

The Third Molar – Controversy and Wisdom

Date: Friday 30 January 2026

Location: ETC Venues, 50-52 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1HL

Time	Topic
8.45am	Registration and Morning Refreshments
9.15am	Welcome and Introduction Dr Louis McArdle, Conference Convenor
9.20am	History of Third Molar Management in Last 30 Years – Prophylactic Third Molar Removal and the Introduction of NICE Guidance Dr Louis McArdle <i>Consultant Oral Surgeon, GSTT NHS Foundation Trust</i>
10am	The Consequences of NICE Guidance and the Changing Patterns of Third Molar Surgery. Professor Judith Jones <i>Professor of Oral Surgery, King's College London</i>
10.40am	Prophylactic Third Molar Removal – Are There Indications? Professor Julian Yates <i>Professor of OMFS, University of Manchester</i>
11.20am	Comfort break
11.40am	Radiographic Imaging – the Radiologist's Perspective. Dr Jimmy Makdissi <i>Consultant OMF Radiologist, Bart's Health NHS Trust</i>
12.15pm	Radiological Interpretation for Third Molars – The Surgeon's Perspective Mr Kandasamy Ganesan <i>Consultant Oral Surgeon, Southend University NHS Trust</i>
12.50pm	Morning Panel Discussion

13.10pm	Lunch
2.10pm	Medico-Legal Aspects of Third Molar Surgery Dr Mike Williams <i>Specialist in Oral Surgery/Dento-Legal Advisor, MDDUS</i>
2.45pm	Coronectomy – Where is the Threshold? Mr Vinod Patel <i>Consultant Oral Surgeon, Service Lead (Cancer Services in Oology), Guy's Dental Hospital</i>
3.20pm	Afternoon Panel Discussion & Close

All speakers are requested to keep the last 5 minutes of their allocated time for questions. There is also a dedicated Q&A session for morning and afternoon panelists as detailed above.