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Tuesday, 10 February – Saturday, 14 February 2026

RCSI CHARTER DAY 2026

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Tuesday 10 February 2026		
08.45 – 09.45	REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING	Foyer, 26 York Street
09.45 – 16.15	NATIONAL OFFICE OF CLINICAL AUDIT (NOCA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE FROM AUDIT TO ACTION: A CULTURE OF IMPROVEMENT	Desmond Auditorium, 26 York Street
19.00 – 21.30	20th ANNUAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CASE PRESENTATIONS	Albert LT
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08.00 – 09.00	REGISTRATION	Front Hall, York St
09.00 – 17.00	ANNUAL HEALTH SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATIONS CONFERENCE Hosted by RCSI National Clinical Programmes	Houston LT
Thursday 12 February 2026		
	ROBOTIC AND TECHNOLOGY LEARNING VILLAGE	26 York Street
07.45	REGISTRATION	Foyer, 26 York Street
08.55 – 09.00	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	Desmond Auditorium
09.00 – 09.30	KEYNOTE LECTURE TACKLING THE OBESITY CRISIS Professor Francis Finucane Consultant Endocrinologist, Galway University Hospitals; Honorary Full Professor in Medicine, University of Galway	Desmond Auditorium
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13.45 – 14.15	JOHNSON AND JOHNSON LECTURE TRAINING IN THE HIGH TECH ERA: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES Professor Antonino Spinelli , MD, PhD, FEBS (Colo), FAS- CRS (Hon), DSCRS (Hon), CBCD (Hon), CSS (Hon) <i>Professor of Surgery, Stanford University, California Professor of Surgery & Director General Surgery Residency Program, Humanitas University; Director of Colon and Rectal Surgery & Co-Director of Humanitas IBD Center, Humanitas Research Hospital</i>	Desmond Auditorium
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14.15 – 15.45	SYMPOSIUM V RCSI EARLY CAREERS SURGICAL NETWORK THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE	Desmond Auditorium
16.00 – 16.30	THE PRESIDENT'S LECTURE ON QUALITY AND SAFETY IN SURGERY HOW BIG IS "QUALITY"? Dr Donald M. Berwick, MD, MPP, FRCP, KBE <i>President Emeritus and Senior Fellow, Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and Former Administrator of the Centres for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), USA</i>	Desmond Auditorium

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08.45 – 09.30	Registration	Front Hall, York Street
09.30 – 12.00	IRISH SURGICAL TRAINING GROUP MEETING	Cheyne LT
12.00 – 12.45	BOSCO O'MAHONY LECTURE Professor Martin O'Donohoe <i>Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin</i>	Cheyne LT

George the **S**ixth King
of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith,
and inquired by the humble petition of His
most humble servant, Samuel Croker

THE RCSI ROYAL CHARTER

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TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2026

NATIONAL OFFICE OF CLINICAL AUDIT (NOCA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

in conjunction with RCSI Charter Meeting

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Chair	Collette Tully Executive Director, NOCA	
09.45 – 09.55	WELCOME ADDRESS	
09.55 – 10.05	NOCA IMPACT REPORT 2026 Louise Brent Head of Audit Management, NOCA Clinical Lead, Irish Heart Attack Audit Michael Madigan Patient and Public Interest Representative	
10.25 – 10.40	PATIENT PERSPECTIVE Paula Connor Patient & Public Interest Representative, Irish Heart Attack Audit	
10.40 – 11.00	PANEL DISCUSSION	
11.00 – 11.30	REFRESHMENTS AND EXHIBITION	
11.30 – 12.10	NOCA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CHAMPION AWARD 2026 - TOP 3 SUBMISSION – NATIONAL/REGIONAL	
12.10 – 12.40	NOCA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CHAMPION AWARD 2026 - TOP 3 SUBMISSION – LOCAL	
12.40 – 13.00	PANEL DISCUSSION	
13.00 – 14.20	LUNCH AND EXHIBITION	

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14.20 – 14.40	KEYNOTE LECTURE TBC	
14.40 – 14.55	PATIENT & FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: LIVING WITH DEMENTIA	
14.55 – 15.10	TBC	
15.10 – 15.25	OLDER ADULT HEALTH PROFILE Dr Mary Browne Consultant in Public Health Medicine, Health Service Improvement, HSE	
15.25 – 15.55	PANEL DISCUSSION	
15.55 – 16.10	PRESENTATION OF NOCA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CHAMPION AWARD 2026 & CLOSING ADDRESS Dr Brian Creedon Executive Director, NOCA	

20th ANNUAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CASE PRESENTATIONS

The Intercollegiate Case Competition is an annual event hosted by RCSI among the surgical societies of the medical schools in Ireland in which the winner of each of the individual university case competitions presents his / her clinical case to an audience of medical students from all 7 medical schools. The winner is selected by an independent panel and is awarded the Bouchier-Hayes Medal named in honour of the late Professor David Bouchier-Hayes former Professor of Surgery in RCSI.

19.00 – 21.30	20th ANNUAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CASE PRESENTATIONS Followed by reception	Albert LT Atrium
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WEDNESDAY, 11 February 2026



ANNUAL HEALTH SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATIONS CONFERENCE

Hosted by RCSI National Clinical Programmes

08.00 - 09.00	REGISTRATION	Front Hall, York Street
09.00 - 09.05	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	Houston LT
09.05 - 09.25	THE NCP'S AND THEIR ROLE IN THE NEW HEALTH REGIONAL STRUCTURE	
	ELECTIVE SURGERY IN IRELAND	
Chair:	Mr Finbarr Condon	
09.25 - 09.45	UPDATES ON SURGICAL HUBS: THEIR DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION, EARLY IMPACT AND THEIR IMPACT ON REGIONAL CARE DELIVERY	
09.45 - 10.05	THE STATE OF SURGICAL CARE IN IRELAND: THE FACTS	
10.05 - 10.25	THE PATIENT PERSPECTIVE: EVOLUTION OF THE PATIENTS' VOICE IN SURGERY	
10.25 - 10.30	Discussion	
10.30 - 11.00	REFRESHMENTS	Exam Hall

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INNOVATIONS IN SURGERY		
Chair:	Professor Eamonn Rogers	
11.00 - 11.15	UTILISATION OF SMART TECHNOLOGY FOR PRE-OPERATIVE ASSESSMENT	
11.15 - 11.30	NATIONAL CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY DIGITAL DASHBOARD Mr Mark Redmond	
11.30 - 11.45	IMPACT AND BENEFITS OF AN IT PATIENT FLOW SYSTEM IN FOUR HOSPITALS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE TRAUMA	
11.45 - 12.00	VIRTUAL WARD FOR SURGERY – THE EXPERIENCE OF UROLOGY AND THE POTENTIAL FOR OTHER SPECIALTIES	
12.00 - 12.15	LAUNCH OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE RCSI NATIONAL CLINICAL PROGRAMMES	
12.15 - 12.25	Panel Discussion	
SERVICE DELIVERY AND SURGICAL PATHWAYS		
Chair:	Mr Tom McCarthy	
12.25 - 12.40	PATIENT FLOW ACADEMY/BI-DIRECTIONAL INTERHOSPITAL TRANSFER Dr Mike O'Connor NCAGL Access and Integration	
12.40 - 12.55	OPTIMISING PATIENT FLOW FROM ED→ASAU→THEATRE Dr Rosa McNamara	
12.55 - 13.10	FRAILTY PATHWAYS IN EMERGENCY SURGERY	
13.10 - 13.25	DURATION OF ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS: HOW ARE SURGEONS DOING?	
13.25 - 13.30	Panel Discussion	
13.30 - 14.15	LUNCH AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS	Exam Hall

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HEALTHCARE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS LIGHTNING TALKS		
14.15 - 14.25	LIGHTNING TALK 1 HOME FIRST SAME DAY DISCHARGE PATHWAYS	
14.25 - 14.35	LIGHTNING TALK 2 VIRTUAL ED	
14.35 - 14.45	LIGHTNING TALK 3 OPERATION PREPARATION ST JAMES'S PODCAST	
14.45 - 14.55	LIGHTNING TALK 4 SUSTAINABLE DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE – MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION	
14.55 - 15.05	LIGHTNING TALK 5 PATIENT INITIATED REVIEW – HOW IS IT WORKING IN PRACTICE	
15.05 - 15.15	LIGHTNING TALK 6 FLUORESCENCE-GUIDED SURGERY	
15.15 - 15.30	Discussion	
CAPACITY AND ACCESS TO SURGICAL SERVICES		

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Chair:	Deirdre McNamara Director, Strategic Programmes Office HSE	
15.30 - 15.35	INTRODUCTION	
15.35 - 15.40	THE VALUE OF NPPPEP	
15.40 - 15.50	2 YEARS ON: THE EVOLVEMENT OF NPPPEP DESIGN Therese Callinan	
15.50 - 16.00	A REGIONAL CLINICAL DIRECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE VALUE OF NPPPEP	
16.00 - 16.40	INNOVATION AND IMPACT FROM NPPPEP PHASE 4	
16.40 - 16.55	THE HOSPITAL COO PERSPECTIVE ON THE VALUE OF NPPPEP	
16.55 - 17.00	CLOSING REMARKS Padraig Kelly Associate Director, Surgical Affairs Operations and Planning RCSI	

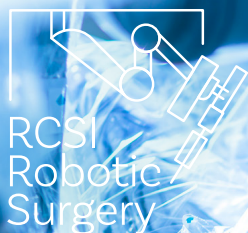
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Robotic and Technology Learning Village

Thursday 12 and Friday 13 February 2026

This year's Robotic & Technology Learning Village at the Charter Meeting marks a major step forward for surgical innovation at RCSI.

Building on last year's success, the village has expanded significantly, offering delegates the chance to get hands-on with multiple next-generation robotic platforms and emerging technologies. It will also coincide with the launch of the new National Robotic Surgery Curriculum and the announcement of three dedicated training platforms.

Robotic Platforms confirmed include:

- » Da Vinci 5, Intuitive
- » Ion Robotic Bronchoscopy, Intuitive
- » Hugo, Medtronic
- » Sentry, Cornerstone
- » Versius, MED Surgical/CMR
- » Symani Surgical System, MMI (Microsurgery Robot)
- » Velys, J&J (Orthopaedic Robot)

DELEGATES WILL RECEIVE A LINK TO BOOK THEIR SESSION IN JANUARY.

DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE THE FUTURE OF SURGERY AT THE 2026 CHARTER MEETING

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09.30 - 10.30	SYMPOSIUM I A HEALTHIER FUTURE	Desmond Auditorium
Co-Chair	Ms Mary Godfrey Dean, Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery RCSI	
09.30 - 09.45	FROM EVIDENCE TO ACTION PRESCRIBING EXERCISE FOR HEALTH Andrew Dunne Founder of Personal Health – Medical Exercise Clinic	
09.45 - 10.00	AGE FRIENDLY HEALTH SYSTEMS Dr Emer Ahern National Clinical Advisor & Group Lead Older Persons; President of the Irish Gerontological Society	
10.00 - 10.15	FOOD FOR HEALTH AND LONGEVITY Dr Aisling Aherne Senior Nutrition Scientist Kerry Health and Nutrition Institute	
10.15 - 10.30	Discussion	
10.30 - 11.00	EXHIBITION AND REFRESHMENTS	Exam Hall

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11.00 - 12.30 SYMPOSIUM II NEXT GENERATION CANCER CARE		
11.00 - 11.20	CANCER CARE REIMAGINED: PRECISION MEDICINE FOR EVERY PATIENT Dr Jana McHugh FFR RCSI, MRCPI, MB BAO BCh LRCPI&SI, PhD (ICR at UCL) PGDip Leadership (UCD), PGDip Cancer Genetics (RCPI)	
11.20 - 11.40	THE CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES OF EARLY CANCER DIAGNOSIS Professor John Burke, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin	
11.40 - 12.00	THE ROLE OF SURGERY IN CANCER PREVENTION Professor Mark Corrigan Consultant General/Breast Surgeon, Cork University Hospital, Cork	
12.00 - 12.15	Discussion	
12.15 - 12.30	ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE IN IRISH SURGERY - UPDATE ON THE GREEN THEATRE ACCREDITATION PROGRAMME Professor Camilla Carroll RCSI Council Member	
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JOHNSON & JOHNSON LECTURE

RCSI is proud to partner with Johnson & Johnson, working collaboratively to support healthcare education and training. We are grateful for the continued support through the prestigious Johnson & Johnson Lecture and Medal.

13.45 - 14.15

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TRAINING IN THE HIGH TECH ERA: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Professor Antonino Spinelli, MD, PhD, FEBS (Colo), FASCRS (Hon), DSCRS (Hon), CBCD (Hon), CSS (Hon)

Professor of Surgery & Director General Surgery Residency Program, Humanitas University; Director of Colon and Rectal Surgery & Co-Director of Humanitas IBD Center, Humanitas Research Hospital

Prof. Spinelli is the Director of the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, Director of the General Surgery Residency Program, Full Professor of Surgery and Lead of the Surgical Innovation Committee at Humanitas University, Rozzano Milano, Italy. He trained for two years (2003-2005) at the University of Berlin – Charité, and later he gained his PhD on enhanced recovery protocols in colorectal surgery. He is dedicated to the development of innovative techniques in minimally invasive colorectal surgery.

Prof. Spinelli is Associate Editor at Diseases of the Colon and Rectum, at Journal of Anus, Rectum & Colon and was Associate Editor at Colorectal Disease (2014 – 2023). He is Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Crohn's Colitis and of Coloproctology.

He authored/co-authored more than 460 Pubmed-indexed publications (IF > 3350, H Index Scopus 67, H Index Google Scholar 78).

Prof. Spinelli is President of the European Society of ColoProctology (ESCP) and is Fellow of European Surgical Association (F-ESA), Fellow of the European Board of Surgery (FEBS) and Member of the International Organization for the study of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IOIBD).

He is Honorary Fellow of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgery (HON FASCRS), Honorary Member of the Dutch Society of Colorectal Surgery (DSCS), Honorary Fellow of the Czech Society of Surgery since 2016 and Honorary Member of the Brazilian College of Digestive Surgery (CBCD) since 2017.

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AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

14.15 - 14.30	PRESENTATION OF MEDALS & AWARDS Presented by Professor Deborah McNamara, President, RCSI
	RCSI COLLES TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP IN SURGERY The RCSI Colles Travelling Fellowship in Surgery is offered by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland to promote the acquisition of additional surgical skills and knowledge that will contribute to advancement of surgical science and practice in Ireland.
	THE BRIAN LANE MEDAL 2025 Towards the end of year one of Core Surgical Training each May, the 80 first year trainees complete an operative surgical skills assessment (OSCE) and the highest scoring trainee is awarded the 'Brian Lane' Medal in honour of Brian E. Lane FRCSI, FRCSEd, FRCSEng, FACS, Surgeon Prosector and a former Consultant General and Gastro-intestinal Surgeon at Beaumont and Connolly Hospitals. The winner of the prestigious Brian Lane Medal 2025 is Dr Kassandra Gressmann .
	PROFESSOR W.A.L. MACGOWAN MEDAL 2025 This is an award to recognise the highest performing candidate in the Intercollegiate Specialty examination across all specialties from the RCSI National Training Programmes. The winner of the prestigious Professor W.A.L. MacGowan Medal 2025 is Éanna Ryan .
	RCSI COLLES SURGICAL TRAVEL GRANT
	GERALD O'SULLIVAN MEDAL The Gerald O'Sullivan medal is awarded every year to the Fellow who graduates top of the class at the annual COSECSA (College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa) exams. The medal is named in honour of the former President of RCSI, Professor Gerald (Gerry) O'Sullivan, who along with Professor Krikor Erzingatsian, set up the partnership between RCSI and COSECSA in 2007. This partnership aims to help train and retain surgeons in sub-Saharan Africa and make better surgery accessible to more patients.

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Co-Chair	Professor Micheal O'Riordain RCSI Council Member; Consultant General/Colorectal Surgeon, Chair of Division of Surgery, Mercy University Hospital, Cork	
14.30 - 14.50	FUNDAMENTALS OF AI FOR SURGEONS Dr Sudipto Das Vice Dean for AI and Digital, Connected Health and Senior Lecturer, RCSI	
14.50 - 15.10	THE INTERFACE OF TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTHCARE Dr Simon Wallace Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO) for Microsoft UK and Ireland	
15.10 - 15.30	AI IS HERE AND MOVING FAST! Professor Conor Delaney Executive Vice-President, Cleveland Clinic; CEO and President, Florida Market	
15.30 - 15.45	Discussion	
15.45 - 16.00	Comfort break	
101st ABRAHAM COLLES LECTURE		
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11.15 - 11.35	Dr Fergal Monsell President, British Orthopaedic Association	
11.35 - 11.50	Dr Sharon Sheehan Co-Chief Regional Clinical, Director and Clinical Director for Quality and Patient Safety, HSE Dublin and Midlands Region	
11.50 - 12.10	TBC	

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	LAUNCH OF THE BEST PRACTICE IN SURGICAL CLINICAL GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK	
	Discussion	
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14.15 - 15.45	SYMPOSIUM V RCSI EARLY CAREERS SURGICAL NETWORK THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE	Desmond Auditorium
16.00 - 16.30	THE PRESIDENT'S LECTURE ON QUALITY AND SAFETY IN SURGERY HOW BIG IS "QUALITY"?  Dr Donald M. Berwick, MD, MPP, FRCP, KBE <i>President Emeritus and Senior Fellow, Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and Former Administrator of the Centres for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), USA</i> <p>Donald M. Berwick is one of the leading scholars, teachers, and advocates in the world for the continual improvement of health care systems. He is a pediatrician, and a longstanding member of the faculty of Harvard Medical School. He founded and led the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, now the leading global nonprofit organization in its field. He was appointed by President Obama as administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, where he served in 2010 and 2011. He has counseled governments, clinical leaders, and executives in dozens of nations. He is an elected Member of the National Academy of Medicine and the American Philosophical Society. He has received numerous awards, including the Heinz Award for Public Policy, the Award of Honor of the American Hospital Association, and the Gustav Leinhard Award from the Institute of Medicine. For his work with the British National Health Service, in 2005 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II appointed him Honourary Knight Commander of the British Empire, the highest honor awarded by the UK to a non-British subject.</p>	Desmond Auditorium
18.45	HONORARY FELLOWSHIP CONFERRING	College Hall
	CHARTER DAY DINNER	Exam Hall

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SATURDAY, 14 February 2026

IRISH SURGICAL TRAINING GROUP MEETING (ISTG)

ISTG is an independent entity run by surgical trainees. In addition to organising and running specific events, ISTG represents trainees from all subspecialties and levels of surgical training at a variety of committees influencing training.

08.45 - 09.30	REGISTRATION	Front Hall, York Street
09.30 - 12.00	WHAT DO I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP? THE LIFECYCLE OF A SURGEON	Cheyne LT
	FELLOWSHIP UPDATES	
2026 BOSCO O'MAHONY LECTURER		
12.00 - 12.45	Professor Martin O'Donohoe Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin	Cheyne LT

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FACULTY OF DENTISTRY		
	THE MAXILLARY TEETH AND THE MAXILLARY SINUS – FRIENDS OR ENEMIES?	Houston LT
Chair	Dr Johanna Glennon Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Dentistry, RCSI, Dublin	
14.00 - 14.10	INTRODUCTION Dr Johanna Glennon Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Dentistry, RCSI, Dublin	
14.20 - 14.45	DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY – RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MAXILLARY TEETH AND THE MAXILLARY SINUS Dr Andrew Bolas Oral Surgeon and Senior Dental Radiologist, Dublin Dental University Hospital, Dublin	
14.50 - 15.15	THE ROOT TO THE SINUS Dr Pat Cleary	
15.20 - 15.45	UNILATERAL SINUSITIS – ARE THE TEETH INVOLVED? Mr Michael Walsh Consultant Otorhinolaryngologist, Tallaght and RCSI, Dublin	
15.50 - 16.15	THE MAXILLO-FACIAL SURGEON'S PRESPECTIVE ON TEETH AND THE MAXILLARY SINUS Mr Conor Bowe Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, St James's Hospital, Dublin	
16.15	QUESTIONS AND CLOSING	

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FACULTY SPORTS AND EXERCISE MEDICINE

	EXERCISE MEDICINE	
Co-Chair	Dr Frank O'Leary Consultant in Sports and Exercise Medicine, UPMC Sports Surgery Clinic, Santry, Dublin	
Co-Chair	Dr Philip Carolan Consultant in Sports and Exercise Medicine, UPMC Sports Surgery Clinic, Santry, Dublin	
14.45 - 15.05	MITIGATING DECLINES IN SKELETAL MUSCLE MASS AND FUNCTION THROUGH EXERCISE AND NUTRITION INTERVENTIONS Associate Professor Brendan Egan School of Health and Human Performance, Associate Dean for Research in the Faculty of Science and Health, Dublin City University, Dublin	
15.05 - 15.25	APPROACHES TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROMOTION IN CLINICAL POPULATIONS Professor Suzanne Mc Donough Head of RCSI School of Physiotherapy Dublin and a visiting Professor with the University of Southampton RCSI, UK	
15.25 - 15.45	EXERCISE MEDICINE IN CANCER: OPTIMISING TREATMENT AND SURVIVAL OUTCOMES Dr Emer Guinan Associate Professor in Cancer Rehabilitation and Survivorship, Associate Director in Postgraduate Teaching and Learning (PhD Studies), Course Coordinator Postgraduate Programmes in Cancer Survivorship, Discipline of Physiotherapy, School of Medicine, Trinity College, Dublin	
15.45 - 16.05	Professor Brian Carson Director of the Exercise is Medicine® Ireland National Centre, and Professor in Exercise Physiology, University of Limerick, Limerick	
16.05 - 16.15	PANEL DISCUSSION	

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IRISH INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY (IIOP)

	BEYOND THE PRESCRIPTION – THE PHARMACIST’S ROLE IN CANCER CARE	
Co–Chair	Dr Catriona Bradley Executive Director, Irish Institute of Pharmacy (IIOP)	
Co–Chair	Ms Aishling McLoughlin Chief I Pharmacist, National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP)	
14.15 - 14.25	WELCOME Dr Catriona Bradley Executive Director, Irish Institute of Pharmacy (IIOP) Ms Aishling McLoughlin Chief I Pharmacist, National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP)	
14.25 - 14.50	THE CRITICAL ROLE OF CANCER PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION Dr Una Kennedy GP Advisor to National Cancer Control Programme	
14.50 - 15.10	INTEGRATED CANCER CARE: COORDINATING TREATMENT FOR BETTER OUTCOMES Ms Sinéad Smith Chief II Pharmacist, Cancer Clinical Services, St. James’s Hospital, Dublin	
15.10 - 15.30	THE VITAL ROLE OF PHARMACISTS IN COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CARE Dr Darren Walsh Chief II Pharmacist, University Hospital Waterford, Waterford	
15.30 - 15.45	ENHANCING CANCER CARE QUALITY THROUGH STANDARDISATION Mr Grant Carroll Chief I Pharmacist, NCIS, National Cancer Control Programme	
15.45 - 16.05	LIVING WELL DURING AND AFTER CANCER: A FOCUS ON SURVIVORSHIP Ms Louise Mullen National Lead for Cancer Survivorship, National Cancer Control Programme	
16.05 - 16.15	CLOSING Dr Catriona Bradley Executive Director, Irish Institute of Pharmacy (IIOP) Ms Aishling McLoughlin Chief I Pharmacist, National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP)	

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INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY

	THE FUTURE OF INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY IN IRELAND	Cheyne LT
Chair	Professor Mick Lee National Lead, Program for Interventional Radiology, Professor Emeritus, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin	
Chair	Professor Colin Cantwell Interventional Radiologist, St Vincents University Hospital, Dublin	
14.30 - 14.55	UPDATE ON THE MODEL OF CARE FOR INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY IN IRELAND Professor Mick Lee National Lead, Program for Interventional Radiology, Professor Emeritus, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin	
15.00 - 15.25	CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FACING IR IN LEVEL 3 HOSPITALS Dr Damien O'Neill Consultant Interventional Radiologist, Mercy Hospital, Cork	
15.30 - 15.55	HOW SHOULD IR TRAINING BE DEVELOPED TO ENSURE THE PRODUCTION OF COMPETENT AND SAFE IR DOCTORS INTO THE FUTURE Professor Colin Cantwell Consultant Interventional Radiologist, Department of Radiology, St Vincents Hospital, Dublin	
16.00 - 16.30	EMERGING AND FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES THAT WILL SHAPE THE FUTURE OF IR Professor Afshin Gangi M.D., PH.D. Chairman of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine Imagerie Interventionnelle University Hospital Strasbourg, France Interventional Radiology King's College, London Guy's and St Thomas's NHS London, UK	

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NEUROSURGERY		
	NEUROSURGERY: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE	College Hall
Co – Chair	Mr Gulam Zilani Consultant Neurosurgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, National Training Programme Director Neurosurgery, RCSI, Dublin	
Co – Chair	Mr John Caird RCSI Council Member; Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon, Beaumont and Children's Health Ireland, Temple Street, Dublin	
14.15 - 14.20	INTRODUCTION Mr Gulam Zilani Consultant Neurosurgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, National Training Programme Director Neurosurgery, RCSI, Dublin	
14.20 - 14.30	DEEP BRAIN STIMULATION IN DYSTONIA: DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY AND IMAGING Ms Catherine Moran Consultant Neurosurgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin Mr Jack Horan Neurosurgery SpR, StAR MD programme, RCSI, Dublin	
14.30 - 14.40	THE PERITUMORAL ZONE: FROM MECHANISMS TO THERAPEUTICS Mr Vincent Healy Neurosurgery SpR Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, ICAT fellow, RCSI, Dublin	
14.40 - 14.50	CHARACTERIZING THE TME LOW SUBTYPE OF GLIOBLASTOMA TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL TARGETS OF THERAPY Dr Suzanne Murphy StAR MD programme, RCSI, Dublin	
14.50 - 15.00	LONG TERM EFFICACY OF CYBERKNIFE IN TREATING LARGE CP ANGLE BENIGN TUMOURS Mr Daniel Rawluk Consultant Neurosurgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin Mr Asaad Zulfikar Resident Medical Officer, Hermitage Clinic, Dublin	
15.00 - 15.10	THE BEAUMONT HYBRID NEUROVASCULAR THEATRE EXPERIENCE Mr Ronan Doherty Neurosurgery Specialist Registrar, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin	

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15.10 - 15.20	THE LEARNING CURVE FOR MINIMALLY INVASIVE SPINE SURGERY Mr Ben Husien Consultant Neurosurgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin	
15.20 - 15.30	MY TRIP TO SUDAN: STORIES OF LOSS, HOPE AND RESILIENCE Mr Wail Mohammed Consultant Neurosurgeon, Cork University Hospital, Cork	
15.30 - 15.40	THE RCSI ATLANTIC SURGICAL LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE – A NEUROSURGERY TRAINEE’S PERSPECTIVE Mr Daniel Murray Neurosurgery Specialist Registrar, Cork University Hospital, Cork and Children’s Health Ireland at Temple Street, Dublin	
15.40 - 15.50	BREAK	
15.50 - 16.20	NEUROSURGERY SHORT CASE PRESENTATIONS RARE CASE OF FOURTH NERVE SCHWANNOMA Jack Henry Neurosurgery Specialist Registrar, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin Mr Daniel Murray Neurosurgery Specialist Registrar, Cork University Hospital, Cork and Children’s Health Ireland at Temple Street, Dublin COGNARD TYPE V DURAL AV FISTULA IN PREGNANCY Mr Theo Hirst Consultant Neurosurgeon, Royal Victoria Hospital, Dublin	
16.20 - 17.00	KEYNOTE SPEECH - REFLECTIONS OF A CAREER IN NEUROSURGERY Mr Henry Marsh Consultant Neurosurgeon (retired), St Georges Hospital, London, UK	
17.00	CONCLUSION Mr Gulam Zilani Consultant Neurosurgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, National Training Programme Director Neurosurgery, RCSI, Dublin	

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COLORECTAL/REGIONAL SURGERY

	SPECIALIST COLORECTAL PRACTICE IN THE MODEL 3 HOSPITAL	
Co-Chair	Professor Des Toomey Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon Regional Hospital Mullingar, Westmeath and Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin	
Co-Chair	Mr Ian Stephens Specialist Registrar General and Colorectal Surgery St. Vincents University Hospital, Dublin	
08.55 - 09.00	INTRODUCTION	
09.00 - 09.15	ACUTE GENERAL SURGERY IN A MODEL 3 HOSPITAL Ms Eleanor Faul Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, Louth and Beaumont Hospital, Dublin	
09.15 - 09.30	DELIVERING COLORECTAL CANCER CARE TO A RURAL COMMUNITY Mr Pat Owens Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon University Hospital, Kerry and Cork University Hospital, Cork	
09.30 - 09.45	MULTISITE PRACTICE Ms Paula Loughlin Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown, Dublin and Beaumont Hospital, Dublin	
09.45 - 10.00	DEVELOPING SUBSPECIALIST SERVICES IN A MODEL 3 HOSPITAL Mr Joshua De Marchi Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore, Offaly	
10.00 - 10.20	REMOTE AND RURAL SURGERY IN SCOTLAND – TRAINING AND DELIVERY OF CARE Professor Angus Watson Vice President, Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh Clinical Chair of Surgery, University of Aberdeen, Scotland Honorary Consultant Surgeon, NHS Highland, Scotland	
10.20 - 10.30	PANEL DISCUSSION	

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ENT/OTOLARYNGOLOGY HEAD AND NECK SURGERY

	TRAITORS V'S FAITHFULS – THE ROUNDTABLE DEBATE!	
Co-Chair	Ms Mary Bresnihan Sligo University Hospital, Sligo	
Co-Chair	Professor Paul J. O'Neill Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, RCSI Group and Beaumont Hospital, Dublin	
09.00 - 09.18	PLACEMENT OF VENTILATION TUBES IS THE BEST TREATMENT FOR OTITIS MEDIA For: Paula Casserly Consultant Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin Against: Michael Fitzsimons SpR in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin	
09.18 - 09.36	THYROSEQ TESTING IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL THY3F NODULES For: Thavakumar Subramaniam Consultant Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Galway University Hospital, Galway Against: Rory O'Neil SpR Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin	
09.36 - 09.54	TEACHING V'S TREATMENT – IS THERE A SURGICAL DILEMMA? For: Éadaoin O'Cathain Consultant Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Royal South Infirmary Hospital, Cork Against: Nathaniel McHugh SpR in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery	
09.54 - 10.12	ADENOTONSILLECTOMY IS THE PREFERRED TREATMENT FOR OSA IN CHILDREN For: Lina Woods Consultant in Paediatric Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin, Dublin Against: Khalid Munir SpR in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin	

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10.12 - 10.30	<p>SURGERY IS THE BEST OPTION FOR SNORING AND SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING</p> <p>For: Brendan Fennessy Consultant in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin</p> <p>Against: Mel Corbett SpR in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin</p>	

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GLOBAL SURGERY		
	THE UNMET NEED OF GLOBAL SURGERY	O'Flanagan LT
Co-Chair	Professor James Geraghty Consultant Surgeon; St Vincent's Healthcare Group, Dublin and Council Member RCSI, Dublin	
Co-Chair	Mr Keith Synnott Consultant Surgeon (Trauma/Orthopaedic), Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin and Council Member RCSI, Dublin	
08.30 - 08.50	GLOBAL HEALTH AND THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL SURGERY AND RCSI Professor Juan Carlos Puyana O'Brien Chair in Global Surgery, RCSI Institute of Global Surgery, Dublin	
08.50 - 09.10	SURGICAL EDUCATION IN LOW RESPONSE SETTINGS: MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT Mr Eric O'Flynn Programme Director (Education, Training and Advocacy), RCSI Institute of Global Surgery, Dublin	
09.10 - 09.30	REACHING THE LAST PATIENT: SURGICAL SOLUTIONS BEYOND THE SURGEONS REACH Dr Jakub Gajewski Programme Director (Research), RCSI Institute of Global Surgery, Dublin	
09.30 - 09.40	FUNDING ENT HEAD, NECK SURGICAL TRAINING IN ZAMBIA: A PROTOTYPE FOR SUB SAHARAN AFRICA Professor Kieran O'Driscoll Associate Clinical Professor, UCD Medical School, Dublin	
09.40 - 10.00	RCSI AND COSECSA: THE NEXT 5 YEARS Laston Chikoya President COSECSA, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Levy Mwanawasa Medical University, Lusaka	
10.00 - 10.20	FIFTEEN YEARS AFTER INTRODUCING TASK - SHARING IN SURGERY IN SIERRA LEONE; IMPACT LESSONS LEARNT AND THE WAY FORWARD Professor Hakon Angell Bolkan Consultant General Surgeon, St Olav's Hospital, Norway	
10.20 - 10.30	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS	

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OPHTHALMIC SURGERY

Chair	Ms Christine Goodchild Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin and Co Programme Director for Ophthalmic Surgery	
09.00 - 09.05	WELCOME Ms Christine Goodchild Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin and Co Programme Director for Ophthalmic Surgery	
09.05 - 09.30	PEDIATRIC ORBITAL LESIONS Ms Clare McCloskey Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon Sligo University Hospital, Sligo and Co Programme Director for Ophthalmic Surgery	
09.30 - 10.00	DELIVERING A DIGITAL RETINOPATHY OF PREMATURITY PATHWAY IN IRELAND Mr Bobby Tang Consultant Ophthalmologist, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda, Louth and Mater Hospital, Dublin	
10.00 - 10.30	ORBITAL INFLAMMATION – INVESTIGATIONS TO CONSIDER Ms Clare Quigley Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin	

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PLASTIC SURGERY

Chair	Mr Peter Meagher Consultant Plastic Surgeon, St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin	
09.00 - 09.30	YOU'RE DOING GREAT Mr Frank Reilly Consultant Plastic Surgeon, Beaumont University Hospital, Dublin	
09.30 - 10.00	MODERN BURN CARE Ms Sharon Kennedy Consultant Plastic, Reconstructive & Burns Surgeon, National Burns Unit, St. James's Hospital, Dublin	
10.00 - 10.30	ENHANCING FUNCTIONAL AND AESTHETIC ONCOLOGIC RECONSTRUCTION: LESSONS FROM TWO CONTINENTS Mr Fiachra Sheil Oncologic Breast Reconstruction, University Health Network, Toronto, Canada	

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TRAUMA AND ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

Co-Chair	Mr Gerard Sheridan Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University Hospital Galway, Galway	
Co-Chair	Mr James Broderick Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin	
07.30 - 07.45	WELCOME Mr Gerard Sheridan Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University Hospital Galway, Galway Mr James Broderick Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin	
07.45 - 08.10	THE NTPF SYSTEM IS THE BEST WAY TO USE TAXPAYERS' MONEY TO DEAL WITH LONG ORTHOPAEDIC PUBLIC WAITING LISTS Chair: Professor John Quinlan RCSI Council Member; Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin For: Mr Maurice Neligan Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Beacon Hospital, Dublin Against: Mr Fiachra Rowan Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University Hospital Waterford, Waterford	
08.10 - 08.35	RESEARCH SHOULD BE PERFORMED BY DEDICATED RESEARCH ASSISTANTS WITHIN A RESEARCH INSTITUTE INSTEAD OF ORTHOPAEDIC TRAINEES DURING TRAINING Chair: Professor John O'Byrne Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, National Orthopaedic Hospital, Cappagh, Dublin For: Mr Kieran Joyce Specialist Registrar, HST Scheme Against: Mr Martin Davey Specialist Registrar, HST Scheme	

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08.35 - 09.00	<p>IRELAND NEEDS TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN THE EUROPEAN ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL LANDSCAPE</p> <p>Chair: Mr James Cashman Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, National Orthopaedic Hospital, Cappagh, Dublin</p> <p>For: Mr Andrew Hughes Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, St. James' Hospital, Dublin</p> <p>Against: Mr Adrian Cassar-Gheiti National Orthopaedic Hospital, Cappagh, Dublin</p>	
09.00 - 09.25	<p>WE NEED MORE UNIVERSITY ORTHOPAEDIC PROFESSORS IN IRELAND</p> <p>Chair: Professor May Cleary Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University Hospital Waterford, Waterford</p> <p>For: Professor Joey Butler Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin</p> <p>Against: Ms Rebecca Lyons Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Cork University Hospital, Cork</p>	
09.25 - 09.50	<p>ORTHOPAEDIC TRAINING SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS AS WELL AS PUBLIC HOSPITALS</p> <p>Chair: Professor James Harty Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Cork University Hospital, Cork</p> <p>For: Professor Brian Devitt Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, UPMC Sports Surgery Clinic, Dublin</p> <p>Against: Mr Colin Murphy Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University Hospital Galway, Galway</p>	
09.50 - 10.15	<p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</p> <p>ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH: MAXIMIZING YOUR CHANCES Professor Fares Haddad Professor of Orthopaedics & Sports Surgery, University College London, UK</p>	
10.15 - 10.25	DISCUSSION	
10.25 - 10.30	CLOSING	

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VASCULAR SURGERY

Chair	Mr Greg Fulton Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Cork University Hospital, Cork	
09.00 - 09.45	TRAINING FOR TRAUMA Mr Brian Manning Consultant Vascular Surgeon ,Cork University Hospital, Cork	
09.45 - 10.30	PAEDIATRIC VASCULAR EMERGENCIES Mr Martin O'Donohoe Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin	

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