

2025 SPHeRE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

09:00	Registration						
09:30	Welcome Address and Updates on the SPHeRE Programme Prof Ali Khashan, UCC—SPHeRE National Director						
09:40	From SPHeRE to Success: How Alumni are Impacting Population Health, Policy and Health Services Research						
	Prof Anne Hickey, RCSI, SPHeRE Co-Founder with Programme alumni Prof Brian Cleary, Dr Barbara Clyne and Dr Kieran Walsh						
10:10	Keynote Address: "Supporting health policy and health system reform: what can an academic do?"						
	Prof Lucy Gilson, University of Cape Town/London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Chaired by Prof Mary Clarke, SPHeRE Programme Co-Director, RCSI						
10:55	Coffee & Moderated Poster Presentations						
	AM PARALLEL SESSIONS						
	Health systems & Health policy (Exam Hall)	Primary care research (TR1)	Chronic disease (TR2)	Maternal & child health (TR3)			
Chair:	Dr Sarah Barry, RCSI	Prof Susan Smith, TCD	Prof Molly Byrne, UoG	Prof Keelin O'Donoghue, UCC			
11:20	"If it wasn't for us, there would be no data": Stakeholders' perspectives on patient involvement in the use of health data in Ireland: a cross-sectional qualitative study.	Laura O'Connor HRB Primary Care CTNI Addressing research priorities in the management of chronic conditions in primary care; Utilising the results of a James Lind Alliance priority setting partnership.	Dr Edel Burton, UCC for Alizeh Akhtar Association Between Treatment of Depression and 10-Year Cardiovascular Disease Risk: A Cross-Sectional Study Using Data from The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA).	Ciara Kidd, UCC The Association between Threatened Miscarriage in Early Pregnancy and Off- spring Reported Mental Health Outcomes in Adoles- cence.			
11:40	Ellen McHugh, ESRI	Marta Dobric, TCD	Dr Celine Larkin, HIQA	Elizabeth Bodunde, UCC			
	Planning for Future Healthcare Needs.	Helicobacter pylori eradication treatment in Ireland: analysis of national prescribing trends from 2015 to 2019.	Systematic review of international acute asthma guidelines: Identifying recommendations suitable for "adolopment"	Exploring the Impact of Preg- nancy and Birth Complica- tions on Long-term Maternal Mental Health Issues - A Qualitative Descriptive Study			
12:00	Dr Paul Leavy, TCD	Oanh Nguyen, NCPE	Dr Catherine N Moran, RCSI	Dr Tommy Harty Pregnancy Loss RGr, UCC			
	How and why do health system factors influence general dentists' participation in publicly funded, contracted primary dental care services: a realist review.	Trends in Utilisation and Expenditure of Drugs for the Treatment of Overactive Bladder on the General Medical Services Scheme in Ireland.	Establishing a Core Dataset for Acute Stroke Care Audit in Ire- land: A Stakeholder-Informed Approach Aligned with Interna- tional Practices	A national survey on preg- nancy loss under 24 weeks in the workplace: experiences and supports at work			
12:20	Lusine Mac Conghail, TCD	Aimée Cody	Ms Pauline Dunne, UCD	Zeinab El-Dirani, RCSI			
	Examining the Roles, Relation- ships and Power Dynamics shaping Universal Health Sys- tem Policy Processes in High- and Upper-Middle-Income Countries: A Scoping Review	for Dr Edel Burton, UCC Dispensing Trends of Commonly Prescribed Paediatric Medications in Ireland from 2016-2024: A Cross-sectional Study.	Evaluating the feasibility of a primary care intervention to address type 2 diabetes risk after gestational diabetes.	Interventions before and after pregnancy for women who experience severe nausea and vomiting of pregnancy: a scoping review.			
12:40	Orla Jenkins, HIQA	Corrinna Moore, TCD	Éadaoin Flynn, TCD	Caroline O'Connor Pregnancy Loss RGr, UCC			
	Herpes zoster (shingles) vac- cination in Ireland: a health technology assessment.	Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Ireland: The General Practitioner's View.	Dysphagia in Progressive Supra- nuclear Palsy.	Parents' Experiences of Antena- tal Care for DCDA Twin Pregnan- cies in Irish Maternity Services.			

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13:00	Network Lunch & Moderated Poster Presentations					
13:50	PARALLEL WORKSHOPS					
Exam Hall	⇒ "Becoming a Research Leader" with Emeritus Prof Vera Morgan, Uni Western Australia & Prof Rose Galvin, UL (Exam Hall)					
TR2/3	⇒ "Insights into Interdisciplinarity in Innovation" with Prof Ian Underwood, University of Edinburgh , (TR2/3)					
14:50	Coffee & Moderated Poster Presentations					
	PM PARALLEL SESSIONS					
	Community engagement & advocacy (Exam Hall)	Health behaviours, equity & access (TR1)	Health economics & policy analysis (TR2)	Cancer research (TR3)		
Chair:	Dr Nora Donnelly, HIQA	Prof David Cromwell, RCSEng	Dr Carlos Bruen, TCD	Dr Avril Kennan, HRCI		
15:20	Avril Easton, Irish Hospice Foundation	Dr Elaine Toomey, UG	Dr Vivian Umeokwoaka for Dr Olalekan Popoola, AS- PHER	Sophie Mulcahy Symmons, UCD		
	Irish Hospice Foundation dis- semination of the findings from Ireland's first National End of Life Survey.	A scoping review of fidelity frameworks and models for complex health behaviour change interventions.	An Updated Systematic Review on the Economic Evaluation of COVID-19 Vaccination	Understanding influences of cervical screening attendance among women of low socioeconomic position living in Dublin using the Integrated Screening Action Model		
15:40	Eunice Phillip, RCSI	Dr Martin Boudou, HIQA	Laura Rouncivell for Umakanth Vudumula, HIQA	Róisín Ó Maolalaí, IRROG		
	Community perspectives on health needs and assets in Sláintecare Healthy Communi- ty Programme areas in Dublin	A review of statistical modelling approaches to inform national low-risk drinking guidelines.	Systematic review of the cost effectiveness of teledermatology for the triage of referrals from primary care.	'I found it very isolating to be given a diagnosis like that.' A Qualitative Study of Patient Experiences of Head and Neck Cancer Treatment in Ireland.		
16:00	Dr Daráine Murphy, HIQA	Isabelle Coonan, UCC	Patrick Kearns, TCD/NCPE	Aoife Bergin, NCPE		
	A mixed method study of public and professionals' readiness to engage with digital health and social care services: Findings from the National Engagement on Digital Health and Social Care	Alcohol-related trends in consumption, hospitalisations, and deaths in Ireland before MUP implementation.	Assessing the Cost- Effectiveness of Repeated Biomarker Screening Com- pared to The Khorana Risk Score for Guiding Thrombo- prophylaxis in Patients on Chemotherapy.	Abemaciclib for the adjuvant treatment of early breast cancer in the Irish healthcare setting— a comparison of predicted and real-world utilisation.		
16:20	Dr Marci Kay Livingston, UL Methodological Guidance for Incorporating Lived Experience in the Early Stages of Core Outcome Set Development: A Scoping Review.	Ciara Buckley, DCU Barriers and Facilitators of Help-Seeking for LGBTQ+ Survivors of Sexual Violence: A Systematic Review	Barrie Tyner, HIQA-CICER Systematic review of outbreak costing tools for hospital settings.	Dr Caroline Walsh, NCPE Exploring if a price premium is requested for cancer drugs that seek reimbursement on statesubsidised schemes in Ireland: an analysis of drugs that have undergone a full HTA by the NCPE in Ireland 2019 - 2023.		
16:40	Keynote Address: "The Politics of Health Policy"					
	Róisín Shortall, a Co-Founder of the Social Democrats & former Minister of State at the Dept. of Health; in 2017, Róisín chaired the All-Party Committee on the Future of Healthcare which produced the Sláintecare reform plan for the Irish hea service. <i>Chaired by Prof Sara Burke, SPHeRE Programme Co-Director, TCD</i>					
17:25	Poster Prize & Closing Pitch					
	The winning Poster presenter will give a 3-minute elevator pitch on their research. The prize will be awarded by Prof Sara Burke, SPHeRE Programme Co-Director, TCD					