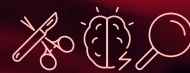




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**DRAFT PROGRAMME – SUBJECT TO CHANGE.****FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2025**

Venue: RCSI, 123 St Stephen's Green

TIME	EVENT DETAILS	
07.15	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	Front Hall, York Street
07.30 – 08.45	<b>FELLOWS AND MEMBERS NETWORKING BREAKFAST</b> Hosted by the RCSI President and Council	College Hall
09.00	<b>PRESIDENT'S WELCOME</b> Professor Deborah McNamara	O'Flanagan LT
09.05	<b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b> <b>BETTER TRIALS, BETTER EVIDENCE:</b> <b>INNOVATIONS IN TRIALS METHODOLOGY</b> Professor Declan Devane Professor of Health Research Methodology and Deputy Dean of the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, University of Galway	
09.35	<b>SYMPOSIUM I</b> <b>RCSI NATIONAL SURGICAL RESEARCH SUPPORT CENTRE</b> <b>(NSRSC)</b>	
	<b>SESSION I:</b> Shaping the Future of Surgical Research and the RCSI National Surgical Research Competition	
11.05	<b>REFRESHMENTS &amp; EXHIBITION</b> including poster viewing	Exam Hall
11.45	<b>SESSION II:</b> Developing Surgical Academic Careers	O'Flanagan LT
13.00	<b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b> <b>THE FUTURE OF THE CLINICIAN SCIENTIST</b> Professor Shirley Potter Consultant Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon, St James's Hospital & Blackrock Clinic; Clinical Professor, School of Medicine, University College Dublin; National Training Programme Director, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, RCSI	
13.30	<b>LUNCH &amp; EXHIBITION</b> including poster viewing	Exam Hall
14.30	<b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b> <b>EVIDENCE-BASED SURGICAL TRAINING</b> Professor Jennifer Cleland Lee Kong Chian (LKC) School of Medicine, Singapore and Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, UK	O'Flanagan LT

15.00	<b>SYMPOSIUM II SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE IN SURGICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING</b>	O'Flanagan LT
16.00	<b>LAUNCH: RCSI SUPPORTING SURGEONS AND TRAINEES</b>	
16.15	<b>ORAL AND POSTER AWARD PRESENTATIONS</b>	
16.30	<b>KEYNOTE LECTURE AN EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH TO IMPROVING AND INNOVATING IN SURGERY</b> Professor Mary Dixon-Woods Director of The Healthcare Improvement Studies (THIS) Institute, University of Cambridge	College Hall
17.30	<b>48th MILLIN LECTURE</b> followed by a reception	

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SYMPOSIUM I RCSI NATIONAL SURGICAL RESEARCH SUPPORT CENTRE (NSRSC)	
Session organisers:	<p>Professor Stewart Walsh Clinical Lead National Surgical Research Support Centre &amp; Professor of Vascular Surgery at Galway University</p> <p>Dr Anne-Marie Byrne Operations Director, National Surgical Research Support Centre</p>
09.35 – 11.00	<b>SESSION I: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF SURGICAL RESEARCH AND THE RCSI NATIONAL SURGICAL RESEARCH COMPETITION</b>
Co-Chair:	Professor Kevin Conlon RCSI Council Member; Emeritus Professor of Surgery, Trinity College Dublin
Co-Chair:	Professor Helen Heneghan Consultant Bariatric Surgeon, St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin; Professor of Surgery, University College Dublin
09.35 – 10.00	<p><b>Part I: THE NSRSC's ROLE IN SHAPING SURGICAL RESEARCH IN IRELAND</b></p> <p>Dr Anne-Marie Byrne Operations Director, National Surgical Research Support Centre</p> <p>Introduction by Professor Stewart Walsh Clinical Lead National Surgical Research Support Centre &amp; Professor of Vascular Surgery at Galway University</p>
10.00 – 11.00	<p><b>Part II: RCSI NATIONAL SURGICAL RESEARCH COMPETITION PRESENTATIONS</b></p> <p>The winner of the best overall presentation in this session will receive the RCSI National Surgical Research Medal.</p> <p>The call for abstracts will open at the end of July and close the second week in September.</p> <p>Five presenters will be selected to present at this session.</p>
11.05 – 11.45	<p><b>Refreshments &amp; Exhibition</b> including poster viewing Venue: Exam Hall</p>



11.45 – 13.30	<b>SESSION II: DEVELOPING SURGICAL ACADEMIC CAREERS</b>
Co-Chair:	Professor Niall Davis Consultant Urologist, Beaumont Hospital and RCSI
Co-Chair:	Professor John Reynolds Emeritus Professor of Surgery, Trinity College Dublin
11.45 - 12.00	<b>TAKING THE FIRST STEPS IN DEVELOPING A CAREER IN ACADEMIC SURGERY</b> Dr Suzanne Murphy Department of Neurosurgery, Beaumont Hospital and Department of Surgery, RCSI
12.00 - 12.15	<b>DEVELOPING A SURGICAL RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE</b> Ms Nikita Bhatt Consultant Urologist, St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin
12.15 - 12.30	<b>STRUCTURED TRAINING FOR AN ACADEMIC SURGEON – WHAT IS THE ROLE OF ICAT?</b> Professor Michael Conall Denny Principal Investigator of the ICAT-2 Programme; Consultant Endocrinologist, Galway University Hospital, Galway
12.30 - 12.45	<b>ESTABLISHING A RESEARCH PORTFOLIO AS AN EARLY CAREER ACADEMIC SURGEON</b> Professor Jarlath Bolger Consultant Upper GI Surgeon and Associate Professor of Surgery, Beaumont Hospital and RCSI
12.45 - 13.00	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
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SYMPOSIUM II SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE IN SURGICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING	
Co-Chair:	Professor Carmel Malone Council Member and Chair of the Faculty of Surgical Trainers, RCSI; Consultant General and Breast Surgeon, University Hospital Galway
Co-Chair:	Professor Paddy Kenny RCSI Council Member; Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown and the National Orthopaedic Hospital at Cappagh, Dublin
15.00 - 15.15	<b>BUILDING THE EVIDENCE-BASE FOR SURGICAL TRAINING IN IRELAND</b> Mr Conor Toale Specialist Registrar in General Surgery, Department of Surgical Affairs, RCSI
15.15 - 15.30	<b>HANDS-ON TRAINING – CARE OF THE CRITICALLY ILL SURGICAL PATIENT 20 YEARS ON</b> Professor Peter Murchan Consultant General and Gastrointestinal Surgeon, Tipperary University Hospital and University Hospital Waterford
15.30 - 15.45	<b>PROFESSIONALISM FOR SURGICAL TRAINEES</b> Professor Denis Harkin Chair of Professionalism and Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Centre for Professionalism at RCSI and Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
15.45 - 16.00	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
16.00 - 16.15	<b>LAUNCH: RCSI SUPPORTING SURGEONS AND TRAINEES</b>  <b>Introduction</b> Professor Kilian Walsh RCSI Council Member and Chair of the RCSI Short Life Working Group on Supporting Surgeons; Consultant Urological Surgeon, University Hospital Galway  <b>Overview of Supports for Surgeons and Trainees</b> Ms Caroline McGuinness Associate Director of Postgraduate Training, Surgical Affairs, RCSI
16.15 - 16.30	<b>PRESENTATION OF AWARDS</b>  <b>NSRSC AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN A SURGICAL CLINICAL TRIAL</b> The award for outstanding achievement in a surgical clinical trial, supported by the NSRSC will be presented to the investigator/clinical research team in recognition of their contribution to a clinical trial's success.  <b>SURGICAL RESEARCH POSTER PRESENTATION AWARDS</b> Certificates will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.  <b>AWARD OF RCSI NATIONAL SURGICAL RESEARCH MEDAL</b> The RCSI National Surgical Research Medal will be awarded to the best overall oral research presentation.

## RCSI MILLIN MEETING PROGRAMME

16.30 - 17.00	<p><b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b></p> <p><b>AN EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH TO IMPROVING AND INNOVATING IN SURGERY</b></p> <p><b>Professor Mary Dixon-Woods</b>  <b>Director of The Healthcare Improvement Studies (THIS) Institute,</b>  <b>University of Cambridge</b></p> <p>Introduction by Professor John Quinlan  RCSI Council Member;  Consultant Trauma &amp; Orthopaedic Surgeon,  Clinical Professor Trinity College Dublin;  Tallaght University Hospital, Blackrock Clinic and UPMC Kildare Hospital</p>
17.30 - 18.15	<p><b>48th MILLIN LECTURE</b>  Venue: College Hall</p> <p>The opportunity to deliver this prestigious lecture is open to all surgical specialties via an application process. To find out how to apply visit <a href="https://www.rcsi.com/surgery/training/fellowship-opportunities/millinlecture">https://www.rcsi.com/surgery/training/fellowship-opportunities/millinlecture</a></p> <p>The 48th Millin Lecturer will be announced in September 2025.</p>
	<p><b>RECEPTION</b>  Venue: Atrium</p>



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