

## Pharmacogenetics and Pain

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This talk will cover the basics of pharmacogenetics and pharmacogenomics. What do these terms mean? What relevance do they have for pain medicine? Should practicing anaesthetists be worried about being “left behind”? As well as providing a primer of this research area, with some examples, I will also look into the near future and consider how modern genetic and genomic knowledge may influence anaesthetic practice in the years to come.