gaffney, Norfolk & Norwich
17:40 - 18:00	NASS update	Debbie Cook, Chief Executive of NASS
18:00 - 18:30	Privatisation of rheumatological services in UK	Tony Hammond, Kent
19:30	Dinner in the hotel	
Day 2 Thursday 17th September 2015		
08:00 - 08:30 REGISTRATION		
Chairmen: Dr Karl Gaffney/Dr Raj Sengupta		
08:30 - 09:30	Is non radiographic axial SpA a real disease entity?	Jon Packham, Keele
09:30 - 10:00	Flares in axial SpA and management	Andrew Keat, Northwick Park
10:00 - 10:30	How should we use non steroidal in axial SpA?	Nicky Goodson, Aintree
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE	
11:00 - 11:30	Microbiome in SpA	Paul Bowness, Oxford
11:30 - 12:00	What advice should physicians be giving their patients on exercise in axial SpA?	Melanie Martin, London
12:00 - 13:00	BRITSpA Annual General Meeting	BRITSpA Executive Committee
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 - 15:00	Research and audit presentations: 1. Audit of new outcome measures in AS 2. Secondary care awareness on axSpA survey 3. Blood test monitoring in axSpA patients on biologics monotherapy 4. Use and understanding of MRI in the diagnosis and assessment of ax-SpA in the UK. What's really happening?	Delegates: Antoni Chan, Royal Berkshire Hannah Matthieson, Leeds Paul Creamer, N Bristol Alex Bennett, Headley Court
15:00 - 15:30	Is dose tapering of anti-TNFs a realistic option in axial SpA?	Max Yates, Norfolk & Norwich
15:30 - 16:00	New biological therapies in axial SpA	Stefan Siebert, Glasgow
16:00	Summary and Close	



MSD have funded the travel expenses for speakers and delegates, accommodation, refreshments, venue & logistical support and have had no input into the agenda of the meeting