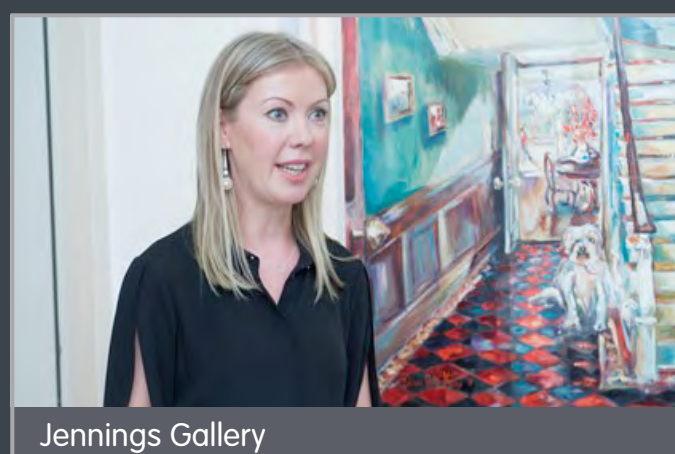


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Dear Colleagues,

A new flag is flying in the University Quad! UCC has become a Health Promoting University!

I wish to acknowledge our colleague Dr Michael Byrne and congratulate him and all involved in UCC Health Matters. As stated by Dr Byrne, “The success of the UCC Health Matters initiative partly lies in its collaborations — collaborations between students and staff, between professional practitioners and expert academics, collaborations that have improved the effectiveness and reach of all the health promoting activity on campus. Particular thanks must go to the Health Promotion and Improvement, HSE South, for its encouragement and support.”

In building an Academic Healthcare Centre between the College of Medicine and Health and the South/South West Hospital Group, we must ensure that links with Primary Care and the Community are not forgotten and that we place as much emphases on health promotion and disease prevention as we do on treatment and cure.

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



## PREPARED – Primary Care Education, Pathways and Research of Dementia

Minister of State Kathleen Lynch has launched PREPARED, a new national Primary Care Dementia project, which aims to upskill and support GPs' and Primary Care Team Members in order for patients to receive optimal, evidence-based dementia care.

PREPARED – “**P**rimary Care **E**ducation, **P**athways and **R**esearch of **D**ementia”, is led by Dr Tony Foley, Department of General Practice, UCC, with collaborators from the School of Nursing, Dublin City University and the Irish College of General Practitioners. PREPARED has been awarded €1.2 million in funding from the HSE and the Atlantic Philanthropies.

Underpinned by the Irish National Dementia Strategy, PREPARED highlights the importance of timely diagnosis, early intervention and clear pathways of care - citing the pivotal role played by GPs and members of the Primary Care Team in dementia care.

PREPARED has the potential to make Irish dementia care an exemplar for other chronic disease management pathways. By facilitating crucial organisational reform, and by examining local barriers and enablers to best practice, PREPARED will offer the capacity to fundamentally alter the way in which dementia care operates in Ireland.

[www.ucc.ie/en/med-health/news/fullstory-538287-en.html](http://www.ucc.ie/en/med-health/news/fullstory-538287-en.html)

View the recently launched PREPARED video at:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sAXTKqZjiw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sAXTKqZjiw)



Pictured above (l-r): Professor John Higgins, Head of College of Medicine and Health, UCC, Dr Tony Foley, Department of General Practice, UCC, and Minister Kathleen Lynch T.D., Minister of State for Primary Care, Social Care and Mental Health. (Photo: Gerard McCarthy)

Pictured below (l-r): Ms Tina Leonard, Alzheimer's Society, Dr Tony Cox, ICGP, Minister Kathleen Lynch, Dr Tony Foley, UCC, Professor Colin Bradley, UCC, and Professor John Higgins, UCC.





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## UCC's School of Clinical Therapies launches MSc in Audiology

The School of Clinical Therapies, College of Medicine and Health, UCC has recently launched Ireland's first master's programme in audiology. This will see the College of Medicine and Health acting as the exclusive national provider of Audiology education in Ireland.

The MSc in Audiology has been developed following a call to action from the Higher Education Authority, the Health Service Executive, following on from the national audiology review. The structure and delivery of this master's program focuses on the assessment and management of the needs of children and adults with hearing and balance disorders, in addition to the education, training and inspiration of clinicians' resulting in the provision of a world-class service to Irish patients within the health care system.

The MSc Audiology is a two year full-time master's programme which is underpinned by the core values of the College of Medicine and Health and UCC. Recruitment for this course has now opened. For more information, please click:

[www.ucc.ie/en/clinical-therapies/prospective/audiology/](http://www.ucc.ie/en/clinical-therapies/prospective/audiology/)

An MSc Audiology Open Day will be held on Saturday April 18th at 12-2pm in G06, Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, UCC. All welcome!

**Photo 1.** (l-r): Professor John Higgins, Ms Deirdre Clune, MEP and Mr Peter O'Sullivan. **Photo 2.** (l-r): Ms Kate McSweeney, Professor Fiona Gibbon and Ms Kathryn Neville. **Photo 3.** Ms Deirdre Clune, MEP and Ms Ashling Ryan. **Photo 4.** (l-r): Ms Jean Hegarty, Mr Peter O'Sullivan and Professor Fiona Gibbon. **Photo 5.** Dr Amr El Refaie and Professor Fiona Gibbon.



# UCC BECOMES HEALTH PROMOTING UNIVERSITY

UCC has become the first university in Ireland recognised as a “Health Promoting University”. Guided by the UCC Health Matters project, the university followed the HSE South’s Framework for Health Promoting Universities and has now gained formal recognition. This is the culmination of several years’ work and acknowledges that health has been meaningfully integrated into the culture, processes and policies of UCC under the umbrella of the Health Matters initiative.

A ceremony took place on the 25th of February where the HSE South presented UCC with a flag representing the University’s continued commitment to health promotion. Senior HSE South officials were in attendance along with Cllr. Mary Shields, Lord Mayor of Cork, as well as student and staff members of UCC Health Matters, the Student Experience Office, the UCC Students’ Union, the President of UCC and members of senior management.

Joint co-coordinator of the initiative Dr Michael Byrne commented, “The success of the UCC Health Matters initiative lies in its collaborations between students and staff, between professional practitioners and expert academics, collaborations that have improved the effectiveness and reach of all the health promoting activity on campus.”

Photos: Daragh McSweeney, Provision and Tomas Tyner, UCC





## INFANT at UCC to use IBM Big Data & Analytics for monitoring of babies

IBM has recently announced that it has begun to work with the Irish Centre for Fetal and Neonatal Translational Research (INFANT), UCC to help improve long-term outcomes for babies in neonatal intensive care through early and accurate detection of neurological problems.

The INFANT Centre at UCC and Cork University Maternity Hospital has pooled its extensive database of new born electroencephalogram (EEG) recordings and machine learning expertise with IBM's Big Data Analytics stream processing capability to create a unique clinical decision support platform.

Through the support platform, seizures and other brain complications associated with small, sick and premature infants can now be automatically detected with alarms sent to on-call specialists to assist in providing the highest quality of care.



Seizures or fits in new born babies are classed as a medical emergency and require urgent treatment. However, they are impossible to detect without continuous brain monitoring using EEG. Specialist expertise is required for EEG interpretation and, all too often, no such expert is on-hand in neonatal intensive care units, which can result in important brain events being missed. Continuous monitoring of major vital signs is critical to aiding the clinical management of frequent complications associated with sick infants.

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# STUDY SHOWS THAT DEFECTIVE SKIN BARRIERS BEFORE BIRTH LEAD TO ECZEMA



Eczema is the most common chronic skin condition in children and adults, affecting all aspects of a person's life, including sleeping, eating, playing, swimming and socialising, and is also associated with altered mental health in adults. Medical care of eczema is estimated to cost up to \$3.4 billion dollars per annum in the United States.

10% of Irish people carry a mutation in the gene most commonly associated with eczema, FLG, which codes the expression of a protein called filaggrin. Low filaggrin expression in the skin is the hallmark of eczema, and causes defects in skin barrier function, making eczema more severe and skin infections and allergies more common.

The BASELINE (Ireland's first prospective birth cohort study) Allergy study group led by Professor Jonathan Hourihane and Research Fellow Dr Maeve Kelleher (both UCC) and Professor Alan Irvine (TCD) measured water evaporation in the skin of 1903 new born babies in Cork University Hospital, and followed them up until 12 months of age. Infants who had a high value for this transepidermal water loss (TEWL) and a combination of a filaggrin mutation and allergic parents were seven times more likely to have eczema at 12 months, despite having no visible skin barrier defect or eczema at the time of measurement before they left the maternity hospital.

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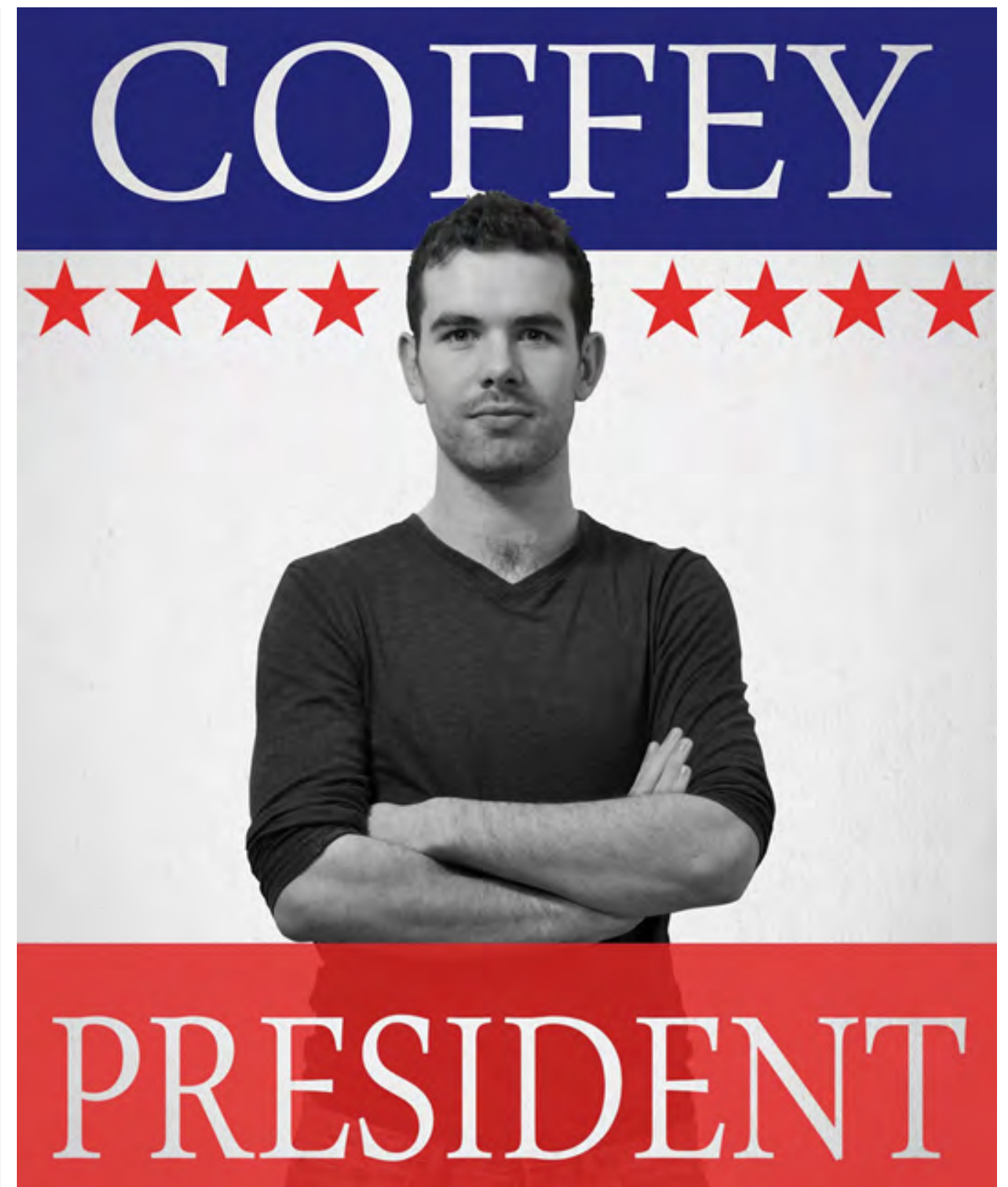
## Aidan Coffey

Aidan Coffey, a 4th year Medicine student, has succeeded in his campaign to become the 2015/2016 Students' Union President. From Ahiohill in West Cork, he becomes the first medical student to be elevated to the Presidency of the S.U. in thirty years.

Aidan has managed to combine the intense academic requirements of his course, with the demands of engagement with Student Union Politics over the last two years. Having served as S.U. representative to College of Medicine and Health, chairperson of the S.U. council, along with acting as auditor of the Surgeon Noonan society, His impact on the Student experience cannot be understated.

During his term in office he hopes to re-package the concept of Raise and Give Week, develop closer central campus linkages with satellite campuses in addition to increasing funding and resources to student health and counselling.

Aidan believes that the training that he has received as part of his undergraduate medical degree will benefit his ability to function as President. He lists the transferable skills of team-work, 'man-management' and cross collaboration that underpin medical training in the College of Medicine and Health as centrally important as to how he will lead the Students' Union, and how that union will be received by staff and students'.







## Eithne Hunt

Eithne Hunt, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, UCC was featured as February's Emerging Scholar by the European Association for Research on Adolescence - Student and Early Career Network. One of her recent PhD publications was highlighted. Co-authored by Professor Ivan Perry, Dr Tony Fitzgerald, Dr Darren Dahly and Dr Elizabeth McKay (Brunel University, London) this paper, published in *Quality of Life Research*, examined the relationship between Irish late adolescents' 24-hour time use profiles and their health-related quality of life using a novel, model-based, person-centred analytic approach and latent profile analysis.

For her PhD, Eithne collected time diary data from over 700 young people in Cork. Ireland is one of the few countries in the developed and developing world that does not routinely collect time use data as part of national statistical accounting activities. Eithne's research fills this gap by capturing, for the first time in Ireland, adolescent time use data, thus complementing the time diary component from the Growing Up in Ireland 9 and 13-year old cohorts and the Irish National Time Use Survey conducted by the ESRI in 2005 with 1000 adults.

Eithne is currently working with a time use research colleague from Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Canada using Irish and Canadian time diary data to explore adolescent sleep patterns and how the presence of electronic media in the bedroom influences sleep duration.







Alice Coffey



Elizabeth Weathers

## RESEARCH PRIZES AWARDED TO TWO SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY STAFF MEMBERS

Congratulations to Dr Alice Coffey and Dr Elizabeth Weathers, who were recently awarded research prizes at the 34th Annual International Nursing and Midwifery Research and Education Conference in the RCSI in Dublin.

Dr Alice Coffey was awarded Best Oncology/Palliative Care Oral Presentation for her presentation titled: 'Attitudes to ageing and perceptions of working with older people of students of health and social care'.

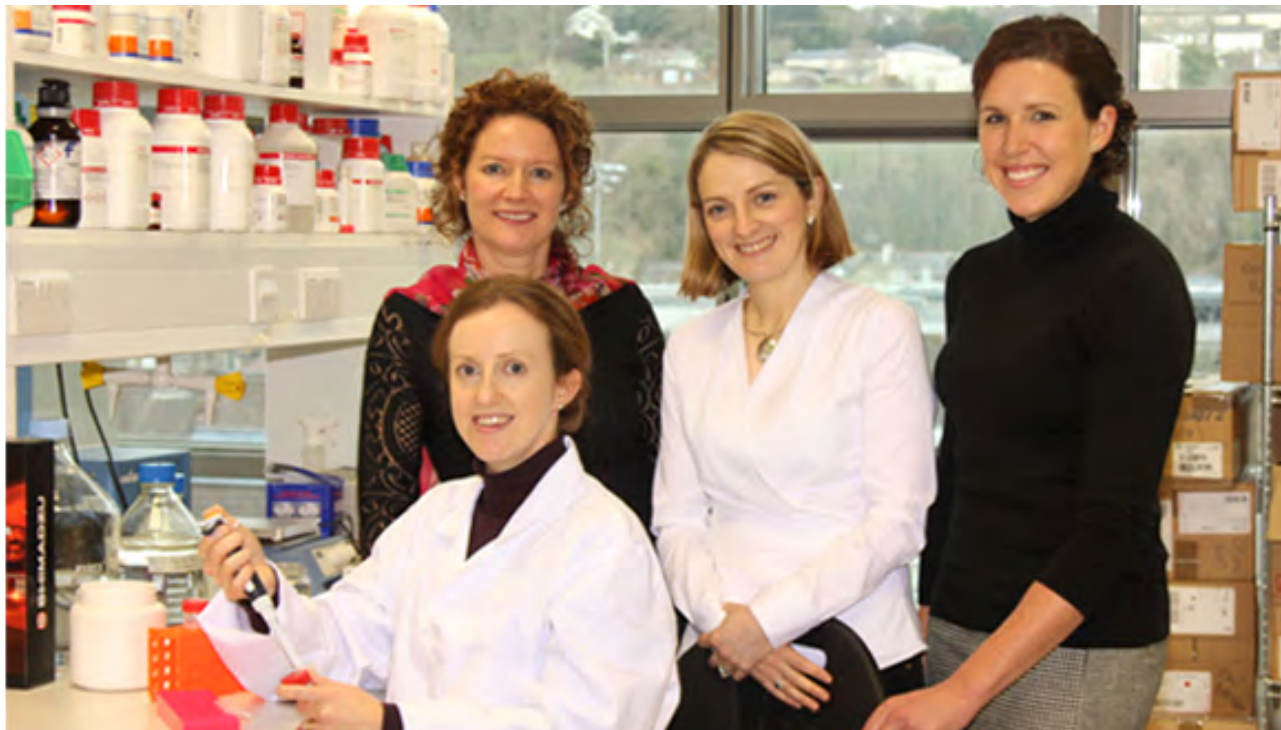
Dr Elizabeth Weathers won the Best Poster Presentation titled 'Spirituality – a review of empirical research'.



## NURSING STUDENT SPRINTS HER WAY TO MORE SUCCESS

Phil Healy, a Second Year Integrated Children's and General Nursing student won the 200m Sprint Event & the Open 60m title at the National Indoor U23 & Junior Athletics Championships in Athlone recently. Congratulations to Phil!





Pictured (l-r): Dr Denise O'Gorman, Research & Development Manager, Marigot Ltd; Dr Yvonne Nolan, Senior Lecturer and SFI Investigator, Department of Anatomy & Neuroscience; Dr Alice Stack, Research Projects Manager, Marigot Ltd; and Dr Caitriona Long-Smith, Department of Anatomy & Neuroscience (front).



Pictured above: The Advance Award recipients with Professor Mark Ferguson, CEO of SFI, and Chief Scientific Advisor to the Government, Minister for Skills, Research and Innovation, Damien English TD and Ann Riordan Chairman of the board of SFI.

## Caitriona Long-Smith receives SFI Advance Award for female researchers in STEM

Under Science Foundation Ireland's new initiative to promote female researchers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Dr Caitriona Long-Smith has recently received an Advance Award.

The award will fund a two-year post-doctoral position for Caitriona under the supervision of academic mentor Dr Yvonne Nolan (Senior Lecturer and SFI Investigator, Dept. Anatomy & Neuroscience) and industrial mentor Dr Denise O'Gorman (Marigot Ltd., industrial partner on the project). The remit of the Advance Award programme is to provide incentive to female researchers to remain in high-quality STEM research while broadening their career prospects in STEM outside of academia via an industry partnership. It will thus provide career-development opportunities for Caitriona which span both industry and academia. Marigot Ltd. produces calcium and magnesium-rich multi-mineral nutraceuticals from marine sources for the supplement and food ingredient markets. Caitriona and Yvonne will be investigating the potential for these nutraceuticals to enhance neurogenesis-dependent cognition.





## Natalie Phoon

Congratulations to Natalie Phoon, BDS IV, who recently won the runner-up award for the Irish Endodontic Society Undergraduate Essay Prize. Natalie received her award at the recent annual Scientific Meeting of the Irish Endodontic Society from the President of the Irish Endodontic Society, Dr Conor Durack.



## Louisa Jane McSweeney

UCC final year medical student Louisa Jane McSweeney's Final Year Research project, titled 'To examine the impact of mode of presentation on levels of distress in patients with early stage breast cancer', was recently selected for presentation for the prestigious 14th Annual St. Gallen Breast Cancer conference in Vienna. The project was conducted under the supervision of Professor Seamus O'Reilly. The abstract will be published in an upcoming supplement issue to the journal, The Breast (Elsevier).

### LOUISA JANE TALKS TO US ABOUT HER PROJECT:

The aim was to investigate whether or not a statistically significant difference exists between levels of psychological distress in women diagnosed with breast cancer through routine screening versus those who

were symptomatic at presentation. We also wished to facilitate discussion of the need for routine distress screening in this population. We assessed levels of distress and gathered demographic and clinical data for comparable numbers of screen-detected and non-screen-detected female breast cancer patients being treated with curative intent. Hospital Anxiety and Distress Scale (HADS) scores were used as a marker for distress. Demographic and clinical data were compiled from patient files and an additional 12-item questionnaire. Following adjustment for confounding factors, no statistically significant difference was found between HADS scores for screen-detected versus non-screen detected patients. Distress levels within the study subjects were sufficiently high to warrant consideration of the routine use of distress screening in patients with breast cancer.





## DENTAL NURSING GRADUATION

The University College Cork Dental Nursing Presentation Ceremony took place in the Aula Maxima on Tuesday 10 March with 44 students graduating with Diplomas in Dental Nursing. This is a national programme which is run in conjunction with Trinity College Dublin and is 16 months in duration.

Prizes were awarded to Ruth McSweeney for the highest result in the Cork centre, Meabh O'Sullivan for the highest result in the Waterford centre and to Catherine Burke for the highest mark among online students. There is also a Dental Council prize which is awarded to the student achieving the highest grade over all of the centres in Ireland and this was presented to Ruth McSweeney.

Congratulations to all of our newly qualified Dental Nurses and the very best of luck with their future careers.

## RAMI INTERN STUDY DAY

A RAMI (Royal Academy Medicine in Ireland) Intern Study Day recently took place at the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Dublin. Three South Interns from the UCC Intern Network received prizes for their presentations or posters. Congratulations to the following winners:

### BEST CASE PRESENTATION

#### ORAL RUNNER UP

Presenter: **Dr Rosanne Lynham**

Title: *Bringing Back the Smile: A Case Series of Lengthening Temporalis Myoplasties*

#### POSTER WINNER

Presenter: **Dr Mary Nwaezeigwe**

Title: *Time to first steps in the BASELINE study*

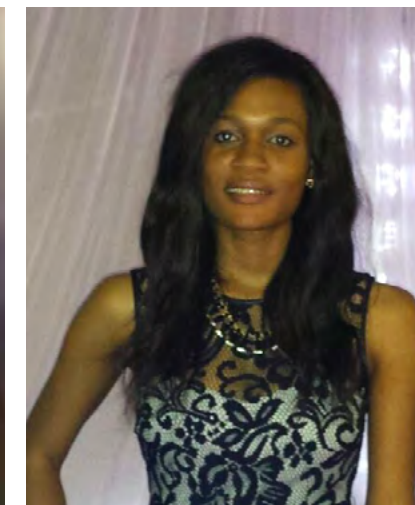
#### POSTER RUNNER UP

Presenter: **Dr Sean Farrelly**

Title: *The Evolving Cost of HIV Care in CUH: An Investigation of the Costs of Pharmaceutical Intervention*



Dr Rosanne Lynham



Dr Mary Nwaezeigwe



Dr Sean Farrelly



# SPRING CONFERRING

Congratulations to our Graduates from the College of Medicine and Health, who graduated with various disciplines at UCC's Spring Conferring 27th February 2015.



**Photo 1:** Oisín and Fionn with Mum Jacinta Joyce who graduated with Masters in Public Health. **Photo 2:** Dr Lynne March, Doctor in Nursing from the School of Nursing and Midwifery. **Photo 3:** Ann Marie Dowling and Martin Kantchev (MSc Clinical Pharmacy). **Photo 4:** Mary Kavanagh Kells (Masters in Public Health) and Catherine O'Connor. **Photo 5:** Sinead, Ciara, Roisin and Dr Brendan Noonan (Doctorate of Nursing). **Photo 6:** Sinead Walsh (BSc Midwifery). **Photo 7:** Anne Staunton (MSc Clinical Pharmacy) with Anne and Pat Staunton.



Photos: Gerard McCarthy



# MASTERS IN PHARMACEUTICAL TECHNOLOGY AND QUALITY SYSTEMS



Above (l-r): Lara Chircop, Brendan Griffin (Programme Director) and Paul Cleary

Congratulations to Lara Chircop, Paul Cleary and Dolores Fogarty who graduated with a Masters in Pharmaceutical Technology and Quality Systems at the College of Medicine and Health's Spring Conferring.

This two year programme is recognised by various EU Regulatory Authorities as fulfilling the educational requirements for Qualified Person (QP) status as defined in EU legislation.

One of the MSc graduates, Lara Chircop completed this distance learning programme whilst working full-time in a Pharmaceutical company in Malta. Through the use of blended learning and e-learning technology, travel to UCC is kept to a minimum. Lara travelled to UCC four times over the two year programme to attend the QP workshops. A Memorandum of Agreement is in place between the School of Pharmacy in UCC and the Examinations Department in Malta, thereby allowing our Maltese students to sit their end of year exams in an examination centre in Malta. As part of this programme, students are required to sit a QP viva exam in second year. Lara completed this part of the exam in Malta via webinar.

There are currently two students from Malta enrolled in the MSc programme.



# PREP-FOR-MED SCHOOL AT UCC

The School of Medicine, UCC recently hosted a successful 'Prep-for-Med School' day for Transition Year students at the Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, UCC and Cork University Hospital.

Prep-for-Med is a hugely popular Programme for Transition Year students where they are given the opportunity to experience what life as a medical student is really like. This year, 100 students from all over Munster attended Prep-for-Med School, accompanied by 50 teachers.

During the morning session, students rotated through specially-designed teaching stations which included clinical skills and hands-on CPR, learning how to take blood pressure, First Aid limb injury, Anaphylaxis, and abnormal cardiac rhythms. In the 'Pulses' stations, students learned how to check for brachial or radial pulse, and link this up with irregular heart rhythms and electrocardiograph patterns.

For the afternoon session students and teachers were brought to Cork University Hospital (CUH) where they witnessed a live Caesarean Section by a video-link. There were lots of gasps in the audience as they watched a beautiful healthy baby girl come into the world!

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### Dr Amr El Refaie appointed Programme Coordinator for New MSc Audiology

Dr Amr El Refaie has recently been appointed as Programme Coordinator and Senior Lecturer of the new MSc Audiology degree programme.

Amr is a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, and since then has held several academic and research positions in Cairo University, Bristol University and La Trobe University, Melbourne. His research interests include Tinnitus Management and Adult Diagnostics. Amr will lead the newly developed MSc degree in Audiology, which is the first of its kind in Ireland, and will work to establish UCC as a national centre for Audiology Research and Education.



### Dr Stephen Bradley joins School of Nursing and Midwifery

Dr Stephen Bradley has recently taken up the position of Lecturer in Mental Health Nursing within the Catherine McAuley School of Nursing and Midwifery in UCC. He brings experience gained through over twenty years in clinical practice in the UK having worked with clients of all ages at one time or another. However, his particular concern is with the issues confronting younger clients facing 'mental health issues'.

Mental Health Nursing at UCC challenges Psychiatric Nurses, and those in training, to think critically and creatively about their work with people experiencing mental health difficulties; with a particular emphasis on the principles and values of recovery – a key concept in Mental Healthcare delivery. Courses facilitate nurses to engage with lifelong personal and professional development through flexible modes of learning.

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# PATIENT HANDOVER



Patient handover has been defined as “the transfer of professional responsibility and accountability for some or all aspects of care for a patient, or group of patients, to another person or professional group on a temporary or permanent basis.”

Improperly conducted handover can lead to wrong treatment, delays in medical diagnosis, life-threatening adverse events, patient complaints, increased health care expenditure, increased hospital length of stay, and a range of other effects that affect the health system or patient.

The PATIENT project is an Erasmus funded multi-national project with partners in UCC, the Open University of the Netherlands, the Aachen Interdisciplinary Centre for Training in Medical Education (AIXTRA), and the Avedis Donabedian Institute in Barcelona. The purpose of the group is to improve the continuity of patient care through novel teaching and learning facilities for handover procedures in medical higher education.

The PATIENT group, lead on this occasion by UCC members Dr Helen Hynes, Dr Pat Henn and Dr Bridget Maher, used a Group Concept Mapping technique to arrive at an expert group consensus on the learning outcome for training medical students in Handover. This important study is the next step in the process of reducing medical error and improving patient outcomes.

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## Professor Brenda Roe visits the School of Nursing and Midwifery



Pictured above (l-r): Professor Eileen Savage, Dr Alice Coffey, Professor Brenda Roe, Dr Patricia Leahy-Warren, Dr Mary Rose Day, Dr Teresa Wills.

The Healthy Ageing Research Group at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, UCC recently hosted a very successful visit of Professor Brenda Roe.

Professor Roe is a Fellow of the Queen's Nursing Institute and Fellow of the Royal Society for Public Health in the UK. She is editor of the Journal of Advanced Nursing and was one of the founding editors of the Cochrane Incontinence Review Group (1996-2000) with particular responsibility for reviews on behavioural interventions for the management of urinary incontinence. She was awarded a Harvard Education Center Fellowship, Department of Health Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, World Health Organisation Fellow and received the RCN/Molnlycke award for excellence in continence care.

During her visit Professor Roe, along with staff at the school, facilitated a focus group discussion to identify priorities for research, education and practice. This discussion was attended by continence advisors, public health nurses, nurse educators, nurse managers and nurses with special interest in bladder and bowel care from public and private sectors.

Over 60 delegates from across the south and south east region attended a Master Class by Professor Roe titled 'Advancing Practice in Continence Care'.



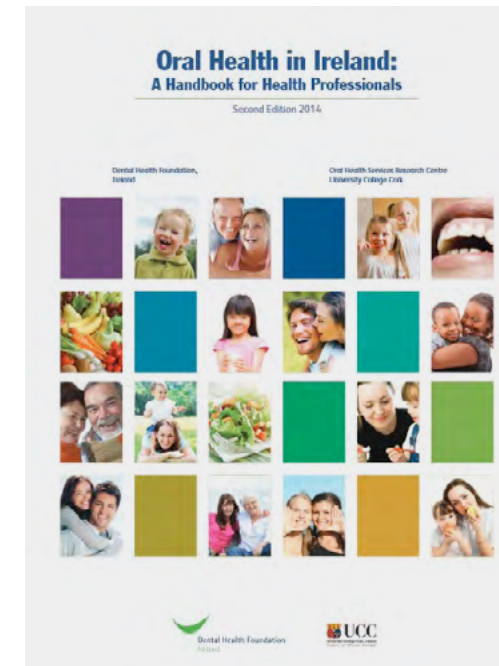


## MASTERS DEGREE IN DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Applications are invited for this 12-month Taught Masters Degree Programme, commencing in September 2015. The course is designed to facilitate health professionals in current employment with contact teaching hours Thursday evenings and Friday all day. The curriculum prepares experienced health professionals to assume leadership roles as members of multidisciplinary teams and to be able to develop, implement and evaluate programmes which have an impact on the health of the population.

Subject areas to be covered include Public Health, Decision Analysis in Healthcare and Healthcare Financing, Applied Social Studies, Health Promotion, Preventive Dentistry, Health Service Structures and Management.

Full course details: [www.ucc.ie/en/ckx01/](http://www.ucc.ie/en/ckx01/)



## ORAL HEALTH IN IRELAND

The Dental Health Foundation in collaboration with the Oral Health Services Research Centre, Cork has published Oral Health in Ireland: A Handbook for Health Professionals (Second Edition) 2014.

This Second Edition provides updated evidence based guidance on oral health promotion for health and allied health professionals in the Republic of Ireland enabling them to promote and support an inclusive approach to addressing risk factors and preventing diseases while empowering people to take action to protect and be responsible for their own oral health. It updates the information contained in Oral Health in Ireland (1999) to reflect the changes in current scientific knowledge that have arisen over the last fifteen years.

To access the publication, please click the link below:

[www.dentalhealth.ie/download/pdf/ohil\\_final.pdf](http://www.dentalhealth.ie/download/pdf/ohil_final.pdf)





Left: Professor Stephen Byrne, Head of School of Pharmacy, UCC giving a lecture on studying Pharmacy in Ireland and UCC. Far left: Montreal Convention Centre. Below far left: Newfoundland. Below left: CN Tower, Toronto.



## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY'S TRIP TO CANADA

The School of Pharmacy, UCC recently visited Canada to participate in the Study and Go Abroad fair in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto. This trip was attended by Prof Stephen Byrne, Head of School of Pharmacy, JJ Keating, Lecturer in Pharmacy and JB Maurice, International Development Manager of the College of Medicine and Health. The main purpose of the trip was to promote the School of Pharmacy and its new MPharm degree programme. At the fair in Montreal UCC was also mentioned on "CJLO", Concordia University's radio station, which is followed by 40,000 students as well as communities around Montreal.

The School of Pharmacy is already planning the next trip to Canada for the fair taking place in October to extend its reach to British Columbia and Alberta.





## The Bench, the Funding and Everything In-between

A presentation titled “The Bench, The Funding and Everything In-between” by Dr Graham Love, Chief Executive, Health Research Board was recently held at the Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, UCC. This talk was well attended by postgraduate students of the College of Medicine and Health, who are interested in exploring their career options after graduation.

Pictured above (l-r): Sharon Cadogan, Mike Heeley, Dr Graham Love, Niamh Denihan, Maria Donovan and Dr Teresa Barbosa.



## National Dental Examination Board of Canada Examinations

On the 7th & 8th March Cork Dental School and Hospital held the National Dental Examination Board of Canada exams. This is the first time the exams were held in Europe. 38 final year Cork and Dublin Dental Students sat the exam which consisted of 2 written papers and 2 OSCE exams. A special thank you to the staff and students, who gave up their weekend to help run the exams.

Pictured above (l-r): Dr Frank Burke, OSCE Examiner, Dr Eamon Croke, President of the Dental Council, Ms Mary Keelan, Test Administrator and Ms Kim Philips from the NDEB, Canada.





## Erasmus Exchange links with Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands

Under the Erasmus Programme Cork Dental School & Hospital hosted two 4th year dental students from Radboud University. The students attended all clinics and tutorials and completed a full schedule of patient treatments during their time in Cork. They also took part in the full range of social and cultural activities arranged by the Dental Students Society. They returned to the Netherlands to complete their studies with happy and fond memories of their time in Cork. We look forward to welcoming two more dental students from Nijmegen in August 2015.



## Links with Khartoum University, Sudan

Dental School and Hospital, UCC recently had a visit from Dean of the University of Khartoum, Professor Kamal Abbas and Professor Suliman Fedail Head of Graduate Studies at the University. On their visit they met with Prof Martin Kinirons and Dr Eleanor O'Sullivan to further research links and external PhD projects that are being developed in collaboration with them.



## CUH Paediatric Diabetes team successfully treats new born with rare form of diabetes



Ava Joyce

Ava Joyce, from Douglas in Cork, is just eighteen months old and has reached all her developmental milestones – despite the odds set against her. Ava was diagnosed at birth in August 2013 with permanent neonatal diabetes, a rare genetic condition, which affects one in 200,000 babies. Although well recognised, and increasingly researched worldwide, especially over the past decade, the particular genetic explanation for Ava's form of neonatal diabetes had never been previously described. A huge battle fought by herself, her mother and the doctors, nurses, dieticians, pharmacist, biochemists, social workers and other staff at Cork University Hospital has resulted in Ava growing and developing as she should for her age.

Dr Susan O'Connell, Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologist says: "This was multi-disciplinary team work at its best. Due to recent improvements in paediatric diabetes services at Cork University Hospital, we successfully treated Ava, despite her having an extremely rare and challenging condition. Fortunately we were in a position to provide all her treatment in Cork so she didn't have to travel elsewhere."

## National Perinatal Epidemiology Centre Study Day 2015

The National Perinatal Epidemiology Centre (NPEC) recently hosted its annual Study Day in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin 8. The day was divided into two distinct sessions of different themes, the morning session focusing on **The Robson 10 Groups: Much More Than an Audit of Caesarean Sections?** and the afternoon session on **Lessons Learnt from the UK and Ireland Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths 2009 – 2012.**

The event was particularly well attended this year attracting 220 multidisciplinary delegates from across the country and generated very positive feedback. Six CPD credits were awarded by the Royal College of Physicians Ireland and five by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland for full-day attendance.



Attendees at the NPEC Study Day 2015

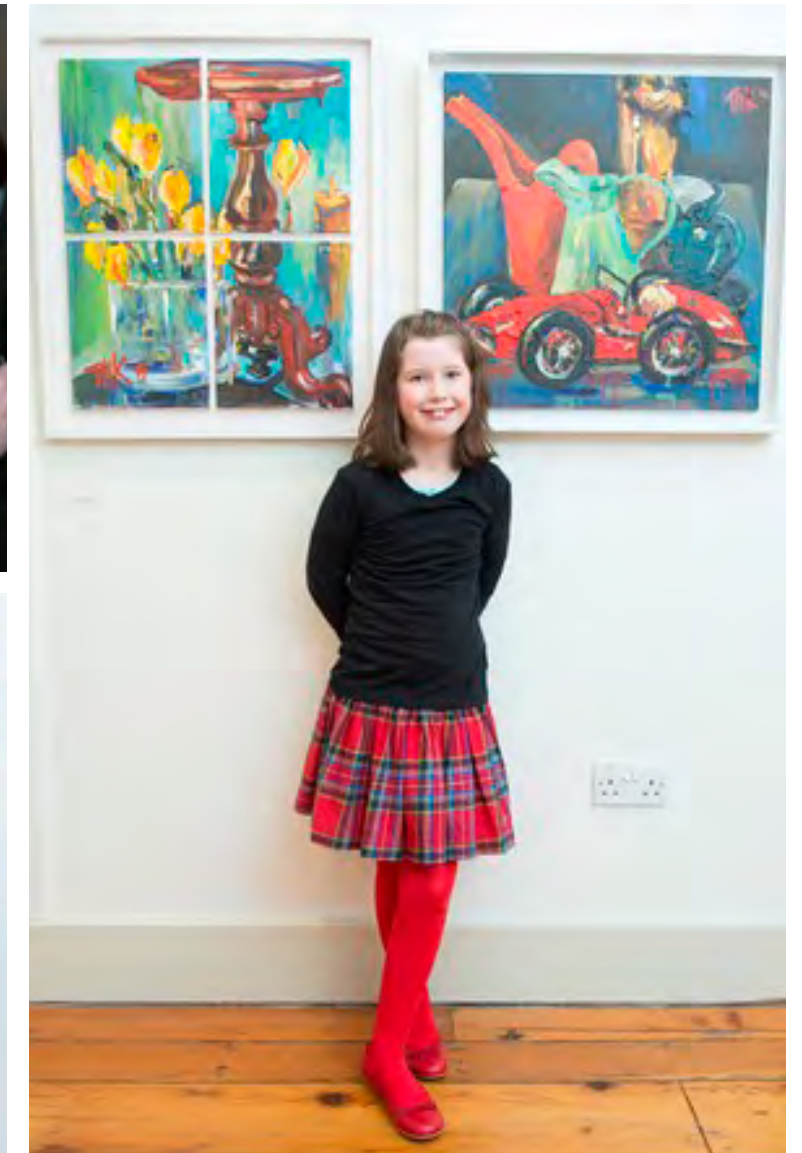




## ‘Belonging’

Belonging is an exhibition of paintings by Thérèse Healy-Kelly, featuring depictions caught in the polarities of country and coast. From the Galway trawlers and the bustling street scene back to the dog lying lazily at the end of the winding stairs all rendered in oil on canvas, Healy-Kelly’s work is full of expression and movement. It is real, yet abstract. She is an atmospheric painter and her work is reflective and autobiographical.

Photos from the opening night. Photos: Gerard McCarthy







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

16 Feb 2015	Meeting with Minister Leo Varadkar, Minister for Health.
27 Feb 2015	College of Medicine and Health's Spring Conferring, UCC.
2 Mar 2015	Launch of PREPARED, Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, UCC.
5-6 Mar 2015	Visit to Leiden University Medical Centre, Leiden, Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam, and VU Medical Centre, Amsterdam.
19 Mar 2015	Launch of MSc Audiology, Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, UCC.