

Long-COVID Patient Conference: Speaker biographies
Saturday 10 July 2021: 10:00-14:00 (Central European Summer Time)
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Dr Betty Raman



Dr Betty Raman is an academic cardiologist from the University of Oxford with expertise in Long COVID, inherited heart conditions, and magnetic resonance imaging. She is leading a study called the C-MORE study which is looking at the impact of COVID-19 on the body's organs in patients who were in hospital with COVID-19.

As a principal investigator in three nationally funded COVID-19 follow-up studies, she is also investigating other causes for Long COVID and looking at new treatments. Dr Raman completed her PhD from the University of Oxford. She is a senior researcher at the Radcliffe Department of Medicine, Oxford and a recipient of numerous young investigator awards, institutional excellence award and grants.

Maarten Van Herck

Maarten Van Herck obtained his master's degree in physiotherapy and rehabilitation sciences at Hasselt University (Belgium) and is currently working as a PhD student at CIRO+ (a specialised pulmonary rehabilitation centre), and Maastricht and Hasselt University, investigating fatigue in patients with chronic lung diseases.



Maarten has been involved in several research projects on COVID-19, including a survey of members of long-COVID support groups to understand their symptoms and information needs.



Krisnah Poinasamy

Krisnah Poinasamy is Head of Research and Innovation Advocacy at Asthma UK and the British Lung Foundation. He has played a leading role in the charity's response to long-Covid, beginning in March 2020 with the creation of the Post-Covid Hub. Krisnah also oversees the input of charities and people with Long Covid into the UK's flagship study on Long Covid, PHOSP-COVID.

Professor Stefano Aliberti

Stefano Aliberti is Professor of Respiratory Medicine at the University of Milan, and consultant at the Respiratory Department and Adult Cystic Fibrosis Center at the Policlinico Hospital in Milan, Italy.

His major clinical and research interests are in both acute and chronic respiratory infections. He has extensive experience in epidemiological and clinical research in pneumonia. Prof. Aliberti has published up to 200 peer-reviewed articles mainly on respiratory infections.



Prof. Aliberti is Chair of the ERS END-COVID Clinical Research Collaboration, which is building a European data-sharing network to support research into COVID-19 and its consequences.



Brice Van Eeckhout

Brice Van Eeckhout is a Business Engineer with a passion for personalised and participatory medicine. He co-founded and manages Comunicare Solutions, a Belgian start-up with the ambition to empower patients with chronic diseases by supporting patient education, therapeutic compliance, outcome measurement and risk prediction.

Brice is a member of the DRAGON project, which is using artificial intelligence to better diagnose COVID-19 and to better predict the outcomes of patients. He is developing COVID-19 related apps for the public, patients and healthcare professionals.

Professor Danny Altmann

Professor Altmann is Professor of Immunology at Imperial College London, where he heads a lab at the Hammersmith Hospital Campus. Professor Altmann has acted in a range of roles during the pandemic in advice to policymakers, including the House of Commons and House of Lords Science Committees. He has served for over 20 years as Editor across medical journals including Oxford Open Immunology, Immunology, and Vaccine. He is a trustee of the Medical Research Foundation and a board member for the African Research Excellence Fund. He previously headed up strategy on infection, immunity and population health at the Wellcome Trust.



Professor Altmann's research interests focus on the immunology of infectious diseases including severe bacterial infections, SARS-CoV-2, Zika virus and Chikungunya virus, as well as a long record in autoimmunity research.

Dr Rania Koltsida

Dr Rania Koltsida is a respiratory physician at Sotiria, the Regional Chest Diseases Hospital in Athens, Greece. She completed her PhD in asthma immunology and the role of type III interferons. Her main interests are asthma and COPD, pulmonary rehabilitation and infectious diseases. She is currently working towards a master's degree in sleep medicine.

Rania has been working with patients with COVID-19 since the pandemic started. She organised an outpatient clinic for patients with COVID-19, and carries out pulmonary rehabilitation with post-COVID-19 patients.

Rania is a member of ELF's COVID-19 Patient Advisory Group.

