



C & Hair: Managing Cancer-related Afro Hair Loss Event

At the
House of Commons, London

Tuesday 30 January 2024

Hosted by Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Member of Parliament (MP)

AGENDA

5.30pm- 6.00pm	Registration
6.00pm -6.05pm	Welcome Address by Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP
6.05pm -6.10pm	Opening Address, Paige Lewin, Texture Talks
6.10pm - 6.15pm	Chair, Elaine Bowes, Senior Associate Consultant, Global HPO
6.15pm - 6.25pm	The Beauty of Support Janet A Clarke, Macmillan Cancer Support
6.25pm - 6.35pm	Community Partnership Andrew Brown, Croydon BME
6.35pm - 6.45pm	'The pain I felt from the Cancer was not up to the pain of losing my hair' Study presented by Dr Eloise Wynter Clinical Psychologist
6.45pm - 6.55pm	Scalp Cooling Claire Paxman, Paxman Scalp Cooling
6.55pm - 7.05pm	Understanding Afro-textured Hair Dr Sharon Belmo, Consultant Dermatologist
7.05pm - 7.15pm	Equity with Radiation Induced Reaction Assessment Naman Julka-Anderson, Research Radiographer
7.15pm - 7.25pm	Strategies for managing Cancer-related Afro Hair loss: C & Hair Lorna Jones, C & Hair
7.25pm - 7.45pm	Q & A's We will be joined by Dr Krishnie Srikandarajah, Guys and St Thomas NHS Trust
7.45pm - 7.50pm	Closing remarks, Chair
7.50pm -8.00pm	Feedback forms/networking

SPEAKERS

Lorna Jones

Lorna Jones qualified as a Trichologist from the prestigious International Association of Trichologists. She undertook her clinical training in various parts of the world including Australia, South Africa, Washington and the UK.

She is also a published author, runs training courses on the science of hair and speaks at conferences both in the UK and internationally. Lorna is the National Support Group leader of the UK CCCA support group run by the Scarring Alopecia Foundation (SAF), based in the US.

CCCA otherwise known as Central Centrifugal Cicatricial Alopecia is a type of central hair loss condition that is found almost exclusively in black women.

Quite recently, Lorna created a new service, 'C & Hair' with funding from Macmillan Cancer Support and Croydon BME Forum. It is a resource to provide support to individuals affected by cancer-related afro hair loss and to raise awareness.



Dr Sharon Belmo

Dr Sharon Belmo is a UK trained consultant dermatologist and runs her own private clinic on Harley Street. It is the first private dermatology clinic in the UK with a specific focus on skin of colour. Dr Belmo treats a range of dermatological conditions, as well as performing skin surgery.

Dr Belmo has specialist interests in skin of colour and hair loss, particularly Afro-textured hair and she has undergone additional training in ethnic skin



and hair in Paris and the US. She is the founder and clinical lead of the Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology Skin of Colour Resource, and the medical advisor to the Scarring Alopecia Foundation UK CCCA support group. In 2021, she wrote the first dermatology for skin of colour syllabus for the UK dermatology specialist training curriculum, setting a precedence for future dermatologists' experience and training in darker skin tones.

She also runs inMYskin; an image bank developed with the aim to increase representation of skin of colour in medical resources.

She has an unquestionable passion for promoting diversity in medicine and is a strong advocate for equality in healthcare for all.

Andrew Brown, Croydon BME Forum

Andrew Brown is an accomplished Director skilled in coaching, strategic planning, business development, curriculum development, and public speaking. His professional journey is marked by a strong commitment to community development.

Passionate about community engagement, Andrew has been a driving force behind events such as 'Cut it Out', a Cancer Conference, and Black History Month events. His genuine desire to make a positive impact is further evident in the establishment of two community centres: The Wellness Centre and The Health and Wellbeing Space at the Whitgift Centre.

Andrew's leadership extends beyond organizational growth to improving services for the community. His collaboration with Macmillan Cancer Support on a project addressing ethnic inequalities in health and social care demonstrates a commitment to support, engage and empower people, affected by cancer within BME communities, so care can be person-centred, culturally appropriate, and more effective.

A visionary with a heart for helping others, Andrew Brown stands out as a dedicated professional and community leader, embodying the values of education, empowerment, and inclusivity.



Janet A Clarke

Janet Clarke is the Macmillan Engagement Lead, covering Southeast London and makes links between Macmillan and communities in this geographical area, particularly with those that have been seen as "seldom heard". This will include links with groups of people living with or affected by cancer and also with other organisations and individuals, including professionals, in these communities whose services may involve people living with or affected by cancer.

The aim is, on the one hand, to spread information about cancer and the services Macmillan offers and, on the other, to learn from these communities about what Macmillan might be able to provide both in terms of information and of shaping our services to meet the needs of these communities.

Janet has worked in a range of community outreach roles in housing and adult health and social care including the Alzheimer's Society and the Age Exchange charity, managing their Lambeth dementia services. Her skills include the ability to build connections with both grassroots individuals and community groups and those responsible for delivering services. She is very much an 'an out of the office and into the community' sort of person.



Naman Julka-Anderson

Naman Julka-Anderson is a research radiographer working at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust and Institute of Cancer Research, an Allied Health Professional Clinical Advisor for Macmillan Cancer Support, co-founder and co-host of the multi-award winning Rad Chat, an ambassador for Radiotherapy UK charity and the London healthcare professional champion for Move Against Cancer Charity. He also won 2022 UK and London Radiographer of the Year with the Society of Radiographers for his work around equity within radiotherapy skin care research.



Claire L Paxman - Brand Ambassador & Director of Global Training Paxman Scalp Cooling

More than 25 years ago, Claire Paxman's mum, Sue Paxman experienced first-hand the effect that chemotherapy-induced hair loss had on her quality of life. The Paxman family discovered that this sense of patient helplessness was common. In fact, chemotherapy-induced alopecia remains one of the top five most distressing cancer treatment side effects, to this day.

Having cut her late Mum's hair off aged 14, Claire set out to stop others from having to deal this most feared side effect. As Brand Ambassador & Director of Global Training, Claire truly lives and breathes her role as Paxman's Brand Ambassador and the 'Big Sister of Scalp cooling Treatment' leading the way globally in education, training and awareness raising about scalp cooling treatment and the difference it can make to a patient's cancer journey. Her passion in providing support and encouraging patients to self advocate is palpable, as well as driving partnerships with medical professionals, cancer support groups and charities around the world.

Paxman may have grown to become the world's leading manufacturer and supplier of scalp cooling equipment, but with cancer touching the lives of more people than ever before, the mission is far from over.



Dr Eloise Wynter

Dr Eloise Wynter is a Clinical Psychologist working at The Evelina London Children's Hospital. She has a keen interest in addressing health inequalities and has shown a commitment to this in both her research interests and her current role in the NHS. Dr Wynter's doctoral research explored perspectives of women of colour in relation to their breast cancer journey, with a particular focus on hair loss, and by sharing findings from the research it is hoped that these women's journeys and experiences will be further understood. By understanding these experiences, it is hoped that services can respond accordingly, adjusting their offer to meet the needs of the women that they see.

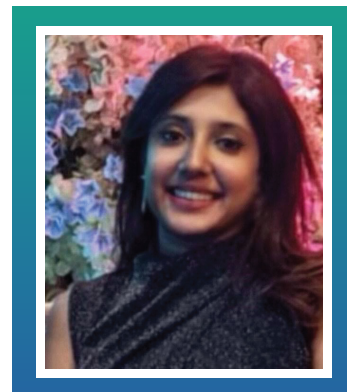


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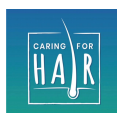
Dr Krishnie Srikandarajah is a Medical Oncology Registrar and qualified from Barts and the London Medical School. She started her Medical Oncology training in 2019 at Guys and St Thomas NHS Trust and St Georges University Hospital in London.

She has experience of working with a diverse population of cancer patients and different tumours types within oncology. Her ultimate aim is always to do the best for her patients.

When she's not working she enjoys her life with her family and friends.



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