

Breaking Bad News: *Lessons learnt from ORBITA*

Wednesday 21 August 2019

IHBI Visiting Fellow Seminar: **Dr Rasha Al-Lamee**

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ORBITA was the first placebo controlled trial of angioplasty in coronary artery disease. The results were surprising and shocked the cardiology community. Published in *The Lancet* in 2017, ORBITA is one of the most talked about cardiology trials from this decade. It was not only the subject of multiple editorials in medical journals but also featured in articles in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *CNN*.

The lead author, Rasha Al-Lamee will discuss the real story of ORBITA from multiple funding rejections, to the real life stories of the dedicated ORBITA patients, to dealing with the fallout after delivering the results at the largest Interventional Cardiology conference. The lessons learnt for the ORBITA trial are widely applicable to all scientists, researchers and clinicians.

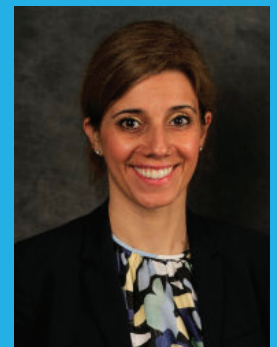
Bio

Dr Rasha Al-Lamee is a Clinical Academic Interventional Cardiology Consultant at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust in London, UK.

Dr Al-Lamee's research interests are complex coronary intervention, coronary physiology and invasive intravascular assessment. She designed, conducted and led the ORBITA trial and is lead author of the primary publication in *The Lancet*. At Imperial College is actively involved in the development and recruitment for a number of multi-centre clinical trials. Dr Al-Lamee has over 50 peer-reviewed publications and has presented at international Cardiology conferences worldwide throughout her clinical career.

She studied at the University of Oxford and University College London. She completed her training in clinical cardiology on the North West London Cardiology rotation in 2013 and completed her PhD at Imperial College London in 2018.

Dr Al-Lamee has over 12 years of Cardiology experience and completed three years of Interventional Fellowship training at Hammersmith Hospital in London. She also spent a year training as an Interventional Fellow under the supervision of Professor Antonio Colombo in Milan. She completed specialist training in Cardiology in 2013.



Details

Date: Wednesday 21 August 2019

Time: 12noon – 1pm
followed by a light lunch

Venue: IHBI Seminar Room,
Level 4 Q Block, QUT Kelvin Grove