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Prof. Helen Whelton's Christmas Greeting

Dear colleagues,

It has been a great year. Even just sharing some of the snapshots of activity here in our winter newsletter I am reminded once again of the hard work, the productivity and the success of the individuals and teams that make up our college. I have had the privilege of attending some really wonderful celebratory events recently where our staff have been awarded and recognised in impressive numbers. This is a testament to your hard work and to the excellent culture for quality and progress which you generate in the College, Schools and Research Centres.

The joy of our students and their families as seen during recent conferring ceremonies always serves to feed our enthusiasm and energy. This year has marked significant progress in developing and launching new programmes, such as our MRes in Industrial Pharmaceuticals (iEd Hub), the MSc in Clinical Physiology,

the MSc in Health and Wellbeing (iEd Hub), MSc Industrial Pharmaceutical Sciences, Operations and Management and our MSc Palliative Care and MSc Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences. These new programmes and expansion of existing ones have had an impact on our student numbers which now stand at just over 5,000. It is quite remarkable to think that the CoMH is now larger than the entire university was in the 1980s.

We are delighted to announce some key strategic appointments congratulations to Professor Patricia Leahy Warren, Head of School of Nursing & Midwifery and Chair of Nursing and Health Services Research, Professor Gerry Lee, Chair of Nursing and Health Services Research, Professor Leonie Heskin, Director at ASSERT, Professor Margaret McGrath, Professor of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Professor Laura Sahm, Clinical Pharmacy and Professor Mark McEntee, appointed Vice Head for Learning and Teaching at CoMH.

As well as teaching, research is at the heart of what we do as academics. Colleagues have had fantastic grant success this year. Some of these projects are featured here in our newsletter, addressing national health care priorities for those who need them most. So many initiatives exemplify the vast potential of the academic-service partnership fostered by an Academic Health Sciences System. Great to see such projects benefit the health and welfare of patients and the public by applying new scientific knowledge, enhancing services and improving patient outcomes in the targeted communities.

It is inspiring to see 14 UCC researchers of excellence listed among the world's most influential researchers featured in Clarivate's Highly Cited Researchers 2023 list. This global recognition underscores their significant influence and impact across diverse fields such as medicine, neuroscience, microbiology, food, psychiatry and psychology. Behind every success there is a committed and hard-working team. This

accolade is a testament to your outstanding work. The acknowledgement and reward for your innovative and impactful contributions reinforce UCC's distinct reputation for research excellence. It highlights our commitment to advancing knowledge in crucial areas that contribute to a healthier, more sustainable and secure world. This recognition is particularly significant as we continue to progress in our UCC Futures thematic areas.

We all take great pride in seeing our researchers acknowledged as global leaders, knowing that your contributions resonate far beyond individual achievements.

As a university we are continuously working on our capacity ability to recognise excellence in a way that values our people. We are very pleased with the success in promotional rounds this year and we look forward to further enhancements in the future.

Congratulations to our staff who have received awards recently, including those recognised this week in the President's Awards for Excellence in Teaching and others who received University Staff Recognition Awards in October.

We hope you enjoy our winter newsletter highlighting just some of the special moments over the last few months. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and relaxing Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Professor Helen Whelton

Head of College of Medicine & Health
University College Cork



Q&A



Prof. Paula O'Leary

Head of School of Medicine

What was the highlight at School of Medicine, UCC this year & why?

There have been so many, I find it hard to choose just one. The School, its staff and our students never fail to amaze me. Please accept apologies if I have missed out on anything huge! I really enjoyed the Bright Futures Day earlier in the year. It was lively, vibrant and different. The students were terrific. I learnt a lot. I enjoyed the personal pieces from the panel - Katalin Kariko was the icing on the cake. Great too to see such HRB success recently for Medical Education team led ably by Prof Deirdre Bennett-med Ed is at the core of what we do but is just developing as a research area. This award is a huge boost to our growing team. On a personal level, graduation day was especially memorable for personal reasons. A new generation of the family joining the profession!

What are you looking forward to next year?

A holiday - hopefully early in the year

One key piece of advice you would give to medical graduates?

There is no rush to the next step. Take your time, tread carefully and listen, to people you trust and admire.

Do you have a favourite festive tradition?

I love lighting the candle with the family on Christmas Eve and hoping for a good

future free of trouble and strife. A lull in the madness of it all.

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Favourite book, podcast, movie you enjoyed this year and why?

I loved Poor by Katherine O'Sullivan - what a story and a huge insight for an educator into in-built difficulties of poverty and disadvantage. An inspiration.

Who inspires you in the area of medicine and why?

That's really too hard - there are so many. I am always inspired by the very many colleagues who go out, do the job, care quietly and make a difference day on day. Thank you to all of them.



Q&A



Prof. Brendan Griffin

Head of School of Pharmacy

What was the highlight at School of Pharmacy, UCC this year & why? Jack Kavanagh, one of Ireland's leading speakers focusing on Mental & Emotional Wellbeing and Diverse Abilities as our keynote speaker at the 2023 School Assembly. Jack's presentation to our students and staff was inspirational.

What are you looking forward to next year? Next year's summer holidays!

Best piece of advice you have ever been given? What's meant for you won't pass you by.

One key piece of advice you would give to pharmacy graduates? Never stop learning, and always seek to improve!

Do you have a favourite festive tradition? No specific favourite - I like the whole lot!

Favourite book, podcast, movie you enjoyed this year and why? Painkiller - a Netflix series about Purdue Pharma's role in fuelling America's opioid crisis!

Who inspires you in the area of pharmacy and why? The School of Pharmacy celebrated its 20 year anniversary this year and I had the opportunity to track down some of our alumni! I found it inspiring to learn about the great career achievements of our graduates over the last 20 years.



School of Pharmacy welcomed one of Ireland's leading motivational speakers Jack Kavanagh to the School Assembly. L/R Peter Kavanagh, Jack Kavanagh, Prof. Abina Crean and Prof. Brendan Griffin, Head of School of Pharmacy.



Q&A



Prof. Ella Arensman

Head of School of Public Health

What was the highlight at School of Public Health, UCC this year & why?

Over the past year, we have seen a significant increase in the number of students interested in Public Health, with the Masters in Public Health attracting students from all continents. Whilst this is overall a positive development, there are implications for the staff's workload, which we have started to address proactively and systematically.

From a research and development perspective, staff members of the School of Public Health have demonstrated extraordinary achievements in successful research grants at both national and international and at both early, mid-career and senior level, which is a very encouraging development in terms of both research quality and leadership in Public Health and Public Mental Health.

What are you looking forward to next year?

Resolving any outstanding capacity and workload related issues at both teaching and research level and addressing key priorities that staff members agreed upon at the School's Strategic Away Day last June, by 'moving from discussion to action'.

I also look forward to increased incorporation of Public Health's methodological expertise across the UCC Futures areas.

Best piece of advice you have ever been given?

The statement: "Nothing is a Problem". This has helped me and other colleagues over the years, to proactively approach any problems (as opposed to ignoring), and to remain focused and persistent on resolving any problems, regardless of the impact and time it may take to find the best solution. It also gives you the mental space to explore all options.

One key piece of advice you would give to graduates?

For students in general, I would recommend planning internships and workplace experience opportunities carefully aligned with your interests and future plans and look out for inspiring mentors during the different study phases and your career development.

For students in Public Health, I would like to underline that you made the right decision to choose Public Health in a time where public health priorities, public health emergencies and public mental health are gaining momentum that we have never seen before.

Do you have a favourite festive tradition?

I enjoy being with my family, without needing to think about or plan travel. For my son Jules, who has Down Syndrome, Christmas is a magic time and highlight of the year, which makes Christmas for us as a family even more special.

Favourite book, podcast, movie you enjoyed this year and why?

An Irish Goodbye, with James Martin becoming the first leading actor with Down Syndrome in an Oscar-winning film. The film is amazing and close to my heart.

Who inspires you in the area of public health and why?

It has always been very inspiring and encouraging to work with colleagues in different settings and internationally, and I've had access to great mentors over the years.

Professor Jan Groen, a leader in Psychosomatic Medicine and Public Mental Health, whom I met at Leiden University, The Netherlands in 1987, was an inspiring mentor and I felt privileged to be part of the working groups that he led, involving researchers, students, patients and healthcare professionals, which he had initiated since the early 1950s. Without specifying it as such, he was already conducting interdisciplinary research and involved people with lived experience back then. He led these working groups with great passion until he died at the age of 87.



Q&A



Prof. Paul Brady

Head of Dental School & Hospital

What was the highlight at Dental School and Hospital, UCC this year & why?

UCC invested in a new electronic patient record for CUDSH which was introduced in early August. This has completely modernised our patient record keeping, created efficiencies and will support patient based research. It was an enormous task and I am heartened by the way in which all of our UCC Dental team across the school enthusiastically engaged with the project.

What are you looking forward to next year?

Development and continued integration of digital dentistry into teaching and learning within the school.

Best piece of advice you have ever been given?

There have been many but one that is perhaps relevant to what we are doing at present is "Quality is remembered long after the price has been forgotten". We strive for the very highest quality of treatment and service at UCC's Dental School in the hope that our graduates take this ethos with them as respectful, ambitious, compassionate and highly skilled global citizens.

One key piece of advice you would give to dental graduates?

Know your limitations! You may have departed UCC as a student, but as alumni you are part of a global UCC family and we are always here to help and advise!

Do you have a favourite festive tradition?

The Christmas candle is one of my favourites

Favourite book, podcast, movie you enjoyed this year and why?

Ireland's Wild Islands presented by Eoin Warner. I have a love of nature and having sailed around some of our coast, I have experienced myself snippets of what is happening in the show.

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Who inspires you in the area of dentistry and why?

Professor Finbarr Allen. He has been Dean in Cork and Singapore dental schools. I am very lucky that Finbarr is back working with us in Cork. Finbarr is a great support to me in my role as Dean and an inspiration with his research, teaching and clinical activities.



Q&A



Prof Nicole Müller

Head of School of Clinical Therapies

What was the highlight at School of Clinical Therapies this year & why?

Too many highlights to pick only one – we've had some great success in research funding, for example. A personal highlight was the COMET conference (International Conference on Communication, Medicine, and Ethics). I chaired the scientific and organising committee for that and we had participation from each School in the College, and beyond. The conference involved circa. 150 presentations, with presenters from 20 countries around the world.

What are you looking forward to next year?

We're looking forward to welcoming our new Professor and Head of OSOT, who will join us all the way from Sydney, Australia in mid-December.

Best piece of advice you have ever been given?

I honestly wouldn't know what to pick.

One key piece of advice you would give to graduates?

As a new graduate, don't think you'll be expected to have all the answers. Nobody knows it all. To the more experienced graduates: We WILL be in touch about placements!

Do you have a favourite festive tradition?

I avoid the festive season as much as I can (so I guess festivity-avoidance is a tradition in our household).

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Favourite book, podcast, movie you enjoyed this year and why?

I'm not a movie buff, but I read all the time – too many things to pick from.

Who inspires you in the area of clinical therapies or medicine and why?

All those students, especially mature students who return to education sometimes after many years of pursuing other goals, who manage to get their degrees and qualification while juggling multiple responsibilities around raising families, caring for relatives, maintaining an income.



Q&A



Prof. Patricia Leahy-Warren

Head of School of Nursing & Midwifery

What was the highlight at School of Nursing & Midwifery this year & why?

Being ranked the No 1 School in the country which is a testament to the quality of our teaching and learning and our reputation for excellence in research. This has recently been reinforced by staff in the School being awarded prestigious research grants. One from the Health Research Board which seeks to maximise support for breastfeeding for sustainable population health and wellbeing and an EU Horizon project which will pioneer palliative care for people with dementia in nursing homes across Europe.

What are you looking forward to next year?

Watching our students being stretched to reach their full potential while enjoying their college and clinical experiences as they grow into the future leaders in healthcare.

Best piece of advice you have ever been given?

You only get one chance at life so dream big, be bold and take the opportunities.

One key piece of advice you would give to nursing and midwifery graduates?

Be kind to yourselves, be kind to each other (colleagues) and be kind to your patients/clients.

Do you have a favourite festive tradition?

Visiting the Cork Christmas markets with my family every year.

Favourite book: I AM PILGRIM by Terry Hayes -

A thriller that is both complex and while lengthy, it definitely keeps your interest.

Favourite podcast: Definitely ZOE Science & Nutrition-all about the science of nutrition, exercise and staying healthy.

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Favourite movie: Not a screen person either big or small but I like to listen to all genres of music from pop, rock to trad and classical.

Who inspires you in the area of nursing and midwifery and why?

My clinical colleagues who work 24/7, 365 days a year at the frontline under all and very difficult conditions around the world, including pandemics and wars such as Ukraine and Gaza as people always need nursing care and babies are always being born and women need midwives.



Q&A



Prof. Helen Whelton

Head of College of
Medicine and Health

What was the highlight at College of Medicine and Health this year & why?

Difficult to choose one single highlight at the College of Medicine and Health this year it was an incredibly successful year. We have had such fantastic progress in terms of development and launching of new programmes, growth in interprofessional learning, brilliant research progress and grant funding success amongst colleagues and we were very pleased with the success in promotional rounds.

What are you looking forward to next year?

On the home front, I am eagerly anticipating the return of my daughter after her two-year stint in Australia. Christmas promises to be exceptionally joyous with her reunion, joined by my other daughter, her husband, and our adorable first grandchild, Peter, who was born last April. Additionally, the imminent homecoming of my son from Tokyo adds to the festive excitement. On the work front next year I am looking forward to the continued development of the College and to the arrival of recently recruited senior colleagues, establishment of the Joint Research Office between the University and the HSE and to the development of the Academic Health Sciences partnership between the university and the health service. Our collective efforts to facilitate patient focused and other health research within the health service will have a positive impact on health outcomes.

Best piece of advice you have ever been given?

Never give up! Don't be put off by early setbacks. Keep pursuing your goals.

One key piece of advice you would give to CoMH graduates?

Don't waste time worrying about things that might never happen. Quite often we are inhibited in doing things because we worry about what might go wrong. Think about the worse thing that could happen, have your contingency plan and park it. The important thing is to keep moving forward.

Do you have a favourite festive tradition?

I love everything about Christmas. It is a special family time, a time to really unplug and enjoy being at home and taking time out with your loved ones.

Favourite book, podcast, movie you enjoyed this year and why?

My favourite book, 'The Covenant of Water' by Abraham Verghese. I listened to it on audio. It comes

in three sections. I loved it. It is written by a medic in the University of Stanford and gives a real insight into progress in medicine and to human understanding. He peppers it with new approaches to innovation and surgery but in a very accessible way for general readership. It is a powerful, really nice philosophical thinking, beautifully written and beautifully narrated by the author.

Who inspires you in the area of healthcare and why?

This is a difficult one as so many inspire me it is very hard to pick one individual. I am constantly inspired by colleagues in healthcare, at their commitment to their vocation. So many inspire me with their commitment to service and clinical excellence, they work nights and weekends to support people who need them. Many of these colleagues are also research active generating and implementing new knowledge and best evidence for patient care. In addition, our colleagues are alert to the need to maintain the skills pipeline and create new courses and programmes where the needs of the service require it. Moreover, many of them work nationally and internationally leading on strategy and policy, research.

We are very lucky to have a lot of such colleagues in this region and I would genuinely say I am constantly inspired by them. It is an absolute privilege to work with such talented people. That is why it is so difficult to think of any one person because there are so many.

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CoMH Futures Research Conference

A great day when researchers and academics at the College of Medicine and Health showcase their work at our annual CoMH Futures Research Conference.

This year's conference theme 'Futures' to reflect the launch of UCC Futures, an ambitious new programme of research prioritisation as part of UCC's Strategic Plan 2023 - 2028.

Speakers included:

- **Professor Keelin O'Donoghue**, Pregnancy Loss Research Group based at the INFANT Centre and the Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at UCC on '*Pregnancy Loss & Perinatal Death: Evidence & Impact to inform policy and practice*'
- **Dr Pauline Frizelle**, Senior Lecturer, School of Clinical Therapies on '*Implementing a targeted selective speech, language and communication Intervention - the case of Happy Talk*',
- **Professor Subrata Ghosh**, Chair and Head of Medicine UCC on '*Precision Medicine in Non-Neoplastic Diseases - Opportunities and Challenges*'
- **Professor Eugene Dempsey**, Horgan Chair in Neonatology, INFANT Centre UCC and Consultant Neonatologist at CUMH on '*Insights into Neonatal Adaptation: The Importance of Crying*'
- **Professor Caitriona O'Driscoll**, Professor and Chair of Pharmaceuticals in the School of Pharmacy UCC on '*Future Medicines and research collaborations across the University*'.



To find out more visit: https://lnkd.in/eV_b254k



Prof Yvonne Nolan, Dr Angela Flynn, Head of CoMH Prof Helen Whelton, President of UCC Prof John O'Halloran and Prof Gerard O'Keeffe.





Celebrating Our Quercus Students

We were delighted to celebrate the achievements of 36 of our students who received Quercus College Scholarships at the Dr. Dora Allman Room, UCC in October.

The Quercus College Scholarships acknowledge the **academic achievement** of students who have achieved top marks in the CoMH examinations of summer 2023.

The event was a great afternoon of celebration for **students, friends** and **family** with students from as far away as Canada and the Philippines receiving scholarships.

The College also celebrated Olga Andriyashchenko, a third-year student **School of Pharmacy**, UCC from Carrigaline, Co. Cork on becoming Quercus University Academic Scholar for the College of Medicine and Health.

Head of College Professor **Helen Whelton** congratulated all the recipients commended them on their remarkable achievements.

“Success requires a diverse skill set, meaning that those who come out on top must truly be all-rounders. Congratulations to you all. Teamwork and working together is so important in the healthcare sector, good communication skills, empathy are skills that will bring you a long way”



More here: <https://lnkd.in/eevr7pjs>

Prof. Brendan Griffin, Prof. Ella Arensman, Prof. Nicole Müller, Prof. Helen Whelton, Prof. Patricia Leahy-Warren, Prof. Paula O'Leary, Prof. Paul Brady



*Prof. Brendan Griffin, Olga Andriyashchenko
and Prof. Helen Whelton*



Quercus College Scholarships.

 Images: **Tomás Tyner**



Our students come together for ‘Understanding Dementia Together – An Interprofessional Approach’ workshop

Over 160 multidisciplinary healthcare students from 10 different disciplines across the College of Medicine and Health attended ‘Understanding Dementia Together – An Interprofessional Approach’ in October.



L-R: Professor Helen Whelton, Ms Ann Twomey, Director of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Professor Tony Foley and Professor Nicole Muller. Photo By Tomas Tyner, UCC.

In her opening address Professor Helen Whelton, Head of the College of Medicine and Health congratulated all involved said: “it is wonderful to see this interprofessional workshop run again this year. This is the fifth year of this excellent unique event and it continues to go from strength to strength represents a unique opportunity for students from multiple healthcare disciplines across the college to come together to learn about dementia and importantly to learn from, with and about each other’s skills in this area.

“Dementia impacts the lives of so many people. We know figures are growing”.

This collaborative approach she said will ensure that patients with dementia get timely, individualised and appropriate care throughout all stages of their care.

Professor Tony Foley, Department of General Practice said: “we need a structured, multidisciplinary model of care rather than reactive care for the many people living with dementia in Ireland. Dementia needs to be part of a National Structured Chronic Disease Management Programme. Great to see so many students from College of Medicine and Health here today collaborating, learning, sharing their skills and expertise”.



Read more here:

[News | University College Cork \(ucc.ie\)](https://news.ucc.ie)



Professor Tony Foley, Trish O'Sullivan, Niamh Moore, Prof. Nicole Müller.

Staff and students taking part in CoMH 'Understanding Dementia Together Workshop





COMH NEWS

Clinical Commencement Ceremony 2023

Nearly one year on celebrating these students - the School of Medicine Clinical Commencement Ceremony which took place earlier this year to mark the 2021/2022 class. These students have moved from the predominantly campus-based learning with focus on medical sciences supported by simulated clinical learning to a predominantly clinical professional education delivered through clinical placements.

Lots of happy faces to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the Medicine degree programme. On the day there were circa over 300 students and their guests to mark the event.

Professor Paula O' Leary congratulated all on the accomplishment and importance of getting to this stage. She highlighted how privileged we are to have access to clinical sites all over the country, to staff and most importantly patients for the purpose of developing as medical practitioners.

Prof Helen Whelton introduced and thanked our guest speaker Dr. Suzanne Crowe, president

of the Medical Council of Ireland. Dr. Crowe provided an inspiring speech to all and highlighted the importance of professionalism and incorporating this throughout their training and career.

Heads of department along with clinical site leads joined on the day.



Photos available at:
[Clinical Commencement Ceremony](#)





CONGRATULATIONS

Prof. Marietta Iacucci

Congratulations to Prof. Marietta Iacucci, Professor in Gastroenterology has been nominated as a coveted member of the International Organisation for Study of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IOIBD). A membership limited to 60 globally, recognising IBD researchers of highest calibre worldwide Prof. Iacucci will be the only active member in Ireland.



Dr Janas Harrington

Congratulations to Dr Janas Harrington on being awarded an EU ERA4Health grant: "FOOD systems and policy PATHways for equal population nutrition in Europe (FOODPATH)".

The project will have a duration of 36 months and has partners in The Netherlands, Belgium, Poland, Italy and Turkey.



Prof Paul Ross

Congratulations to Prof Paul Ross, APC Microbiome Ireland who has won the Science Foundation Ireland Researcher of the Year Award 2023.



Read more here:

[Latest News | University College Cork \(ucc.ie\)](#)



Congratulations to our three CoMH researchers awarded HRF funding to address key national public health priorities.



A community-based falls management exercise programme, improved care for chronic diseases and a new referral process for patients with suspected dementia from general practice to specialist care have been awarded funding from the Health Research Board's Applied Partnership Awards. Our three researchers received a total of €700,000 in funding to address national health care priorities for those who need them most.



Read more here:

[News | University College Cork \(ucc.ie\)](#)

L-R): Dr Linda O'Keefe, Professor Tony Foley, Dr Ruth McCullagh. Image credit: Ruben Martinez (UCC).



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Professor Mark McEntee recently appointed Vice Head for Learning and Teaching at College of Medicine and Health.



Read more here:
[News | University College Cork \(ucc.ie\)](https://news.ucc.ie)

Congratulations to APC Microbiome Ireland - 13 APC researchers rank on the 2023 Clarivate Highly Cited Researchers List

Read more here:
[News | University College Cork \(ucc.ie\)](https://news.ucc.ie)



Congratulations to all at School of Clinical Therapies awarded first Athena Swan Bronze Award.

Pictured here Dr. Ciara O'Toole and Prof. Nicole Müller, Head of School of Clinical Therapies.



CONGRATULATIONS

School of Pharmacy Celebrating 20 years of success

The School of Pharmacy is 20 years in operation this year. The School itself was built as a state of the art pharmacy building encompassing lecture theatres, laboratory and research spaces and more recently especially designed flexible learning spaces. Since its establishment, the School has grown from strength to strength. Through the academic excellence of our degree programmes and pioneering research of our staff, we work collaboratively with our healthcare partners in community pharmacy, hospitals and the pharmaceutical industry, to prepare graduates who provided skilled, compassionate and evidence-based pharmaceutical care.

UCC recently moved into the 'Top 100' QS World University Subject Rankings in 'Pharmacy and Pharmacology' demonstrating the excellence of our research and education in pharmacy related disciplines, which is critical to addressing future healthcare needs of our society.

In addition the School is delighted to be launching the School's Vision and Implementation Plan for the next 5 years, setting out ambitious goals mirroring the University's overall strategic plan.

Professor Brendan Griffin, Head of School stated that this latest implementation plan will be important for sustaining the School's trajectory of providing 'best-in-class' academic programmes and pioneering research within a dynamic global university.



Congratulations to our School of Pharmacy BPharm & MPharm graduates.



Out and About



Well done to all on an excellent Grand Rounds at Cork University Hospital to Anne Marie Cusack (CNM1 Clinical Trials Research Unit), Prof. Jack Gleeson, Stephanie Corkery (Lead Physio), Anita Cahill (Prostrate ANP) and Katie Johnston (Lead Dietician)



Dr. Maria Dononvan, School of Pharmacy and our College Manager Dr. Susan Rafferty-McArdle at a civic reception for Marymount University Hospital & Hospice International Conference 'Reflections & Projections' in October.



Michelle Power, Quercus Talented Students Programme presenting Dr. Paul O'Donovan with his Alumni Achievement Award.



Breakthrough Cancer Research Winter Ball at Fota Island Resort. Funds raised will make much needed advances in cancer research.



Our College Manager Dr. Susan Rafferty-McArdle and team delighted to welcome delegation from the Shanghai Hospital Development Centre (SHDC), China to University College Cork. SHDC manages the operation of 38 hospitals in Shanghai and is responsible for international relations, partnerships with universities worldwide.



Great to welcome Prof. Clare Guidling from Newcastle University for our EDI Steering Committee seminar 'Inclusive Teaching Approaches in Healthcare Education' with Prof. Róisín Kelly-Laubscher and Dr. Ciara O'Toole, School of Clinical Therapies.

Celebration to mark five years of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy at UCC.



Congratulations to Louise Callanan, eHealth Director and CIO South West, Assistant National Director Health Service Executive awarded #STEMWomenoftheYearAward photographed here with Professor John R Higgins, CEO the South/South West Hospital Group. Congratulations to all.



Congratulations to Dr. Helen Hynes, School of Medicine who received an Exceptional Citizen Award with Brid O'Neill and Danielle Byrne, UCC President Prof. John O'Halloran for her work helping medical students displaced from Ukraine by war.



Pictured are attendees at a dinner in the Aula Maxima this month to celebrate 5th Anniversary of establishing the Discipline of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy at UCC. Professor Mark McEntee, Head of the discipline, hosted the event and had guests including Deputy Colm Burke TD, Jenny Grehan, President of the Irish Institute of Radiography and Radiation Therapy, Professor Adrian Brady, Chair of the Board of Directors ESR, Dr Andrew England, President of the European Federation of Radiography Societies, Prof Helen Welton, Head of COMH, Prof Paula O'Leary, Dean of Medicine, and many other esteemed guests.



Enjoying conferrings recently at School of Nursing and Midwifery





Celebrating QS Rankings

2023 has been a tremendous year for the School of Nursing and Midwifery. We learned early in the year that the School has been ranked an impressive Number 1 in Ireland and 33rd in the world in the QS Subject Rankings 2023 for the subject of Nursing. This subject ranking was also the highest ranking for any UCC School or Department. The top 50 Global QS ranking for Nursing by subject reflects positively on the school's employer reputation, academic reputation, and research impact.

The School is very proud to have maintained this top 50 ranking and is proud of all the colleagues who have worked so hard to keep our ranking so high through active and relevant scholarship.

Really great news also recently for 'Dentistry & Oral Sciences' is now UCC's Top ranked subject in subject Shanghai rankings. UCC maintained its rank of 51-75 in the ranking. In Ireland both UCC and TCD are now in the 51-75 category.



<https://www.shanghairanking.com/rankings/gras/2023/RS0403>



Staff Recognition Awards

A number of School of Nursing and Midwifery staff received Staff Recognition Awards from the President, Professor John O Halloran in October. The Frank McGrath Perpetual Award for Wellbeing and Welfare was awarded to all

the Fellows of the id+ project, which included Dr Maria Caples, Dr Caroline Dalton, and Dr Anne-Marie Martin. Mr Donal O Riordan, Facilities Management, BHSC also received the Outstanding Colleague Award.



Left to Right Dr. Anne-Marie Martin, Mr Donal O' Riordan, Dr. Maria Caples, Dr. Carolin Dalton



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Carol Condon, School of Nursing and Midwifery awarded President's Award for Excellence in Teaching photographed here with the President Professor John O'Halloran and her husband Michael and son Luke. Also with Prof. Patricia Leahy-Warren and Prof. Helen Whelton.



Congratulations to Liz Ahern (25 years) and to Regina Murphy (35 years), School of Nursing & Midwifery who received President's Long Service Awards. Photographed here with Prof. Patricia Leahy-Warren, Head of School of Nursing & Midwifery.



Congratulations to Prof. Liam Fanning, (Director, Molecular Virology Diagnostic & Research Laboratory) on receiving the Exceptional Citizen Award at the recent UCC Staff Recognition Awards. Photographed with Prof. Patricia Leahy-Warren, Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery and Meadhbh Fanning. Well done to Prof. Fanning and all the other nominees.





School of Pharmacy marks World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2023

The School of Pharmacy 'went Blue' and hosted a healthy coffee morning to promote World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2023 and raise awareness of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

The event highlights the School of Pharmacy staff and students research in the area of Antimicrobials, AMR and Antimicrobial Stewardship combined with exciting prizes providing the backdrop to a very enjoyable and educational coffee break.

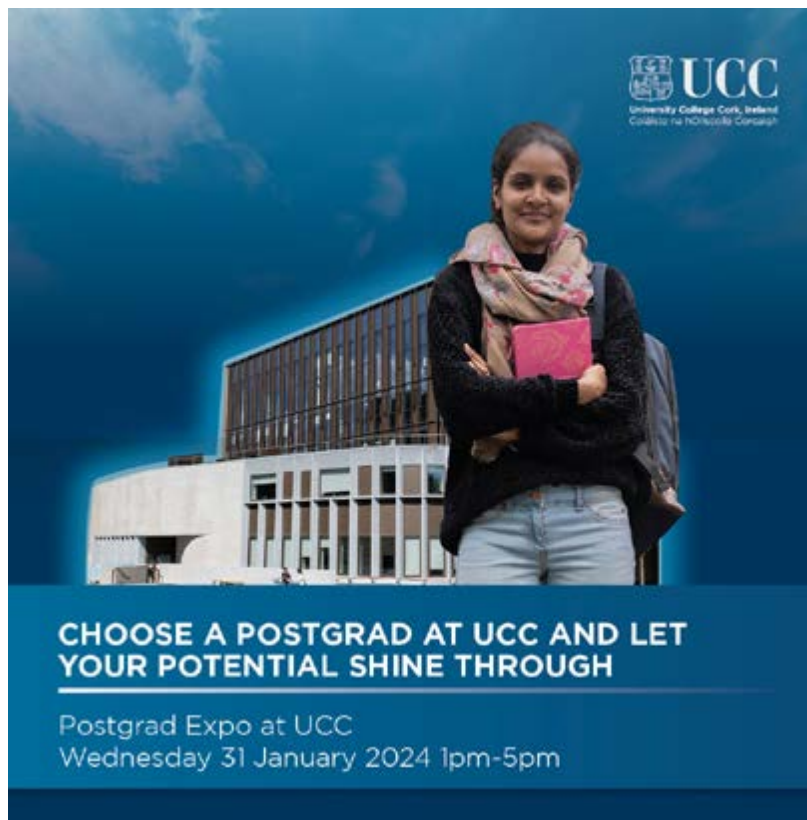
World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) aims to increase awareness of global antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and to encourage best practices among the general public, health workers and policy makers to avoid the further emergence and spread of drug-resistant infections.



L/R: Dr Aoife Fleming, Professor Cormac Gahan, Dr Teresa Barbosa



For Science Week chef Catherine Fulvio teamed up with APC Microbiome Ireland SFI Research Centre for 'Meals for Microbiome' a microbiome friendly cooking demonstration prelude by a panel discussion on the health and wellbeing benefits of eating fermented foods by APC researchers Prof Paul Cotter and Dr Elizabeth Schneider, all MC'd by sports personality Daire O'Brien



To find out more and to register, visit <https://www.ucc.ie/en/pg-expo/>



Landmark publication calls for increased attention to workplace mental health

The School of Public Health UCC and The National Suicide Foundation Ireland recently presented landmark research which calls for increased attention to workplace mental health.

Dr Birgit Greiner and Prof **Ella Arensman**, Head of School of Public Health co-authored **The Lancet** Series on work and health with **academics** from universities in Europe, Japan and Australia.

The landmark scientific article highlights the link between exposure to adverse working conditions and the risk of depressive disorders.

Dr. **Birgit Greiner** presented its findings at the **World Health Summit** in Berlin in October.



Link to the Lancet Article here:
<https://lnkd.in/ekk9GAGC>



More here:
<https://lnkd.in/ex8E4jD5>

Links to media coverage here:

- **RTÉ, Ireland's National Broadcaster, highlights the findings [here](#).**
- **[Irish Examiner](#)**
- **[Irish Times: Mental health issues should be a greater priority in workplaces](#)**



Dr Birgit Greiner and Professor Ella Arensman, UCC School of Public Health. Image credit: Rubén Tapia/UCC



School of Public Health researchers awarded €1.9 million research funding in Health Research Board Postdoctoral Fellowship schemes.

Five post-doctoral researchers at UCC's School of Public Health have received a total of €1.9 million in funding to investigate and find solutions for public health challenges.

High blood pressure during pregnancy, strategies for preventing drug overdose and the factors associated with suicide risk in older adults are among the health and social care research projects to receive funding from the Health Research Board's Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme.

The five funded post-doctoral researchers are:

- **Dr Susan Calnan:** *Improving public health through better implementation of alcohol policy: A multimethod study examining and addressing the factors influencing successful implementation.* This research will provide evidence to help policymakers and stakeholders to better understand factors that influence the successful implementation of public health alcohol policy and look at ways to improve these factors so that alcohol policies are effectively implemented to help reduce harms from alcohol.
- **Dr Caroline Daly:** *RESTRICt - REducing intentional overdose: a mixed methods STudy of means RestrIcTion interventions.* Submitted under the National Suicide Research Foundation

- UCC Memorandum of Collaboration, this research aims to prevent intentional overdose by studying the impact of measures to restrict access to drugs. Delivered by a team of individuals from different disciplines including mental health professionals, policy makers, researchers and people with experiences of self-harm, findings from this research will provide a comprehensive understanding of intentional overdose in Ireland and inform future measures to restrict access to drugs and to prevent self-harm and suicide.

- **Dr Fiona Riordan:** *Identifying social determinants and mapping organisational and personal networks to enhance community support for people living with multimorbidity.* With people from disadvantaged communities developing chronic health conditions earlier in life, this project aims to find ways to better support people living with multiple conditions within disadvantaged areas in Ireland, and discuss the findings with a range of stakeholders, including policymakers, healthcare managers and representatives from non-clinical community services.
- **Dr Isabela Troya:** *Revisiting suicide prevention in later life: human-centred approaches in an*

ageing Ireland. Annually in Ireland, over 400 people die by suicide and a further 12,000 are hospitalised following self-harm, of which 15% are older adults. The aim of this study is to improve the understanding of factors associated with self-harm and suicide risk in older adults aged >60 and thus co-produce clinical and policy guidance to reduce suicidal behaviour in older adults. Submitted under the National Suicide Research Foundation - UCC Memorandum of Collaboration, this research should help strengthen and inform national suicide prevention strategies.

- **Dr Peter Barrett:** *An investigation of the long-term impact of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy on maternal health, and exploration of optimal models of follow-up care for affected women in Ireland.* This research will answer some of the uncertainties regarding long-term risks following high blood pressure during pregnancy, using existing large-scale datasets of over 2 million mothers in Sweden and follow their progress post pregnancy for up to 48 years.



Read more here:
[Latest News | University College Cork \(ucc.ie\)](https://ucc.ie)



Dr. Harriett Byrne and Ms. Siobhan Gaynor (patient advocate) at this year's European Society of Medical Oncology in Madrid.



Scale-Up4Rehab Project at School of Clinical Therapies

Our School of Clinical Therapies saw the launch of the Scale-Up4Rehab project which represents a major advance in the digitalization of rehabilitation across Europe. Dr Joseph McVeigh, Head of Discipline of Physiotherapy and Mr David Murphy from School of Computer Science & Information Technology at UCC were partners in a successful Interreg North-West Europe (NWE) grant with a total budget of €10.8 million across 13 European partners. The Scale-Up4Rehab project aims to develop an open NWE virtual rehabilitation 'clinic' similar in design to platforms such as Netflix, through which existing virtual rehabilitation therapies will be piloted and scaled-up. The goal is to provide a platform that offers access to virtual rehabilitation therapies for those in need.





World leaders and national experts convened at the national Pancreatic Cancer Symposium hosted by **Cancer Research @UCC**. This collaborative event was organised by our Inaugural Chair of Radiation Oncology and Consultant Oncologist **Cork University Hospitals Group**, Prof. **Aisling Barry** and Senior Lecturer in Clinical Education UCC and Consultant Medical Oncologist **Bon Secours** Hospital Group Dr **Brian Bird**.

Great insights and contributions from so many including keynote speakers:

Ms. Pamela Deasy, a pancreatic cancer survivor and a Masters Student at **University College Cork** spoke about her **cancer** and her successful **treatment** at Bon Secours Cork and MUH/CUH

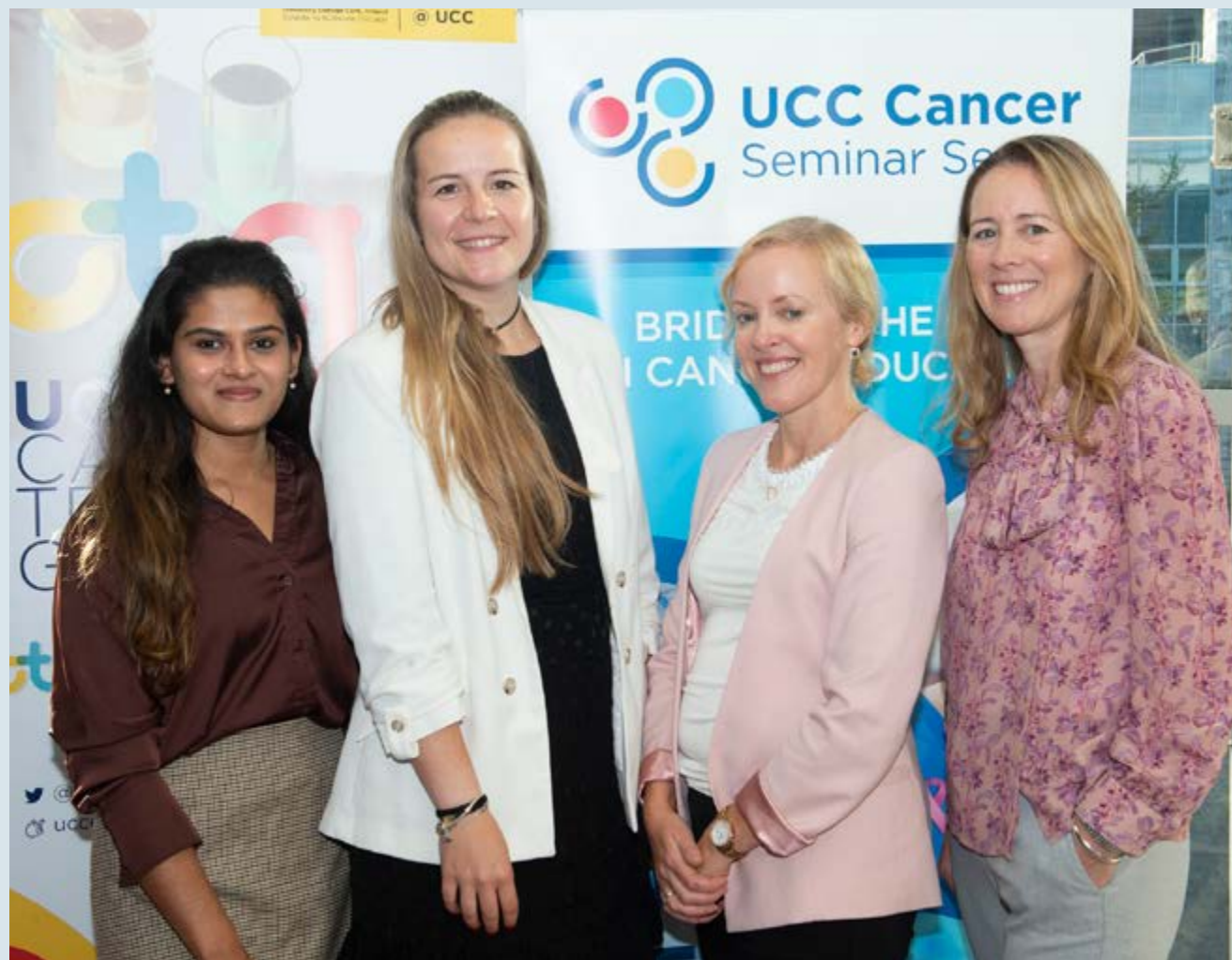
Prof. Eileen O'Reilly, a Trinity graduate based in New York and one of the leading international specialists in this **disease** shared her work including mentoring Irish medical **oncologists** during their training

Leading Radiation Oncologist Dr. **Eva Versteijne** and HPB Surgeon Mr **Bas Groot Koerkamp**, spoke about state of the art care and their practice changing studies.

Prof. **Grainne O'Kane MB, BCH, BAO, MRCPI, MD, St James's Hospital Dublin** spoke about the genetics of **pancreatic cancer**.

Dr Risteard O'Laoide, Director of the National Cancer Control Program, Prof **Seamus O'Reilly**, Clinical Trials Ireland and the Pat Smullen Fund and **Dr Frances Drummond Breakthrough Cancer Research** shared their expertise.

Thank you to all and to all those who attended.



Miss Sasna Saji Thomas, Cancer Research @UCC, Dr Laia Raigal, Cancer Research @UCC, Ms Claire Forde, Cancer Research @UCC, Professor Aisling Barry Chair of Radiation Oncology, (UCC) and Consultant Oncologist Cork University Hospital (CUH),



More here:
<https://lnkd.in/eNFfM4jC>



Meet Carol Walsh, Head of Development, College of Medicine and Health



Carol Walsh

Head of Development,
College of Medicine and Health

Can you tell us about your role with the College of Medicine and Health and the work you do with Alumni and Development.

I am part of the [Alumni and Development Team](#) and I work closely with the College of Medicine and Health. Our role is to keep alumni, donors, supporters and friends connected to the university. We organise events, send out e-newsletters and fundraise. We encourage

CoMH staff to collaborate with us to leverage stakeholder expertise and experiences, cultivate philanthropic opportunities for various initiatives, enhance the CoMH reputation through showcasing successful alumni, facilitate mentorship for current students, and create a sense of loyalty among the College's alumni community.

My key focus is on securing gifts for the CoMH and championing the impact of philanthropy across the university.

Whether it's empowering students to realise their potential via scholarships, awards and bursaries or accelerating groundbreaking medical research, the projects we raise funds for have a significant and enduring impact.

This is accomplished by cultivating meaningful relationships with alumni, industry partners, trusts and foundations, seeking common ground to develop partnerships that generate impact for all involved. Additionally, collaborating with colleagues in the Alumni Relations and Development team and across the university, I implement donor stewardship strategies to ensure we recognise the impact that philanthropy has.

What was a highlight for you this year?

Earlier this year the [Cerebral Palsy Foundation](#) (CPF) launched their Programme of Excellence in Ireland in tandem with their generous support of €1.6 million and partnership with

the [INFANT Research Centre](#), here in UCC. This enabled the appointment of the first Chair in Early Brain Injury and Cerebral Palsy Professor Deirdre Murray announced in October, this is a key strategic appointment that will revolutionise research outcomes for people living with cerebral palsy.

I had the privilege of playing a role in bringing this donation to fruition. This partnership between the CPF and UCC has tremendous potential to create a lasting and transformational impact for individuals and families affected by cerebral palsy.

What supports are there for staff across CoMH planning to work with sponsors? How does this work?

Cork University Foundation and the Alumni and Development Office are responsible for all donations/sponsorships coming into the university and we must have oversight and involvement where appropriate to ensure good governance, compliance and stewardship practices in relation to the management of these donations/sponsorships and relationships. Cork University Foundation (CUF) was established in 1996. It is a registered charity that helps the University advance its strategic goals and fundraise for agreed priorities.

I can assist in identifying potential sponsors aligned with your goals and values and provide the necessary insights and support to complete the relevant due diligence governance and



compliance procedures required to mitigate any risk in accepting sponsorship income. Additionally, I provide guidance on supporter stewardship to build and maintain lasting connections with sponsors over time. I also ensure that donors and sponsors are appropriately recognised within the University's recognition scheme, such as special invitations to relevant events, listed on the donor roll of honour or featured in the annual [Philanthropy and Supporter Impact Report](#).

What are you looking forward to next year?

Philanthropy is important to UCC as the public purse will never be enough to pay for all of UCC's ambitions. Over the past year, I have been working with colleagues in CoMH on developing the key projects for philanthropy and I look forward to continued collaboration and bringing these projects to fruition.

I feel fortunate that I have the opportunity to meet so many interesting people in this role, from alumni, supporters and friends to internal colleagues across the University. Connecting with people is something I really enjoy - everyone has a story to tell.

As we head into a new year, I look forward to connecting with more supporters for the benefit of patient care in Ireland.

As a fundraising professional, I am here to help you and I look forward to you getting in touch.

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[Link here to the general donation page](#)

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L/R: Prof. Helen Whelton, Head of College of Medicine and Health, UCC, Lily Collison, Board Member and Advocate, Cerebral Palsy Foundation, Rachel Byrne, Executive Director, Cerebral Palsy Foundation and Prof. Geraldine Boylan, Director of INFANT, UCC.



Our researchers make global list of highly cited elite science list

Congratulations to the 14 UCC researchers featured in the Highly Cited Researchers 2023 list from Clarivate. The annual list features the researchers in the top 1% of the Web of Science citation index and recognises pioneers in their field whose citation records position them in the very highest strata of research influence and impact.

238 researchers globally have been named in two fields, including UCC's Professor Paul Ross, Professor John Cryan and Professor Timothy Dinan from APC Microbiome Ireland, a Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) Research Centre based here in UCC.

The global list features 7,125 researchers from 67 countries and regions this year – 3,793 in specific fields and 3,332 for cross-field impact. UCC researchers were recognised as global leaders in fields such as food, health, medicine, neonatology, neuroscience, psychiatry and psychology.



Read more here:
[News 2023 | University College Cork \(ucc.ie\)](#)



Graduate Studies
UCC College of Medicine and Health



Employment-based PhD Scholarships for Health Science Professionals

The College of Medicine and Health in conjunction with APC Microbiome Ireland and the INFANT Research Centre will offer six Employment-based PhD Scholarships* for Health Science Professionals in 2024.

*PhD registration fees plus a contribution to costs

Application
Deadline:
12 Jan 2024



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Employment-based PhD Scholarships (PhD Scholarship graphic to go here)

Great opportunity! College of Medicine and Health in conjunction with APC Microbiome Ireland and Infant Research Centre are offering six Employment-based PhD Scholarships for Health Science Professionals in 2024. Application deadline is 12th January. All the details are here: [Employment-based PhD Scholarships | University College Cork \(ucc.ie\)](#)



Scientists discover links between Alzheimer's disease and gut microbiota

The research was led by Professor Yvonne Nolan, [APC Microbiome Ireland](#), a world leading SFI funded research centre based at University College Cork (UCC), and the [Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience](#), UCC, with Professor Sandrine Thuret at King's College London and Dr Annamaria Cattaneo IRCCS Fatebenefratelli, Italy. The study supports the emergence of the gut microbiome as a key target for investigation in Alzheimer's disease due to its particular susceptibility to lifestyle and environmental influences.

[Published in Brain](#), the study shows that that the memory impairments in people with Alzheimer's could be transferred to young animals through transplant of gut microbiota. Alzheimer's patients had a higher abundance of inflammation-promoting bacteria in faecal samples, and these changes were directly associated with their cognitive status.



Read more here:

[Latest News | University College Cork \(ucc.ie\)](#)



(L-R): Dr Stefanie Grabrucker (a postdoctoral researcher) and Professor Yvonne Nolan, of APC Microbiome Ireland and the Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience. Photo credit: Ms Bereniece Riedewald.



Delaying umbilical cord clamping significantly reduces the risk of death in premature babies

Congratulations to INFANT researchers who are part of an international collaboration highlighting the benefits of deferred cord clamping in preterm infants. Waiting for two minutes to clamp the umbilical cord of a premature baby soon after birth could significantly reduce the risk of death relative to immediate clamping.

Researchers at the Irish Centre for Maternal and Child Health Research (INFANT) at University College Cork were part of the major international iCOMP collaboration which examined clinical trial data and outcomes of thousands of premature babies across the world.

Two trials conducted at Cork University Maternity Hospital contributed to this database, one of the world's largest databases in this research field, with over 60 studies and including more than 9,000 babies.

Their findings are published in [The Lancet](#).



Professor Eugene Dempsey, Horgan Chair in Neonatology, INFANT Centre UCC, who led the Irish trials said: "Until recently, the standard practice was to clamp the umbilical cord immediately after birth for premature babies. The findings from these reviews highlight the significant benefits of deferred cord clamping for preterm delivery, and it is clear now that except in rare circumstances, immediate clamping should be avoided."



Professor Geraldine Boylan, Director of INFANT Centre, commented on the findings: "The high-impact findings published in The Lancet emphasise the importance of global collaborative research and clearly demonstrates the impact of clinical trials on neonatal care and outcomes for premature babies."



Read more here:

[UCC research aims to improve survival rate for preterm babies \(siliconrepublic.com\)](https://www.siliconrepublic.com/health/ucc-research-aims-to-improve-survival-rate-for-preterm-babies)



The Impact of an Academic Health Sciences System.



Some of the attendees at a joint symposium of the Chief Academic Officers, Group Chief Executive Officers and Community Health Organisation Chief Officers of Ireland held at Farmleigh House earlier this year. Link to the Academic Health Science Systems report following these discussions here:



[Chief Academic Officer Group Report.pdf](#)



More here: [UCC Academic Health Sciences University College Cork](#)



Prof. David Burn and Prof Helen Whelton with CoMH staff and healthcare staff following a great discussion on 'The Impact of an Academic Health Sciences System: The Newcastle Experience'. Our thanks to Prof. David Burn, Director Newcastle Health Innovation Partners (NHIP) and Pro Vice Chancellor Medical Sciences, Newcastle University for sharing his insights in discussion with our Head of College Prof. Helen Whelton.



Finalists in the Health Innovation Hub Ireland FemTech Rapid Innovation Days Competition. The judges Professor John R Higgins and Dr Sally Cudmore awarded first place to Team Green for their STI related innovation. The team are now working with HHIP to develop their first prototype!



You're funded but are you ready to be FAIR?

The Clinical Research Facility-UCC in partnership with [Sonrai](#) (The Irish Data Stewardship Network) hosted the 'Data Management in Health Research: You're funded but are you ready to be FAIR?' symposium to help bring perspective to ongoing developments in the data management space and facilitate discussions.

Our Head of College Prof Helen Whelton also Chief Academic Officer, South/Southwest Hospital Group spoke to those gathered about the 'Emergence of an Academic Health Sciences System Research Infrastructure' with a focus on how integrating research infrastructure and data management at an early stage can have myriad benefits, highlighting, in particular, the strong work of the Statistics, Data & Analysis Unit within the Clinical Research Facility - UCC which is housed in the CoMH at UCC as part of the strong, ongoing commitment to research at the University.

Attendees heard from HSE, HRB, and SFI representatives, all working on efforts to improve the quality, impact, and reach of Irish health research data, along with some very productive panel sessions and discussion throughout the day. The session concluded with staff based in Public Health Scotland outlining their approaches to amalgamating health research data collection and dissemination.



Similar events will be held across Ireland in future, so keep an eye on the CRF-UCC Website and <https://datastewards.ie/> for any further updates.



Prof. Helen Whelton addresses a packed crowd about the important role of CRF-UCC



Dr. Darren Dahly addresses the pannel (L-R) Prof. Ivan Perry (CRF-UCC), Carole Morris (Public Health Scotland), Dr Oonagh Ward (HRB) & Dr Sharon Kappala (HRB)



Fresh approach to training to meet the needs of our Industry Partners

Great to see official launch of new MSc Industrial Pharmaceutical Sciences, Operations and Management course in September. And to meet its first cohort of students in September.

The development of this innovative course was led by Dr. **Evin Allen School of Pharmacy, UCC** offering a fresh approach to training to meet the needs of our Industry Partners.

Thank you **Mark Tangney Helen Whelton, Brendan Griffin, Anthony McDonnell Evin Allen Lauren Bari Michael Kilkelly Szemira Madani** and the rest of the **iEd Hub** team for making the delivery of this Masters Programme possible and of course the HEA-HCI Pillar 3!

Thank you to our guest speaker **Paul McCabe** COO of VLE Therapeutics Ltd and to Prof. Helen Whelton, Prof. Brendan Griffin and Prof. Mark Tangney for sharing their experience with students.



Images: **John Allen**

Course details here:
<https://lnkd.in/ecHaTAeX>

Link to video here:
https://lnkd.in/er2_wDhf



Evin Allen, Prof. Helen Whelton, Paul McCabe, Prof. Mark Tangney, Michael Kilkelly.





Welcome to our physiology students

The Department of Physiology was delighted to welcome the inaugural class to the launch of its new 2-year taught MSc degree in Clinical Measurement Physiology.

Dr Dervla O'Malley, the academic lead and Dr Brian McNamara, the clinical lead, along with academic and clinical staff specialising in the disciplines of cardiovascular physiology, respiratory physiology, neurophysiology and gastrointestinal physiology are supporting

students in developing the knowledge, skills, and professional attributes necessary to practice as Clinical Measurement Physiologists.

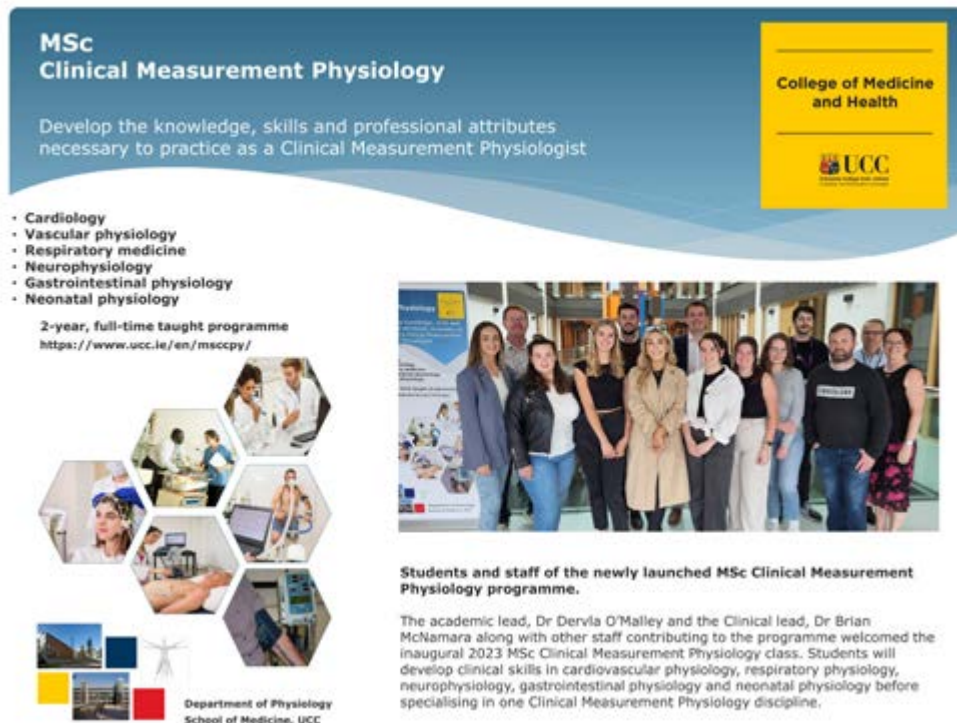
This programme will appeal to graduates with a background in physiology and individuals from other healthcare professionals interested in developing professional skills in the diagnostic evaluation of patients in cardiology, vascular physiology, respiratory physiology, neurophysiology and gastrointestinal physiology.

There is also the opportunity to specialise in neonatal physiology.

Intake for the 2024 cycle will open shortly. Applications for the MSc in Clinical Measurement Physiology (MSCCPL) can be made through the Postgraduate Applications website www.ucc.ie/apply



More details can be found here: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/msccpy/>



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- Neurophysiology
- Gastrointestinal physiology
- Neonatal physiology

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Students and staff of the newly launched MSc Clinical Measurement Physiology programme.

The academic lead, Dr Dervla O'Malley and the Clinical lead, Dr Brian McNamara along with other staff contributing to the programme welcomed the inaugural 2023 MSc Clinical Measurement Physiology class. Students will develop clinical skills in cardiovascular physiology, respiratory physiology, neurophysiology, gastrointestinal physiology and neonatal physiology before specialising in one Clinical Measurement Physiology discipline.

Department of Physiology
School of Medicine, UCC

Marita Hennessy awarded IRC Postdoctoral Fellowship to develop psychosocial intervention for staff in maternity hospitals/units in Ireland

Congratulations to Marita Hennessy PhD who was recently awarded a Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship by the Irish Research Council (IRC). During her two-year fellowship, Marita will develop and pilot test a psychosocial intervention

for staff in maternity hospitals/units in Ireland under the mentorship of Professor Keelin O'Donoghue.



More here: [News and media | University College Cork \(ucc.ie\)](#)



L-R: Professor Keelin O'Donoghue, Professor John O'Halloran (President, UCC), and Marita Hennessy PhD



The ASSERT Centre



Pictured are participants and faculty from International Vascular Cork including Professor Brian Manning, Consultant Vascular Surgeon, UCC Assert.

The ASSERT Centre was delighted to deliver “International Vascular Cork”, a two-day training event for vascular surgical trainees and practising vascular surgeons with course Director Professor Brian Manning, and “Cardiothoracic Course”, a day training course for cardiothoracic trainees, led by Mr Kishore Kumar Doddakula, and in collaboration with the RCSI and industry partners.

These courses allowed participants to gain hands on experience with open surgical dissection, reconstruction procedures and minimally invasive surgery in our state-of-the-art purpose-built surgical facility. Pictured are participants and faculty from International Vascular Cork, including Professor Brian Manning, Consultant Vascular Surgeon, UCC Assert.



Congratulations to Dr Niamh Coffey who was conferred with a PhD in Dentistry at UCC in November.



L – R with her supervisors: Dr Frank Burke, Dr Martina Hayes, Prof Anthony Roberts

A special celebration to mark the 20 Year Anniversary of Cancer Trials Cork at the Glucksman Gallery in UCC.



Speakers at the Event included Professor Seamus O'Reilly (Clinical Lead in Cancer Services), Ms Debra O'Hare (Clinical Trials Operational Director of Cancer Trials Cork), Dr Richard Bambury (Co-Director of Cancer Trials Cork), Prof John Cryan (President for Research & Innovation at University College Cork) & Prof Roisin Connolly (Co-Director of Cancer Trials Cork).



More here:
News | University College Cork (ucc.ie)



chAnGE – innovative learning for a more climate-resilient healthcare service for older people

University College Cork recently hosted the initial transnational project meeting of the ‘Climate change and Healthy AgeinG: co-creating E-learning for resilience and adaptation’ (chAnGE) project, where Professor Suzanne Timmons of the Centre for Gerontology and Rehabilitation, UCC, is the lead coordinator. This €1.5 million EU-funded Erasmus+ project is an alliance of universities, vocational education and training providers, and health & social care organisations, across Ireland, Portugal, Finland, Austria & Greece. Together they are co-creating a suite of online micro credentials for health and social care workers who deliver care to older people.



For further information on the chAnGE project please visit:
<https://www.ucc.ie/en/cgr/changeproject/>



Professor Stephen Byrne, Deputy President and Registrar of University College Cork greeted the group of international partners during the three-day kick-off event in UCC, pictured below with Professor Suzanne Timmons (centre) and partners of the chAnGE alliance.



Teddy Bear Hospital 2024

The UCC Medical Society is pleased to announce that the Teddy Bear's Hospital is to be held from the 19th February to the 21st February inclusive.

For any queries please contact
✉ medical@uccsocieties.ie



Teddy Bear Hospital
19th, 20th and 21st
February





Thank you.

We wish you all a very happy
Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Do stay in contact.

