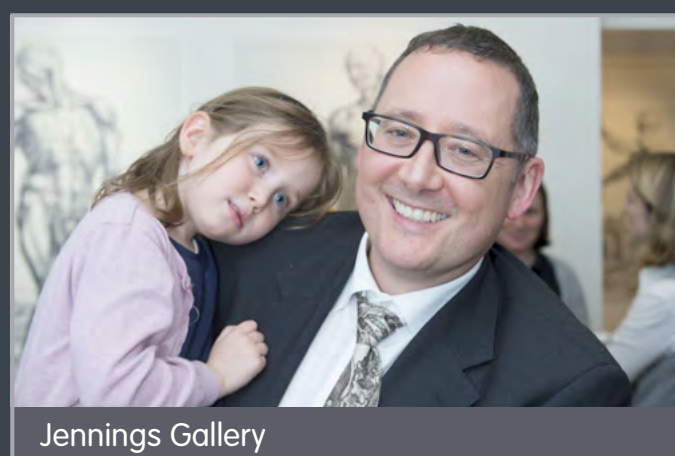


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Happy Christmas to one and all

Where did 2014 go? It went by in a flash!

The first semester of the new semesterisation project has finished.

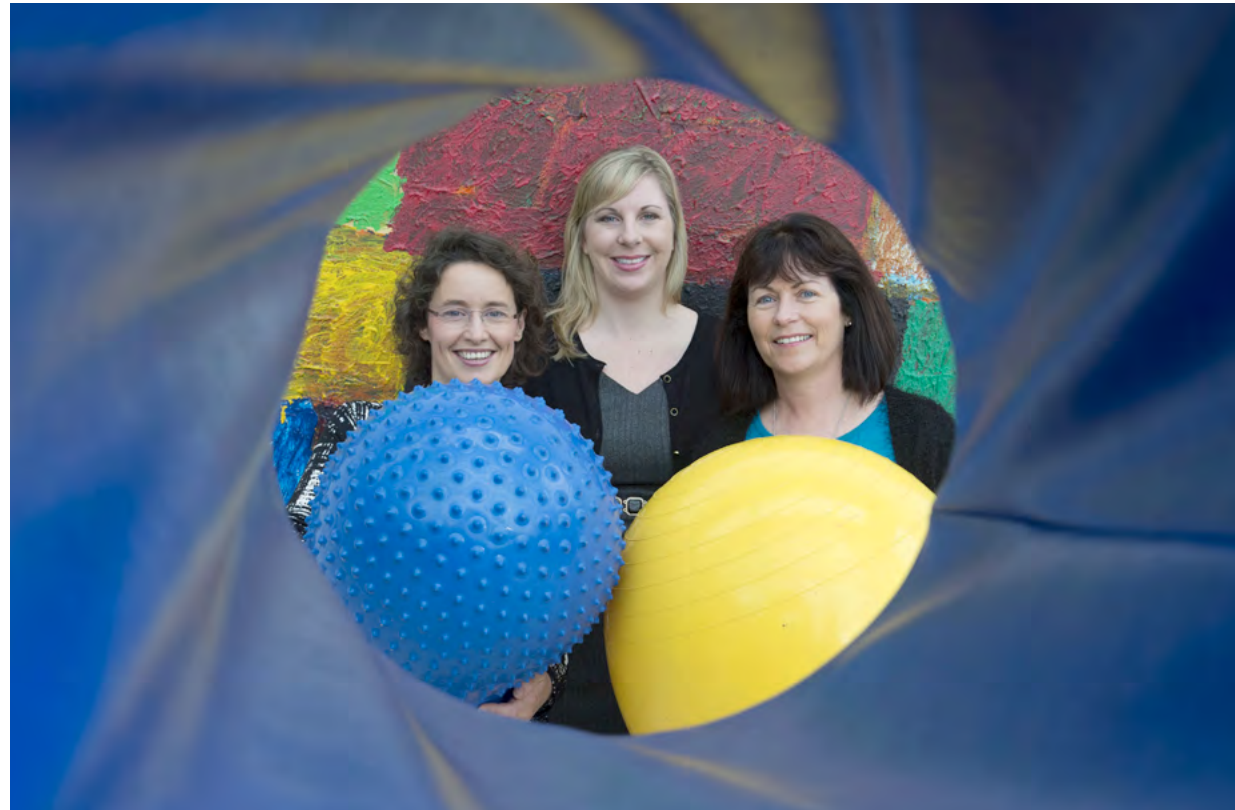
I want to acknowledge the very hard work throughout the College of Medicine and Health. This work ensured we met the ambitious semesterisation deadlines. Particular thanks to the Vice Head of College for Academic Affairs Dr Frank Burke for overseeing the transition.

Please take time to rest, to catch up with family and friends and to “recharge” for 2015.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas!

Nollaig shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir!

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



UCC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LECTURERS RECEIVE WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION

Our high achieving occupational therapy lecturers from the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the College of Medicine and Health received consecutive UCC President's Awards due to their innovative forms of teaching.

Occupational therapy is about doing, which is reflected in the hands-on and dynamic curriculum offered by Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at UCC. It is a profession that focuses on promoting people's health and well-being in daily life through engagement in occupation.

Due to various reasons, such as ill-health and disability, certain people are prevented from participating in their daily activities. Occupational therapy aims to overcome these challenges by enabling people to live life to the fullest. Working with people of all ages, this therapy can provide individuals with the skills to perform day-to-day tasks, such as eating, dressing, working and driving.

Occupational Therapy at UCC leads the way for dynamic and fun-filled methods of teaching.



Pictured (l-r): Dr Helen Lynch, Linda Horgan, Eithne Hunt, Clare O'Sullivan and Dr Karen McCarthy have all received the UCC President's Award.

(Photos: Gerard McCarthy)

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY 2014



The annual School of Medicine Prize-Giving Ceremony recently took place in Brookfield Health Sciences Complex.

The Dean of the School, Professor Mary Horgan, welcomed the large number of prize-winners, their families and friends, guests and School of Medicine staff to the Ceremony. The Dean made special mention of the students who excelled in this year's NUI Dr Henry Hutchinson Scholarships and Awards. The performance in this national competition by UCC School of Medicine students was truly outstanding winning 20 awards – including 5 first prizes (scholarships), 6 second places, 7 third places and 2 commendations.

Photos: Donagh Glavin





UCC Medical Students awarded the Flanagan Medal

A team of final year medical students from University College Cork has won the 2014 Jack Flanagan intervarsity competition in Geriatric Medicine. The group, comprising Ms Cathie O'Mahoney, Ms Róisín Ryan, Mr Ronan Bluett and Mr Ciaran Mullins was coached by Dr Paul Gallagher (Consultant Geriatrician & Senior Lecturer in Medicine) and Dr Amanda Lavan (Specialist Registrar in Geriatric Medicine and PhD Research Fellow, School of Medicine, UCC). The UCC team was awarded the Jack Flanagan medal and a bursary of €1000. UCC will host the competition in October 2015.

Pictured (l-r): Dr Amanda Lavan (Specialist Registrar in Geriatric Medicine), Ms Roisin Ryan (UCC medical student), Dr Paul Gallagher (Consultant Geriatrician & Senior Lecturer, School of Medicine, UCC), Mr Ronan Bluett (UCC medical student), Mr Ciaran Mullins (UCC medical Student) and Ms Cathie O'Mahoney (UCC medical student)



UCC Graduate Dr Dearbhla Kelly was awarded the Canavan Medal

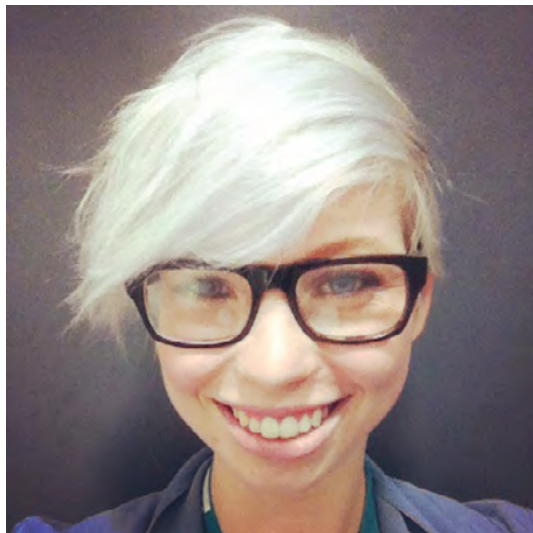
Dr Dearbhla Kelly, UCC graduate, was recently awarded the Canavan medal. The medical trainee achieved the highest score in the MRCPI examination. The award was presented by the new President of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Professor Frank Murrey. Dr Kelly is currently undertaking higher specialist training in Renal Medicine.

Pictured (l-r): Professor Mary Horgan, Dr Dearbhla Kelly and Professor Frank Murrey

LAURA DILLON

Ms Laura Dillon, UCC Pharmacy graduate, was nominated for the NUI/Dr HH Stewart Scholarship in Pharmacy 2013, which is a national competition between UCC and RCSI and is based on the results of the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). NUI have confirmed that Laura Dillon came 2nd in this category based on her OSCE results.

Right: Laura with Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor of the NUI, at the annual NUI Awards Ceremony in the Royal Hospital Kilmainham.



Emily Rutherford

Emily Rutherford's SARS Abstract accepted for Oral Presentation in the UK

UCC medical undergraduate Emily Rutherford's Abstract titled 'Health Literacy affects Risk Perception amongst Patients attending a Breast Cancer Family History Clinic' has been accepted for oral presentation at the annual meeting of the Society of Academic & Research Surgery (SARS) at Collingwood College, Durham University, UK in January 2015.

Emily talks to us about her project: My final year project is on risk perception in patients at high risk of breast cancer. Under the supervision of Mr Mark Corrigan, a consultant breast surgeon in CUH, I carried out a study assessing factors influencing risk perception in these patients. One of the most important findings was that more than a third of the patients had health literacy problems, so with the help of a software developer, (another UCC graduate, James Finn), we designed an app answering the fifty most common questions about breast cancer. The app was reviewed by the National Adult Literacy Agency with the specific goal of being accessible to patients at all health literacy levels. It's called "FYI: Breast Cancer" and is available free on both Apple and Android stores.



DR EIMEAR HURLEY WINS PAEDIATRIC PRIZE

Congratulations to Dr Eimear Hurley from UCC Dental School and Hospital, who won the best Poster Prize at the Irish Paediatric Association Meeting with her poster titled 'Oralmat: The Oral microbiota of Irish children in health and disease'. UCC microbiology graduate, Cian Hill also won the best Poster Prize for his project titled 'INFANTMET: Analysis of the effect of birth mode on the infant gut microbiota at four weeks of age'.



Dr Derek Power publish in top ranked Medical Oncology Journal

Dr Derek Power, Consultant Medical Oncologist at Cork University Hospital and The Mercy University Hospital has recently been published in the Journal of Clinical Oncology with a feature review article titled 'Targeted Therapy in Older Patients With Solid Tumours'. It is a notable achievement for a full-time clinician to be featured in this top ranked Medical Oncology Journal.

Dr Power, together with his Specialist Registrar Dr Ciara Kelly and the medical oncology lead in geriatric oncology in Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre, New York - Dr Stuart Lichtman - published a feature review article on the role of new targeted personalised medicines to treat cancer in older patients. There is a lack of data to support use of these drugs in this population and this article highlights this and analyses published data.

It is also notable that an oncology service in Cork is featured in a prominent highly cited medical oncology journal, The Journal of Clinical Oncology, in a special edition on Cancer in the Elderly.



Niamh Crowley

Occupational therapists play a significant role in the rehabilitation of stroke patients through reengagement in meaningful activities. This study, the first of its kind in Ireland, explored occupational therapists' experiences of addressing sexual activity with people following a stroke through qualitative interviews.

The participants considered sexual activity to be within the domain of the profession but were adopting a passive role in practice, most often referring patients to other professionals. The cultural norms in Ireland, fear of making a patient uncomfortable and a lack of training were identified as discouraging factors. The most significant finding was that the decision to address sexual activity relied heavily on the therapists' own perceptions rather than on client needs.

Addressing sexual activity is an important role that occupational therapists can potentially become more involved in. It is envisaged that dissemination of the findings will encourage new and practising occupational therapists to reflect on their own attitudes towards addressing sexual activity within practice.

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

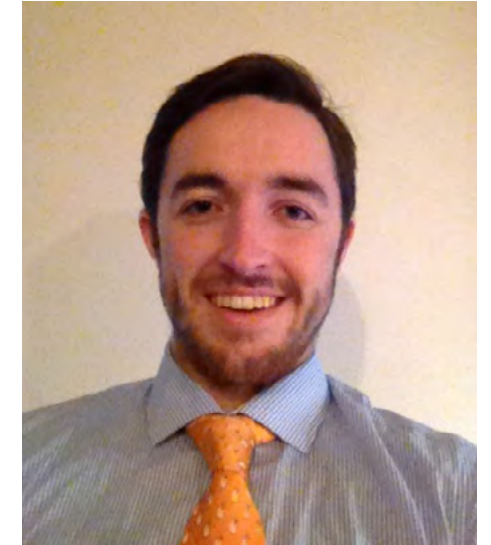
Congratulations to Ms Niamh Crowley from the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy and Mr Mark Harris from the School of Medicine, UCC for being short-listed for this year's Undergraduate Awards under the Medical Sciences category.

Mark Harris

Earlier this year I was delighted to be highly commended by the Undergraduate Awards for my work in the medical sciences field. The title of my study was the 'Investigation into the localisation of extracellular lactate shuttles in male collegiate rowers'. The aim of my study was to identify the best methods of lactate clearance on a physical model – the human body, based on the theory of an extracellular lactate shuttle which allows lactate that is produced in one area of the body to be cleared in another.

Using male collegiate level rowers who undergo lactate-producing activities on a frequent basis we felt that clearance would be best tested in these athletes. Using a modified incremental lactate threshold exercise protocol we isolated lactate production in either the arms or the legs followed by a 30 minute warm-down using the arms or legs in a randomised fashion. Our results found that regardless of the site of production, lactate clearance was significantly ($p < 0.01$) when warming-down with a larger muscle mass (i.e. legs) and improved mean work done ($\text{kJ} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$) in subsequent efforts.

In conclusion, active recovery using the legs was the most efficient recovery modality in accelerating lactate clearance regardless of site of production. The study argues that muscle mass rather than muscle proximity to lactate production is the most important factor for fast blood lactate clearance kinetics. The study is in support of the extracellular lactate shuttle, where lactate is used as a metabolic intermediary and an important fuel source to respiring muscle cells during exercise.



CYSTIC FIBROSIS GENE REPAIR – LESS IS MORE?



Dr David Sanz (left) and Dr Patrick Harrison, Department of Physiology, UCC

The gene editing group led by Patrick Harrison has previously used both ZFN and CRISPR technology to correct the most common CFTR mutation, p.F508del, which affects 70% of CF patients. The group has now secured two new grants totalling €140,000 from American CF Foundation and UK CF Trust to fund a two-year project to develop CRISPR gene editing for a group of CFTR mutations which affect mRNA splicing.

The gene editing team have identified three sets of patients whose CF is caused by the presence of mutant DNA sequences in their genome. By using a simpler but more efficient form of CRISPR editing to excise these sequences, it should be possible to restore normal cellular function. The gene editing work in Cork will be performed by Dr David Sanz, an experienced molecular biologist, who has recently joined the lab from Valladolid, Spain.

In order to quantify restoration of cellular function, the group has teamed up with two leading CF researchers at the University of Dundee, Dr Anil Mehta and Dr Stephen Land. They have developed state-of-the-art air-liquid interface cultures of primary human lung cells from CF patients which closely mimic their natural environment and have secured an additional grant of €85,000 from the American CF Foundation for this project.

As part of a larger programme to develop novel gene-based therapeutic approaches, the American CF Foundation is hosting a two-day workshop in Washington D.C. where Dr Harrison has been invited to give a presentation on the CRISPR gene editing strategy.



ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND PRIZE

Congratulations to UCC medical student Catherine Frost, who was recently awarded this year's Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland Prize for Best Senior Research Project. Her project was titled 'An evaluation of the profile of patients attending secondary/tertiary diabetes care facilities in CUH and identification of local obstacles to implementation of the National Integrated Care Model for Diabetes'.

ASSERT AND TYNDALL PRESENT THE FUTURE OF TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED LEARNING



Pictured (l-r): Dr Kieran Drain, CEO, Tyndall National Institute, Professor Tony Gallagher, Director of Research, ASSERT for Health, Minister Kathleen Lynch, Minister of State for Primary Care, Mental Health and Disability, and Dr Paul Galvin, Head of Life Sciences Interface Group, Tyndall National Institute. (Photo: Daragh McSweeney)

ASSERT for Health Centre at UCC (Application of Science to Simulation Education Research & Training) and Tyndall National Institute have unveiled the future of 'technology enhanced learning' for healthcare professionals. Virtual reality, silicon and human simulators will save lives by limiting the adverse effects of invasive procedures and increase practitioners' competence.

Simulators will enable all healthcare professionals to perfect their clinical techniques and prove their competence in life-like scenarios before carrying out the live procedures on patients. Increasingly, clinicians have less access to patients and opportunities to experience real-life learning scenarios due to the EU Working Time Directive legislation and an explicit patient covenant. This technology will enable clinicians to move from a time-based to competency-based approach to healthcare and combat the current deficits in training.

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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH AUTUMN CONFERRING

Congratulations to our Graduates from the College of Medicine and Health, who graduated with various disciplines at UCC's Autumn Conferring 31st October 2014.



Above: Michelle Lynch, Michelle Byron, Olivia Lyons, Sinead Coakley, Colleen Foley and Laura Dillon (all BPharm Hons). Above centre: Kate Sheehan and big sister Shauna Sheehan (BSc Hons Nursing General). Right: Anthony O'Shea, Jermiah Kelleher, Tommy Aherne and Adrian Breen (all BPharm Hons). Far right top: Bradley Roisin, Jessica Keane and Aoife Daly (BSc Hons Midwifery). Far right centre: Lynn O'Keeffe (BSc Hons Midwifery) and Ronan Knittel. Far right below: Martina Scully, Aisling Scully (BSc Hons Nursing General) and Joe Dempsey. (Pictures: Gerard McCarthy)



PROFESSOR CRYAN'S RESEARCH PROFILED IN NATURE

Professor John Cryan from the Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience, UCC has recently been profiled in Nature, the International Weekly Journal of Science, in an article titled 'Gut - brain link grabs neuroscientists'. Together with his group, Professor Cryan found that mice born by caesarean section, which hosted different microbes from mice born vaginally, were significantly more anxious and had symptoms of depression. Professor Cryan says: 'The animals' inability to pick up their mothers' vaginal microbes during birth - the first bacteria that they would normally encounter - may cause lifelong changes in mental health.'



Pictured (l-r): Ms Catherine Perry, Professor Patricia Kearney, Ms Eimear Keane and Professor Ivan Perry, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, UCC. Missing from the photo Dr Janas Harrington. (Photo: Provision)

CHILDHOOD OBESITY RATES IN IRELAND PLATEAU

Childhood overweight and obesity rates have plateaued in primary school aged children in Ireland, reveals a study that was recently published in the open access journal BMC Public Health.

The study found that although obesity rates remain high, there is evidence that they have stabilised and may be beginning to fall.

During the last three decades of the 20th century, a two to three fold increase in overweight and obesity prevalence in school age children was reported across regions in North America and Western Europe. Analysing data from 14 studies conducted during a 10 year time frame (2002 - 2012), the researchers found that childhood overweight rates had remained stable, but national obesity rates dropped from a constant 7% to 4% after 2008. Up to 1 in 50 children were shown to be morbidly obese, however there was no significant change in the prevalence of morbid obesity over the decade.

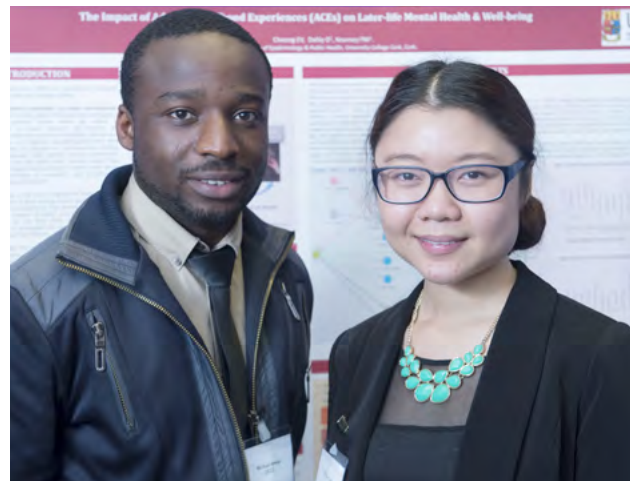
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ATLANTIC CORRIDOR MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE

An inaugural Atlantic Corridor Medical Student Research Conference recently took place in Brookfield Health Sciences Complex UCC.

This intervarsity undergraduate research event focused on the diverse range of clinical and translational medical research projects completed across each of the 'Atlantic Corridor' medical schools comprising of UCC, UL (Graduate Entry Medicine) and NUIG. The conference enabled students and staff to discuss and engage in debate in the latest research in medical sciences, with contributions from undergraduate scientists at the forefront of developments in their areas. The programme included a stimulating mixture of oral and poster presentations, in addition to a plenary lecture by one of Ireland's most prominent clinician scientists.



Top photo: Medical students Gerard Browne from NUIG, Emma Tierney from UL and Stephanie English from UCC. Above left: Rob Weitemeyer and Gemma Reddin (UL). Above right: Micheal Amoo and E Von Cheong (UCC). Right: Robert Mulligan and Mico Mozo (NUIG). Far right: Dr Deirdre Bennett (UCC), Dr Eileen Duggan (UCC), Professor Deirdre McGrath (UL), Dr Colm O'Tuathaigh (UCC), Dr Roisin Dwyer (NUIG), and Professor Mary Horgan (UCC). (Pictures: Gerard McCarthy)





Pictured (l-r): Dr Colman Casey, HIH Director, Dr Tanya Mulcahy, HIH Manager, Mr Damien English, Minister for Skills, Research and Innovation, Professor John Higgins, HIH Regional Chairman and Mr Dave Shanahan, Chair of HIH National Implementation Team.

(Photo: Donagh Glavin)

HEALTH INNOVATION CONFERENCE

The demonstrator Health Innovation Hub recently hosted a Health Innovation Conference on 'Overcoming Barriers in Healthcare through Innovation' in the River Lee Hotel. The audience was comprised largely of government policy-makers, healthcare professionals, engineers, innovators and experts in biomedical backgrounds. The aim of the conference was to highlight the procedures, barriers and solutions to healthcare innovation in Ireland with the ultimate goal of improving the healthcare system and creating employment. Speakers from the Healthcare Sector (HSE, AbbVie) and Government Agencies (EI, HPRA and HIQA) along with representatives from the BioInnovate Programme, ICHEC all showcased their services.

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C-Section Forum on Science Week

To celebrate Science Week, a successful C-Section Forum recently took place at Cork University Hospital. Speakers at the forum included Prof Eugene Dempsey, Consultant Neonatologist of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health; Dr Ali Kashan from the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, UCC; Dr Claire Buckley from the Department of General Practice; Ms Lucy O'Connor, three-time C-section mum; Dr Sinead O'Neill from the Irish Centre for Fetal & Neonatal Translational Research (INFANT); Dr Paul Corcoran from the Neonatal Perinatal Epidemiology Centre (NPEC); and Prof John Higgins, Head of College of Medicine and Health and Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist at CUMH.



Pictured (l-r): Professor John Higgins, Head of College of Medicine and Health, UCC, Professor Louise Kenny, Director of INFANT, Dr Ali Kashan, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, UCC and Professor Geraldine Boylan, Director of INFANT



14th ANNUAL SCHOOL OF NURSING & MIDWIFERY RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The 14th Annual Catherine McAuley School of Nursing & Midwifery Research Conference recently took place in Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, UCC. The central theme to this year's conference surrounds that of 'Translational Research'. The conference was a huge success with a variety of topics discussed that highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary and academic research with a focus on 'translation' to promoting quality patient care. Topics included Chronic Illness, Autonomy, Moral Distress, Strategic Planning, Mothers in Abstinence, Pain & Analgesic use in Children, and Health Inequalities.

Top photo (l-r): Professor Christine Norton, Dr Patrick Cotter, Mr Gerard White, Ms Bridie O'Sullivan, and Professor Eileen Savage. Centre photo (l-r): Professor Josephine Hegarty, Ms Sile O'Grady, Professor Cathrine Fowler, Professor Eileen Savage, Ms Caroline Dalton O'Connor, Dr Michael Bergin. Lower photo (l-r): Ms Elizabeth Weathers, Dr Christopher Burton, Dr Helen Mulcahy, Professor Eileen Savage, Dr Mary Rose Day

CUMH GENERAL PRACTITIONERS STUDY DAY



Pictured above (l-r): Dr Peter Filan, Dr Noirin Russell, Professor Louise Kenny, Dr Keelin O'Donoghue, Dr Mairead O'Riordan, and Professor John Higgins. (Photos: John Allen)

Cork University Maternity Hospital in association with Bayer Healthcare recently held a successful Study Day for General Practitioners, in Cork Rochestown Park Hotel. The theme of the Study Day was 'Managing Expectations: An integrated approach toward the delivery of Maternity & Gynaecological Services in Cork'.

7th ANNUAL DIGP/UCC/HSE COLLABORATIVE DIABETES CONFERENCE

The Diabetes in General Practice Group (DiGP), the Department of General Practice UCC and the HSE recently hosted a successful diabetes conference at Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig, Cork. This was the seventh annual diabetes conference, and with 240 delegates attending from all disciplines across primary care, is one of the biggest Diabetes events in Ireland!

The conference theme for this year was "Meeting the Challenges of Diabetes in Primary Care - a hands on approach" and combined a variety of high quality plenary sessions with a total of 8 workshops, all of which aimed to address the key challenges faced by health professionals and patients in the management of diabetes.

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Pictured above (l-r): Marie Courtney (Professional Development Coordinator), Kira O'Sullivan (Practice Nurse), Angie O'Connor (DNS), Katie Murphy (Diabetes Nurse Facilitator), Professor Colin Bradley (Head of Department of General Practice, UCC). Above right: Professor Henry Smithson, Department of General Practice, UCC and Dr Tom Molloy, GP and DiGP Director



PROFESSOR KATY KEOHANE

Professor Katy Keohane (Class of 1974) is an Alumnus of UCC School of Medicine, Chairperson of the UCC Medical Alumni Association and a lecturer at UCC. She has recently retired as a full-time consultant in CUH.



Katy's primary interest within medicine is Pathology. Following a BSc in Pathology, Katy trained to become a qualified histopathologist, which involves the diagnosis of diseases by looking at biopsies. During her training she also grew an interest towards neuropathology, the study of diseases of the nervous system and Muscle, which at the time was a developing speciality in Ireland. She became a qualified neuropathologist after having trained in London in Queen Square, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery. Neuropathologists work closely with neurologists and neurosurgeons, who are dependent on pathological information, which allows for more accurate diagnosis of diseases. The combination of histopathology and neuropathology equipped Katy with a unique set of skills, consequently leading to one of the highlights of her career – her appointment as a consultant in CUH in 1982.

At the start of Katy's consultancy, there was no laboratory for neuropathology in CUH. However, in cooperation with the clinical neuroscience specialists, pathologists, laboratory scientists and the hospital management, a fully staffed, functioning department with well-trained people and a dedicated space was set up. During her career, Katy also worked for the Irish Government to serve the World Health Organisation in Geneva, representing Ireland in tackling the BSE disease (Mad Cow disease) and its human equivalent.

Katy's retirement from her full-time consultancy in 2012 allowed her to focus more on teaching at UCC. Numerous medical students have sought her advice and guidance, and she has always encouraged them to continue in their career. However, despite the hard work that inevitably goes into training for the profession, Katy advises students to try and enjoy themselves while at UCC. She is keen to encourage both young and older alumni to stay in touch with the UCC Medical Alumni Association, and attend the Annual Scientific Conference.

Apart from her active involvement in UCC as a lecturer and Chairperson of the Medical Alumni, Katy is also involved in building up academic partnerships with overseas medical schools, where some UCC medical students are placed for clinical and summer electives. Katy has also recently taken on an editorship of a series of textbooks of Neuropathology.

Most of Katy's free time is devoted to family, and she visits her mother, children and grandchild regularly. Katy also has an interest in wines, and she enjoys solving cross words, cooking and playing golf. Looking at her successful career both as a consultant and as an active member of UCC, her devotion to her family and free time activities, it is safe to say that Katy is a woman who manages it all!



Above (l-r): Dr Eric Downer, Dr Joe McKenna, Dr Christine McCreary, BDSV Student Patrick McDonagh

Research links with Dentistry and Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience

Dr Eric Downer, Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience, has published a new article with colleagues in Cork University Dental School and Hospital in the International Journal of Biochemistry and Cell Biology.

Dr Downer, alongside clinical collaborators Dr Joseph McKenna and Dr Christine McCreary, and Dental student Mr Patrick McDonough, have published a paper titled “Neuropathic orofacial pain: cannabinoids as a therapeutic avenue”. The article addresses the potential of cannabinoid compounds as a novel therapy for neuropathic orofacial pain disorders, including burning mouth syndrome, persistent idiopathic facial pain, trigeminal neuralgia and postherpetic neuralgia.

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Jean-Baptiste Maurice

Jean-Baptiste Maurice has recently been appointed International Business Development Manager to the College of Medicine and Health. Jean-Baptiste is involved in increasing UCC’s level of internationalisation and attracting international students to the College of Medicine and Health. His role encompasses various activities such as conducting market research in order to identify key international markets, developing partnerships within and between institutions and organisations, as well as strengthening UCC’s offering and relationship with its community.

Managing international relationships and diversifying the student base is a focal point both within UCC and the College of Medicine and Health.



The School of Pharmacy welcomes colleagues from FUE

The School of Pharmacy (UCC) welcomes colleagues from the School of Pharmacy, Futures University in Egypt (FUE) to the Cavanagh Pharmacy Building. Prof Stephen Byrne presents Dean Elkheshen from FUE with a print of UCC to mark the initiation of their teaching and research collaborations.



Cookbook for cancer patients

UCC and Breakthrough Cancer Research have produced a new cookbook to help cancer patients put on weight. The majority of patients with advanced cancer experience involuntary weight loss which is related to increased morbidity, decreased quality of life and poor survival.



Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund Supports first Grant to an Irish Institution

The Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund has invested £1.2 million into seven ambitious new projects to tackle some of the world's deadliest cancer and for the first time one of these grants has been awarded to an Irish project, that of Dr Patrick Forde, at the Cork Cancer Research Centre, University College Cork.



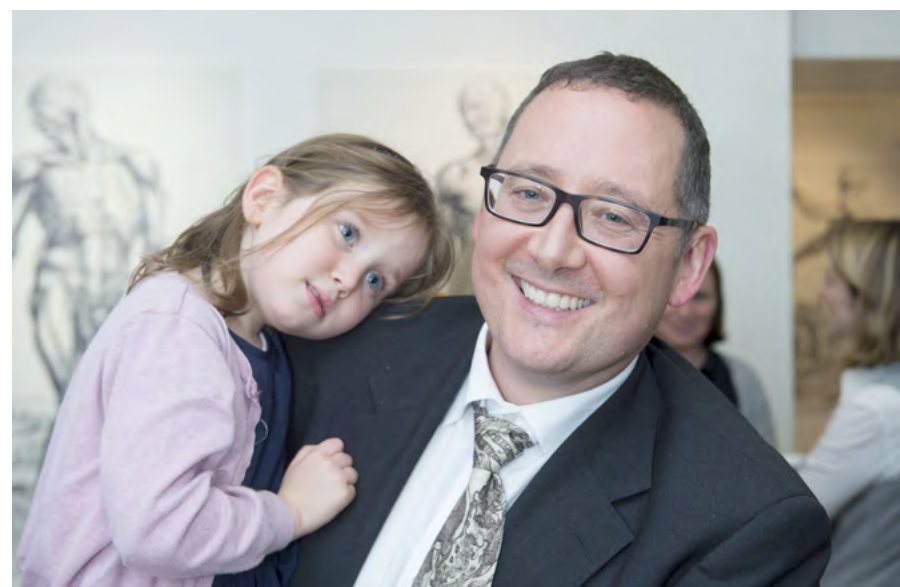
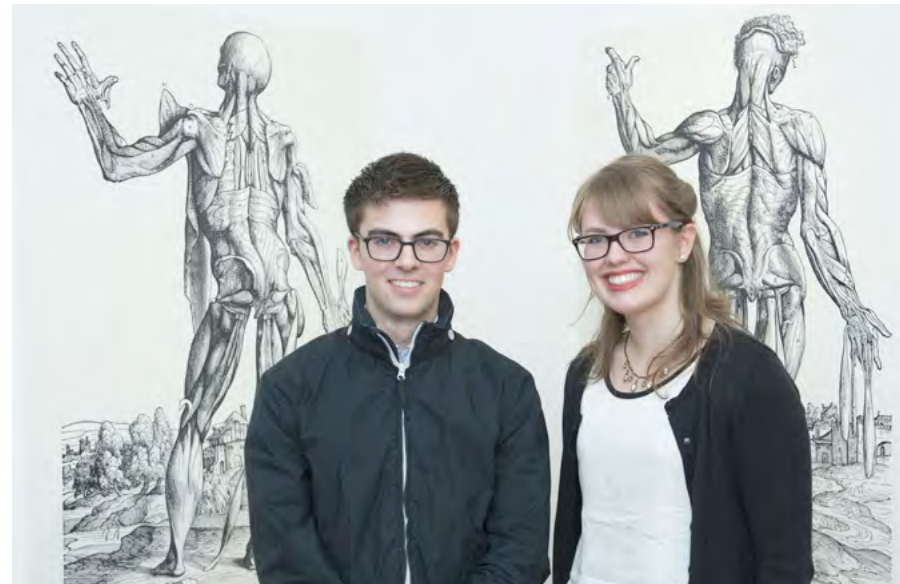
Teva sponsors Cork Cancer Research Centre MD Fellowship

Teva Pharmaceuticals Ireland is delighted to announce its sponsorship of the Cork Cancer Research Centre's Medical Fellowship 2014. The CCRC Fellowship operates for a period of three years as a joint program with University College Cork, Cork University Hospital and Copenhagen University Hospital.



The legacy of Andreas Vesalius Symposium and Art Exhibition

The Legacy of Andreas Vesalius symposium was recently held to mark the quincentenary of the birth of the great anatomist and medical educator Andreas Vesalius. Vesalius' seminal publication of 1543, "De Humani Corporis Fabrica" represents one of the greatest historical shifts in medicine and the way it was taught. In conjunction with the symposium the Jennings Gallery in UCC also launched an anatomical art exhibition after the symposium.



Far left top (l-r): Emma Fahy, Rose Walsh and Louise Tobin. Far left centre (l-r): Dr Andre Toulouse, Professor John Higgins, Professor John Cryan and Dr Bridget Maher. Far left below (l-r): Professor Clive Lee, Dr Patricia Fitzgerald and Professor Vivian Nutton. Left above: Patrick Hennessy and Melissa Grant. Left below: Niamh Toulouse and Dr Andre Toulouse. Above: Amanda Hu and Alan Grant.

(Pictures: Gerard McCarthy)



SNIPPETS FROM THE DIARY OF THE HEAD OF COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH

5 Nov 2014	Nurses Documentary - Commencement Speech.
6 Nov 2014	Opening Address, Health Innovation Hub Conference – River Lee Hotel, Cork.
19 Nov 2014	South/South West Hospital Group CEO Performance and Finance Management Meeting – Dublin.
21 Nov 2014	Guest Speaker - Institute of Healthcare Management Northern Ireland – Belfast.
28 Nov 2014	Citation for 2014 UCC Alumni Achievement to Professor John Barrett - Former Head of Trauma, Cook County Hospital, Chicago.
4 Dec 2014	Outpatient Clinic and Theatre, Bantry General Hospital.
11 Dec 2014	Opening of Exhibition What Lies Beneath'- Maeve Doyle' (consultant Microbiologist Waterford) – Jennings Gallery.
17 Dec 2014	Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) on the Implementation of Hospital Groups, Dublin.
18 Dec 2014	Brookfield/WGB Children's Christmas Party.