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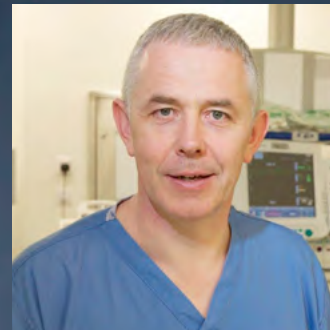
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Summer Graduations

Congratulations to all the new graduates of the College of Medicine and Health. Their unabashed enthusiasm and energy is infectious!

We can be optimistic about the future of Ireland and the Irish Healthcare System.

John R Higgins
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Head College of Medicine and Health

RETIREMENT OF PROFESSOR FIONA GIBBON, HEAD OF SCHOOL OF CLINICAL SCIENCES, UCC



Professor John R. Higgins, Head of College of Medicine and Health with Professor Fiona Gibbon. (Photo: Gerard McCarthy)

Professor Fiona Gibbon will retire in July 2016 from the School of Clinical Therapies, University College Cork. Professor Gibbon was appointed Head of the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences in March 2009 and has had a distinguished career in the discipline of Speech and Hearing Sciences.

During the period of her tenure as Head of School, Professor Gibbon oversaw significant growth, change, and development within the School. She has acted as a pivotal lead in major strategic developments that achieved institutional objectives.

Professor Gibbon advanced a highly successful Research Strategy and 5-year plan which resulted in the School attaining a higher grading in the Research Quality Review in 2015. Her international record in research has played a key role in increasing the School's research output, leading to an almost four-fold increase in the number of peer reviewed journal publications published over the past 6 years in the School than in the previous equivalent period. Her extensive international networks and her strong track record of successful grant applications have been a driver in enabling the School to more than double its number of major research funded grants, resulting in the School winning 8 Health Research Board grant awards during her tenure of leadership.

Importantly, Professor Gibbon, has fostered a culture that emphasises career development and success in teaching and research. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that the student experience across the School is one of national and international repute, and despite a busy schedule, has always ensured that she has time for her students. Indeed, the attention that she displays towards each student has been a source of inspiration for many of our graduates who have passed through the School during her tenure.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Fiona a long and healthy retirement.

MEDICAL CONFERRINGS



Congratulations to our 203 School of Medicine graduates, who recently were awarded an Honours Degree of Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, and Bachelor of Obstetrics (MB, BCh, BAO Hons) at this year's Medical Conferings. Dr Rob Landers, Chief Clinical Director SSWHG & Surgical Pathologist UHW, delivered the conferring address.

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Dr Gallagher Receives Satava Award for Advance Technology in Medicine

The Satava Award, one of the most prestigious awards in the area of advanced technologies in medicine, has been awarded to Dr Anthony Gallagher, Professor and Director of Research at the ASSERT Centre, College of Medicine and Health, UCC. Dr Gallagher received this accolade at the Medicine Meets Virtual Reality (MMVR) conference in Los Angeles, California. MMVR is the leading engineering and educational forum for researchers who invent, develop, and market interactive, information-focused tools for clinical care and medical education.

Pictured (l-r): Professor Richard M Satava, Professor Tony G Gallagher and Dr Carla M Pugh

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Nine UCC Medical Students awarded HRB Summer Student Scholarships 2016

The HRB have announced this year's recipients of the HRB Summer Student Scholarships. Nine UCC medical students were awarded Summer scholarships. To put this achievement in context, this year the HRB received 141 applications and 42 awards were distributed in total. This means that UCC medical students made up 21% of the total number of awards given out nationally.

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Cork Student Nurse Phil Healy's Spectacular Win in the 4x400 Relay

Ms Phil Healy, 3rd year nursing student from the School of Nursing & Midwifery, UCC, recently ran a spectacular race for University College Cork in the 4x400 ladies Relay in the Inter University Championships in Santry, Dublin. Taking the baton for the final leg, Phil was placed down in 5th place. She dug deep and succeeded in running the race of all races and crossed the line in first place. The YouTube clip of this race has been viewed over three million times.

The race can be viewed by clicking the link below:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVhjAXEyjMI



Dr Carol Sinnott



Dr Elaine Walsh

Annual General Meeting of the Irish College of General Practitioners

Staff from UCC's Department of General Practice were successful at the recent Annual General Meeting of the Irish College of General Practitioners.

Dr Carol Sinnott, Research Fellow of the Department, was joint winner of the best research paper of the year for a paper on strategies to help GPs improve prescribing in patients with multiple illnesses.

Dr Elaine Walsh, GP Lecturer, was the recipient of the first ever ICGP Research Support Grant to support work she is doing on trying to improve discharge prescribing from hospital using an electronic device (developed in collaboration with colleagues from UCC and elsewhere) to give hospital doctors access to GP prescribing information and vice versa.



DR PATRICE JAMES RECIPIENT OF THE O'MULLANE PRIZE

Congratulations to Dr Patrice James, Oral Health Services Research Centre, Cork University Dental School and Hospital, who was awarded the prestigious O'Mullane Prize at the recent Annual Scientific Meeting of the Irish Society of Dentistry for Children (ISDC), 'Staying Alive: The Pulp in Trauma and Caries', on Thursday 12th May 2016 in Finnstown Castle Hotel, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

Patrice was one of five individuals shortlisted to give a ten minute presentation at the conference. Her presentation titled 'A Sad Tail - Frequency Distribution of Dental Caries in 11-13 year olds' was co-authored by Dr Máiréad Harding and Professor Helen Whelton.

The O'Mullane prize is awarded in honour of Emeritus Professor Denis O'Mullane, Cork University Dental School and Hospital, who was the first Chairperson of the ISDC. The prize is presented to acknowledge the efforts of those pursuing excellence in all aspects of dentistry for children.



Pictured above (l-r): Dr Paul Brady, Dr Eimear Hurley, Dr Martina Hayes and Dr Elaine Kehily

Cork University Dental School and Hospital – Health Research Board Scholars

Cork University Dental School and Hospital (CUDSH) is committed to excellence in research. The School has a number of postgraduate programmes. Currently four HRB Scholars are part of the School's team. Dr Elaine Kehily of the Department of Restorative Dentistry is the most recent recipient of a HRB scholarship. She was awarded in excess of €250,000 for her PhD project on training standards in implant dentistry through the HRB Research Training Fellowship.

Dr Martina Hayes, also from the Restorative Dentistry Department, has been awarded a total of €284,384 for her work on dental decay in older adults in Ireland through the HRB Research Training Fellowship. Dr Paul Brady from the Oral Surgery Department of CUDSH is currently researching the use of capnography in IV sedation for oral surgery procedures and has been awarded a total of €194,639, also through the HRB Research Training Fellowship programme. Dr Eimear Hurley received the HRB Health Research Award worth €292,000 for her work on the oral microbiota of Irish children.



SARAH KELLY RECIPIENT OF UCC WORKS AWARD

Congratulations to Ms Sarah Kelly, Dental Hygiene II student from the Dental School and Hospital, UCC, who was recently awarded the UCC Works Award - Student Life Pathway, for her active role as class representative for the year 2015/2016, and the UCC Works Award - Volunteering Pathway, for completing 40 hours voluntary work as part of the CorkCitiEngage Project. Any student at UCC can partake in the UCC Works Award to gain recognition for extracurricular activities that they are involved in during the course of the college year. There are three 'pathways' including student life, volunteering and internship.



CAROL MCCARTHY WINS 'SCIENCE FOR ALL COMPETITION'

Carol McCarthy, 2nd year PhD student in the School of Pharmacy recently won the University's 'Science for All' final with her talk 'Sense and Solubility; Using Silica to Make New Medicines for Patients'.

Carol's talk highlighted the challenge poor water solubility poses for the development of many drug candidates and how her PhD research explores the application of mesoporous silica to overcome this challenge. She explained her findings to date and future research plans to understand the mechanisms by which drug molecules are released into solution from the surface of the silica materials.

Science for All is a science communication competition, organised by the APC Microbiome Institute open to senior postgraduate students in the College of Science, Engineering & Food Science and College of Medicine & Health, in which students give a 10 minute presentation on their research to the general public in an easily understandable manner without jargon. Carol's PhD studies are funded as part of the Synthesis and Solid State Pharmaceutical Centre.



Dr Keelin Donoghue



Professor Jonathan Hourihane

INFANT Centre Welcomes Two Principal Investigators

INFANT's Directors and Executive Management Team are delighted to announce Dr Keelin O'Donoghue and Professor Jonathan Hourihane will join the INFANT Centre team as Principal Investigators. The INFANT Centre is a world-leading research centre in perinatal healthcare, funded by Science Foundation Ireland, based in Cork University Maternity Hospital. Its mission is to make pregnancy safer and improve health outcomes for new-born babies. All staff at the Centre look forward to working with both Keelin and Jonathan, and warmly welcome them to the team.

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NATIONAL CANCER REGISTRY BOARD APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR

The National Cancer Registry Board is pleased to announce the appointment, in association with University College Cork, of Professor Kerri Clough Gorr as Director of the National Cancer Registry and University College Cork's first Professor of Cancer Epidemiology.

Professor Clough Gorr, who will take up her post in August, is currently Assistant Professor, Institute of Social and Preventative Medicine at the University of Bern, Switzerland. She also holds the posts of Adjunct Assistant Professor at Boston University and Visiting Scholar, Massachusetts Veterans Epidemiology Research and Information Center (MAVERIC). Professor Clough Gorr has published extensively in both geriatrics and cancer and has a particular interest in cancer in older people and in the assessment of quality of life.

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TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL REOPENS IN UCC

Students from the School of Medicine recently organised the annual Teddy Bear Hospital at UCC. The initiative is a community outreach activity that aims to reduce the fear that many children have when they visit the doctor. This year primary school children from five different schools worked with medical students to diagnose and treat their teddy bear patients with commonly used medical instruments and medical style procedures. The procedures used within the hospital are based on what children typically experience during a visit to their family doctor.

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Above: Ellie Stenhouse with 'Ellie the Wolf' and Sarah Aderibigbe with 'Rainbow' from Educate Together National School Midleton.
(Photos: Gerard McCarthy)



“Tús Maith Leath na hOibre”: UCC Neuroscientists promote healthy brain aging in local primary schools



During Brain Awareness Week, a group of UCC neuroscientists engaged children from five local primary schools (Glounthaune, Greenmount, Glasheen Girls, Glasheen Boys and St Finbarres) in fun activities to promote the importance of brain health during childhood. With the cooperation and enthusiasm of teachers in the participating classes, children eagerly joined in the activities which focused on positive lifestyle choices for brain health. They carried out brain safety ‘egg drop’ and ‘jelly brain’ experiments, prepared healthy ‘brain food plates’, played memory games, danced and exercised to ‘activate their neurons’, enjoyed a ‘brain food’ blueberry snack and relaxed by having a ‘brain break’.

Information sessions in each of the schools were also held for parents to emphasise the importance of early intervention in order to prevent cognitive and mental health issues in later years. Lifestyle habits that affect the developing brain including diet, exercise, sleep, mental stimulation, stress resilience, social interaction and safety were discussed. The feedback from teachers and parents was overwhelmingly positive and schools have suggested that it would be extremely beneficial if more children could be targeted.

The team members of UCC’s Healthy Brain Aging initiative for children are Caitriona Long-Smith, Cara Hueston, Shane Hegarty,

Aideen Sullivan and Yvonne Nolan from the Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience, and Janas Harrington from the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health.

Funding was provided by Federation of European Neuroscience in partnership with the DANA Foundation. Blueberry snacks were sponsored by Supervalu. Brain Awareness Week is the global campaign to increase public awareness of the progress and benefits of brain research (www.dana.org/BAW/).

For further information please email: brainhealth@ucc.ie



NURSE FOR A DAY: TRANSITION YEAR STUDENTS GET A HEADSTART

Thirty transition year pupils from nine schools across Cork recently visited the School of Nursing & Midwifery, UCC, for Headstart, a pilot programme where pupils are given the opportunity to experience the life of a nursing and midwifery student. This involves rotating through specially designed teaching stations which includes clinical skills and hands-on CPR. The pupils were also guided through Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, the FLAME anatomy laboratory, and visited the School's simulation suite.

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STUDENTS EXPERIENCE CUTTING-EDGE SCIENCE AT UCC



Budding Biologists, Katie Shorten and Fionnuir O'Sullivan from Mount Mercy

Thirty three “Budding Biologists” from seventeen Munster secondary schools gained invaluable “hands-on” experience in a weeklong programme at Science Foundation Ireland’s research centres based in University College Cork.

Organised by the APC Microbiome Institute, Budding Biologists is an action-packed week that provides real insights into “hot” topics such as antibiotic resistant bacteria, neuroscience, pharmaceutical chemistry, the chemistry of food, photonics (the science of light), perinatal research, and renewable energy. The cutting-edge research at each of the 5 Research Centres and several UCC departments proved fascinating for the students.

In addition to laboratory workshops, talks and tours of facilities, a “Smart Futures” Science Careers Workshop was held. Smart Futures is Science Foundation Ireland’s programme which aims to help students make informed decisions about their career choices. APC’s Research Fellow Pauline Scanlan and General Manager Sally Cudmore talked about their careers in science and postgraduate students Jonathan Keane, Carol McCarthy and Ade Fajemisin, who gave short snappy talks about their research so far. The students also found the session on ‘Tips for CVs and Interviews’ by Careers Advisor Shay Nolan to be “super useful”!

<http://apc.ucc.ie/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Transition-Year-Students-Experience-Cutting-Edge-Science-at-UCC.pdf>

MSc in Healthcare Information Systems



The MSc in Healthcare Information Systems is a 12-month full-time programme launching in September 2016. The programme will bridge the gap between healthcare professionals and technology professionals through the development of appropriately skilled and knowledgeable people in the specialised area of Healthcare Information Systems. The application of technology in healthcare, now generally referred to as Healthcare Information Systems, is expected to experience rapid growth in the coming years with the Healthcare Information Systems market in Europe alone expected to be worth over €300 billion per annum by 2020. Indeed, healthcare experts, policymakers, and consumers throughout Europe and North America consider technology to be critical to transforming the healthcare sector. However, a key difficulty for this rapidly developing field is the lack of appropriately skilled people worldwide to work in this field; people who have an understanding of Healthcare and Information Systems.

Students will study topics including: Health Information Systems & e-Health; Medical Data Modelling; Database Design & Knowledge Discovery; Evidence-Based Medicine; Ethical, Legal & Governance Issues in Healthcare; and Clinical Investigation & Data Management. Dr Ciara Heavin and Dr Ciara Fitzgerald are Directors of the Health Information Systems Research Centre and the Course Directors of the MSc Healthcare Information Systems and will be involved in the teaching, delivery and oversight of the course. They will be supported by a team of expert academics in the Cork University Business School and in the School of Medicine. IS and clinical subject matter experts will deliver guest lectures and support the programme.

For further information, please contact one of the Programme Directors:
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POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

A new brochure has been developed for the College of Medicine and Health's Postgraduate taught programmes. To access the brochure, please click the link below:

www.ucc.ie/en/media/academic/medicineandhealth-cpd/documents/CoMHTaughtProgrammeseBrochureFINAL.pdf



Cancer Cookbook launched for Patients with Swallowing Difficulties

UCC and Breakthrough Cancer Research have launched a cookbook for cancer patients experiencing chewing or swallowing difficulties. The book, titled 'Eating Well with swallowing difficulties in cancer,' will be available free of charge to cancer patients throughout Ireland.

Following the award-winning 'Good Nutrition for Cancer Recovery' cookbook, the same team of oncologists, dieticians and chefs based in UCC and CIT, developed a 144 page cookbook with 60 recipes. Difficulties chewing and swallowing food affect many cancer patients suffering from cancer of the mouth, throat, neck, oesophagus, and stomach, and eating frequently becomes an enormous challenge for these patients. Critically, weight loss during a cancer patient's treatment can not only have a serious negative impact on their quality of life, but directly impacts on their tolerance to chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and surgery.

The team behind the cookbook include Dr Aoife Ryan, Ms Fiona Dwyer and Ms Ruth Elliot from UCC with input from Dr Derek Power, Consultant Medical Oncologist, Cork and Mercy University Hospitals and Ms Anne O'Connor and Ms Jane Healy, Lecturers in the Culinary Arts in CIT.

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Pictured top: Eoghan O'Sullivan, Breakthrough Cancer Research, Journalist and Author Emily Hourican and Entrepreneur and Broadcaster Bobby Kerr pictured at the launch of the 'Eating Well with swallowing difficulties in cancer.' (Photo: Iain White/Fennells)



Pictured left (l-r): Ms Fiona Dwyer of University College Cork, Dr Aoife Ryan, Dietitian and Lecturer in Nutritional Sciences at University College Cork, Jane Healy, Culinary Arts Lecturer at Cork Institute of Technology, and Dr Derek Power, Consultant Medical Oncologist at Mercy and Cork University Hospitals. (Photo: Emmet Curtin)



PALLIATIVE CARE APPROACH FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Guidelines on the assessment and management of the palliative care needs of Parkinson's disease and Parkinsonian syndromes was launched in the College of Medicine and Health, UCC this April, the world Parkinson's Awareness month. The Irish Hospice Foundation funded the research and development of these guidelines.

Approximately 12,000 people in Ireland are living with Parkinson's disease. The guidelines, 'Palliative care in People with Parkinson's disease: Guidelines for professional healthcare workers on the assessment and management of palliative care needs in Parkinson's disease and related Parkinsonian syndromes', were assembled by an advisory group of national and international experts. It is hoped that these guidelines will result in improved care for people with Parkinson's disease and their families.

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Pictured top: Dr Suzanne Timmons and Dr Siobhan Fox, Centre for Gerontology and Rehabilitation, UCC

Pictured left (l-r): Dr Suzanne Timmons, Consultant Gerontology, Centre for Gerontology and Rehabilitation, Professor Tony O'Brien, Consultant Physician Palliative Medicine, Marymount, Dr Sean O'Sullivan, Consultant Neurologist, CUH, and Paula Gilmore, CEO Parkinson's Association of Ireland. (Photos: Darragh Kane)



Grand Rounds at Cork University Hospital

Professor Seydou Boubakar Badiane, Head of the Department of Neurosurgery, CHU Fan Dakar, Senegal, recently gave a public lecture entitled 'Neurosurgery under Challenging Conditions in Senegal' as part of the Grand Rounds at Cork University Hospital.

Senegal, a developing country on the west coast of Africa, has more advanced medical care than most of its neighbours. Yet the struggles remain immense in the fight against maternal and child mortality, and the cure and treatment of infectious diseases, especially malaria. All practitioners in public healthcare in this country where malnutrition is epidemic, and illiteracy prevalent, have to battle against equipment shortages and insufficient support from the outside. Neurosurgery remains a luxury. Professor Badiane is a brilliant practitioner who performs delicate operations for patients who come not just from the rural reaches of his own country but from Mali, Guinea, Mauritania, and elsewhere, and he operates with painfully limited resources.

PROFESSOR GEORGE SHORTEN SPEAKS AT TYNDALL TECHNOLOGY DAYS

Professor George Shorten speaks about the ASSERT Centre at the Tyndall Technology Days Seminar.

The ASSERT Centre at UCC was established to improve the efficacy of health professional training. To this end, it brings to bear the same level of scientific rigor currently applied to the licensing of a new drug or device to the training of a nurse or doctor. ASSERT develops and delivers a form of evidence-based training which results, not just in improved performance in a simulated or even a clinical setting, but in improved patient outcome. This requires a precise characterization of a particular skill as metrics and errors, definition of a proficiency standard and implementation of a training programme which targets those metrics and errors. Globally, this approach can address the currently unmet need to move effectively from time-based to competence-based training.

To view the video, please click this link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLzILDvfGcM&feature=youtu.be





The School of Pharmacy Hosts the 5th General Meeting of Trans-Int

The 5th general meeting of Trans-Int, an EU Framework 7 Consortium, recently took place in the School of Pharmacy, UCC.

Over 45 scientists, postdoctoral researchers and PhD students took part in discussions relating to formulation of nanomedicines for oral administration. The program also included a training session for PhD students, where talks were given by Prof John F Cryan, UCC and Dr Niamh Curran, HPR, and a workshop on 'transitioning to the workplace' by Elizabeth Cox and Deirdre Parker, Student Development and Employability, UCC, were presented. The meeting was also attended by representatives from the Industry partners, Sanofi, Paris and Sigmoid Pharma Ireland.



Second Year Pharmacy Students Visit Abbvie and Gilead, Cork

As part of the 2nd year Pharmaceutical Technology module, Abbvie and Gilead Sciences recently hosted a visit for the 2nd year pharmacy class. Students were given an overview of each company as well as a tour of the manufacturing facilities. These visits allow students to experience how the theory they are taught in the classroom is applied to commercial product manufacture.



LINKING PHARMACY EDUCATION AND PRACTICE

Over 200 personnel comprised of four years of Pharmacy undergraduate students, postgraduate students, professional practicing pharmacy tutors and academic staff from the School of Pharmacy, UCC attended the event 'Linking Pharmacy Education and Practice' that was recently held in Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, UCC. The event was about linking university learning with the real world, networking with stakeholders, and ensuring that UCC is preparing its students for professional practice.

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Pictured top: Dr Catriona Bradley, Executive Director of IOP, Professor Stephen Byrne, Head of School of Pharmacy, UCC and Dr Maura Kinahan, Director and National Coordinator at APPEL.
(Photo: Emmet Curtin)

Pictured left (l-r): Ms Michelle O'Driscoll, Pharmacist and PhD Student, Dr Abina Crean, Lecturer in Pharmaceutics, Ms Noreen Moynihan, Manager of School of Pharmacy, Dr Catriona Bradley, Executive Director of IOP, Professor Stephen Byrne, Head of School of Pharmacy, Dr JJ Keating, Lecturer in Organic and Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Dr Margaret Bermingham, Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacy Practice, Dr Suzanne McCarthy, Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacy Practice, Dr Eileen O'Leary, Lecturer in Organic and Pharmaceutical Chemistry.
(Photo: Emmet Curtin)





Final Year Occupational Therapy Students present their research at the Annual Occupational Therapists in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Advisory Group (OTCAMHAG) Study Day



Above: Ellen Coakley and Alisha Cremins

The mental health of Irish children and adolescents is the subject of increasing attention in Ireland. With their expertise in supporting people to participate in all the daily activities (or occupations) that they need, want or have to do, Occupational Therapists are important members of multidisciplinary in-patient and community child and adolescent mental health teams. On Friday the 13th of May 2016, Ellen Coakley and Alisha Cremins, fourth year students on the BSc Occupational Therapy programme presented the findings of their final year research study at the annual OTCAMHAG Study Day in Dublin. Supervised by Dr Eithne Hunt, their qualitative study examined nine Occupational Therapists' perceptions of occupation-based practice in community child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) in Ireland. The research findings were then discussed in detail by study day attendees who welcomed the opportunity to discuss their role in more depth. This study contributes to the limited evidence base that exists in the area of Occupational Therapy in CAMHS and the findings will be used in a new position paper that is being created by the CAMHAG on the role of CAMHS Occupational Therapist in Ireland. Ellen and Alisha stated that 'it was an invaluable experience for us as students to disseminate our findings at the study day and to realise the important part our research may play in the future practice of Irish CAMHS Occupational Therapists'.



Dr Máiréad Harding



Dr Patrice James

Society of Chief and Principal Dental Surgeons Autumn Scientific Meeting

Dr Máiréad Harding and Dr Patrice James from the Oral Health Services Research Centre, Cork University Dental School and Hospital, were recently invited to present at the Autumn Meeting of the Society of Chief and Principal Dental Surgeons in Mullingar. Dr Harding presented an overview of the HRB grant funded Study 'Fluorosis and Caries in Children's Teeth' (FACCT).

Dr James' presentation related to FACCT work stream 2 and HRB grant funded Study 'Mapping the Divide - Population need, demand and geographic access to oral health care in Ireland' and was entitled "Exploring the use of Electronic Health Records (EHR) to provide information for oral health surveillance and dental service planning in Ireland". Both presentations were very well received by the group.



Hospital Saturday Fund visits School of Medicine

In February 2016, the Hospital Saturday Fund (HSF) CEO and Chairman, Mr Paul Jackson, visited the School of Medicine at UCC. The Hospital Saturday Fund announced that it will provide €12,000 in funding to the School of Medicine in order to support research electives for medical students. This is in addition to the €12,000 it provided for overseas clinical electives in 2014.

Pictured (l-r): Mr Cal Healy, Cork University Foundation, Mr Paul Jackson, CEO, Hospital Saturday Fund, Professor Mary Horgan, Dean of School of Medicine, Dr Colm Ó Tuathaigh, Lecturer, School of Medicine (Stream 4 coordinator), UCC.

DR EITHNE HUNT AND DR YVONNE NOLAN PERFORM WITH UCC CHOIR ON RTE'S LATE LATE SHOW



Dr Yvonne Nolan and
Dr Eithne Hunt



Two College of Medicine and Health staff members were among a group of 30 staff and students from across UCC who performed on the RTE The Late Late Show on 22nd April 2016. Dr Eithne Hunt, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, and Dr Yvonne Nolan, Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience, are members of UCC Choir. Broadcast to an audience of over half a million viewers, the choir performed with Cork legend John Spillane singing his seasonal favourite 'The Dance of the Cherry Trees'. The piece was arranged specially for the TV broadcast by UCC Choir's long standing musical director Dr Eva McMullan-Glossop and accompanist, Padraig Wallace. Colleagues from across the University shared their good wishes with the choir on this special performance. Dr Michael Murphy, UCC President congratulated Eva and the UCC Choir recognising them as 'wonderful ambassadors for UCC'.

You can follow the activities of UCC Choir at: www.facebook.com/universitycollegecorkchoir/



Pictured are the Baby Comfort Program Volunteers. (Back row): Kevin Conlon, Lisa Jordan, Susan Lapthorne, Barbara Giles, Aisling Cronin. (Front row): Ashni Gokul, Fiona Aherne, Eimear Wall. In absentia: Philip Macilwraith, Megan Da Silva.

The Baby Comfort Program: UCC Students Leading the Way

Dr Valerie Tsang, Senior House Officer in Neonatology at CUMH tells us a bit about the recently launched Baby Comfort Program:

The Baby Comfort Program is the first of its kind in Ireland. It was designed to supplement the nurturing environment in the Cork University Maternity Hospital neonatal unit to promote growth and development. Parents are welcome to visit their babies around the clock, but this is not always possible given distance and other commitments. It can be especially difficult for parents with a multiple pregnancy to split time between visiting a twin in the unit and the other twin who went home earlier. Our student volunteers were there to provide the babies with comforting touch when their parents were unable to visit the unit.

We piloted The Baby Comfort Program from January to April 2016. Ten dedicated University College Cork medical students were trained by neonatal staff. They attended the neonatal unit for two hours each week to hold, soothe and provide other comfort measures (e.g. feeding) to the babies there.

The program was well received by all those involved. The parents were very happy with the extra support and took solace in that their babies were comforted when they were not there. The medical students gained additional, hands-on exposure to the neonatal unit. We would like to thank our first group of volunteers for their enthusiasm and commitment. We plan to continue the program in the new academic year.



MEDICAL SIBLING PERSPECTIVES

Medical Sibling Perspectives is an exhibition of paintings by Dr Katherine Farrell and Dr Derek O’Connell. The artists in this exhibition are brother and sister, both born and raised in Cork, both UCC medical alumni who despite busy medical careers also derive great joy from the creative process. Derek and Katherine have travelled to France to participate in painting courses together, and closer to home took their easels to paint together in the quiet bluebell woods of Courtmacsherry.

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