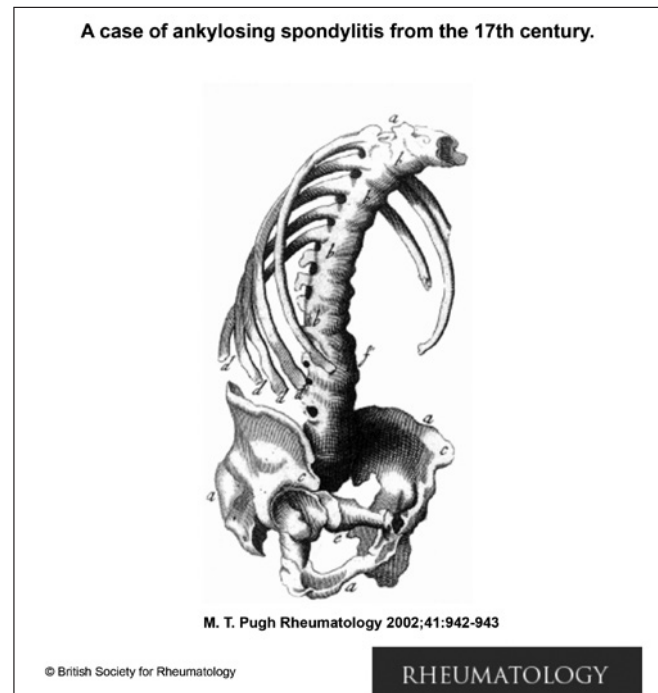




## ISR Bernard Connor Medal

The Irish Society for Rheumatology (ISR) has established the Bernard Connor Medal to promote interest in the field of rheumatology among BST trainees in medicine, *and to support engagement with the Irish Society for Rheumatology.*

The award is open to BST trainees in medicine who *fulfil the eligibility criteria below*. In addition to receiving the Connor Medal, the winner will be invited to attend the annual scientific meeting of the ISR to present their work to the membership, as a guest of the society. *Additionally, and at the discretion of the judging panel, up to two runners-up may be awarded full registration to attend the ISR annual scientific meeting.*



### Bernard Connor

The Connor Medal is named in honour of Bernard Connor, an Irish physician who observed and described the characteristic skeletal and clinical features of ankylosing spondylitis in 1693, while a medical student in Paris. This award will be made annually on the basis of competitive submission.

### Theme

The theme chosen by the ISR is a **Case Report with relevance to rheumatology**. The submitted work should highlight your observations/insight in relation to rheumatology as a BST trainee.

**Submission** Only one submission per trainee will be accepted.

### Case Report

The case report should be submitted in full form and present the details of an interesting case followed by a discussion on your observations of the key points of interest, and relevant literature review. These should be submitted in full [**max 800 words**, concluding with summary key message and references (up to 5 in total)].



## Bernard Connor Medal contd...

### Eligibility

- Applicants must be registered RCPI BST trainees by 2 July 2024.
- Applicants must submit completed entries to the ISR by the 12 August 2024.
- It is hoped that the re-launch of this competition in its new format will not only honor a great clinician but also draw the specialty of Rheumatology to the attention of BST trainees. The ultimate aim is to attract more trainees to HST in Rheumatology.

### How to Apply

Application forms for the Connor Medal will be available for download from the ISR website [www.isr.ie](http://www.isr.ie). These must be completed in full and returned together with your submission to [info@isr.ie](mailto:info@isr.ie)

**Closing Date:** 12 August 2024.

### Judging Criteria

The Medal will be awarded according to the criteria below which will be applied to all submissions

- Relevance of the submitted work to rheumatology
- Originality and Merit of the work

The Board of the Irish Society for Rheumatology shall convene the judging panel. The decision of the panel shall be final and no correspondence on submissions or final outcome can be entered into.



Dr Lenin Patrick Ekpotu - receiving Bernard Connor Award