

Prof Subrata Ghosh

" Inflammatory Bowel Disease "

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Chair and Head of the Department of Medicine in
UCC and Deputy Director of APC Microbiome



Professor Subrata Ghosh is the Chair and Head of Department of Medicine at UCC since March 2021. He is also Deputy Director of APC Microbiome Ireland. Subrata did his doctoral research on the immunology of IBD at University of Edinburgh where he was appointed as faculty. Between 2002 and 2008 he was Professor and Chair of Gastroenterology at Imperial College London and from 2009 to 2016 he was Professor and Chairman of Medicine, University of Calgary, and Head of Medicine, Alberta Health Services, Canada. His research interests are precision medicine in IBD, innovative clinical trials, immune cell plasticity, targeted immunotherapies in IBD, interaction of nutrients, microbes and immune system, gut inflammation and nutrition, innate immunity and epidemiology and health care in IBD. He has published over five hundred peer reviewed scientific articles and several books and has an h-index of 98 (Google).

Prof Donncha O' Brien

" Epilepsy Surgery - a proven life changing and lifesaving treatment ”

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Professor Donncha O'Brien, Consultant
Neurosurgeon, Clinical Director, Neurocent
Directorate, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin

National Clinical Lead in Epilepsy Surgery: Adults
and Paediatrics,

Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, RCSI



I qualified from UCC in 1991. I obtained the FRCSI in 1995 and wrote an MD in Neuroanatomy in 1997 with Prof Fraher in UCC. I was inspired to do neurosurgery by Mr Ted Buckley and Mr Charlie Marks with whom I worked as Intern, SHO and Registrar. I was the first entrant in to the new 6 year higher training scheme in neurosurgery in 1997 and obtained the Surgical Neurology fellowship in 2003 (FRCSI, Surg. Neurol.). I did an intra residency fellowship in paediatric epilepsy surgery at St Louis Children's Hospital in 2002 with Jeff Ojemann and a post residency fellowship at Alder Hey also in paediatric epilepsy surgery in 2003/2004. I was a consultant neurosurgeon specializing in Epilepsy Surgery in Alder Hey and the Walton Centre, Liverpool from 2005 to 2006. I replaced Prof Jack Phillips as the Epilepsy Surgeon in Beaumont in 2006. I operate on adult epilepsy surgery cases in Beaumont and paediatric cases in CHI, Temple Street. I have performed over 1500 epilepsy surgery cases in 17 years of practice and have lead the service with my Neurology/Epilepsy colleague Prof Norman Delanty. I have performed over 10,000 other neurosurgical cases during this time. I have published over 110 neurosurgical papers during this time. Norman and I are heavily involved with the Future Neuro Research programme at the RCSI and we hope to develop gene modifying treatments for epilepsy in due course. I went to school in North Mon on the northside and Norman went to school in Colaiste Criost Ri on the southside!

Dr Oisin O'Connell

"The Importance of bringing key people together virtually during Ireland National Covid Response"

Dr Oisin O'Connell

MD, FRCPI, Senior Medical Lecturer UCC



Dr Oisin O'Connell is a Respiratory Consultant in the Bon Secours Hospital. Dr O'Connell completed his undergraduate medical degree in UCC before moving on to Higher specialist training in respiratory medicine between Ireland, North America and Australasia. He undertook an MD thesis in UCC on 'Innate Immune Response to respiratory pathogens and the roll of the TLR pathway', followed by subspecialty training in MD Anderson and the University of Toronto in Interventional Pulmonology and Lung Transplantation and returned to Ireland as National Medical Lead for the Heart and Lung Transplant program in the MMUH. He was heavily involved in Irelands National Covid response and setup a National WhatsApp Covid group involving members of the government, the mainstream media and over 100 medics in Ireland, which culminated in being an invited guest speaker for the WHO and CDC in Infodemic management.

Dr Nóirín Russell

“Risk, reality and reason - communication in a crisis”

Dr Nóirín Russell, Consultant Obstetrician &
Gynaecologist , Clinical Director of CervicalCheck



Dr Nóirín Russell is a medical graduate of University College Cork in 2000, a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and member of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecologists. She was awarded her MD from University College Dublin in 2010 on fetal cardiac assessment in diabetic pregnancy. She pursued further specialty training in fetal medicine and antenatal screening at Necker Enfants Malades Hospital in Paris in 2011-2012. Since 2013, she has worked as a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at Cork University Maternity Hospital and Clinical Senior Lecturer at University College Cork. In August 2020, she was appointed as the Clinical Director of CervicalCheck, the Irish national cervical screening programme.

Dr. Russell’s clinical and research interests include cervical cancer screening, high-risk pregnancy, patient safety and staff engagement. She is interested in patient-focussed communication and society-wide discussion of risks and incidents in healthcare.

Dr Michael Kelleher

" Will long-acting buprenorphine change the nature of opioid dependence treatment"

Dr Michael Kelleher

Consultant Addictions Psychiatrist and Clinical Lead
for Lambeth Addictions



Dr Michael Kelleher graduated from UCC in 1993. In 1996 he entered psychiatric training at the Bethlem and Maudsley NHS trust in London. In 2003 he was appointed Clinical Lead for Addictions for Lambeth at the South London and Maudsley NHS Trust (SLaM). He continues to hold this post and is Associate Medical Director for Addictions at SLaM. In 2010 he was appointed National Clinical Advisor for Substance Misuse at the National Treatment Agency, subsequently moving into the same post with Public Health England. He is Currently National clinical Advisor for Alcohol and Drugs at the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) within the Department of Health and Social Care. He is an Honorary senior Lecturer in Addictions at Kings College London.

Dr Catherine Clifford & Mr Graham Clifford

Title: Multilingual Video Messaging –
Empowering, Educating and Integrating

Dr Catherine Clifford. GP Partner The Park Clinic,
Fermoy

Mr Graham Clifford Social Entrepreneur CEO of
Translate Ireland, Sanctuary Runners and One
Town One Voice



Translate Ireland was established in Cork by social entrepreneur and former writer/broadcaster Graham Clifford and GP Dr Catherine Clifford in December 2020.

In 2021 it won the ‘Public Health initiative of the Year’ award at the Irish Healthcare Awards.

Graham founded the Sanctuary Runners initiative and leads the One Town – One Voice Community Singing initiative. He previously worked as a feature writer with the Irish Times, Irish Independent and the Business Post and as a broadcast journalist with RTÉ and the BBC.

Catherine is a GP Partner at The Park Clinic, Fermoy, Co Cork. She completed her undergraduate training at the University of Edinburgh, and postgraduate training in Australia and London. She is a GP trainer and is conducting research into migrant perceptions of general practitioners in Ireland.

Prof Colin Bradley

Title: UCC Department of General Practice – the first 25 years

Colin Peter Bradley, retired Professor of General Practice, UCC and GP Hollyhill Medical Practice, St Mary's Primary Care Centre

Town One Voice



Colin Bradley was appointed foundation professor of general practice in UCC in 1997. The department now provides teaching to medical and other healthcare students in the areas of social sciences, communication skills, basic clinical skills, and primary care as well as clinical general practice. His research interests include prescribing in general practice; antimicrobial stewardship; chronic disease management; diabetes care and multi-morbidity. He was awarded a HRB Health Impact Fulbright Award in 2018. He has sat on a number of national committees including the Commission on Benzodiazepines and the Cardiovascular Strategy Review Group. He is a former chair of the UK and Ireland Drug Utilization Research Group and a former Chief Editor of the European Journal of General Practice. He is a member of the Board of the Mercy University Hospital, Cork and the National Suicide Research Foundation. He is also a GP in inner city Cork.

Prof Anthony O' Connor

Title: 'Slaintecare – fact or fantasy'

Prof. Anthony O'Connor MD, MSc, FRCPI, FFSEM

Consultant Gastroenterologist, Tallaght University Hospital and Clinical Associate Professor in Gastroenterology, Trinity College Dublin.



Prof Anthony O'Connor from Gurrabraher in Cork City, graduated from UCC in 2004. He completed BST in Limerick and HST in Gastroenterology in Tallaght and St. James's Hospitals. He was awarded MD by Trinity College Dublin in 2012. Following CCST he was senior fellow in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD) at Beth Israel Deaconess/Harvard Medical School in Boston, USA before being appointed Consultant Gastroenterologist at St James's Hospital, Leeds in 2014. He returned to Ireland in 2016 as Consultant Gastroenterologist at Tallaght Hospital and Clinical Associate Professor at Trinity. He has authored more than 60 peer-reviewed articles. His research interests include Quality of Life in IBD, the GI complications of cancer therapies, H.pylori and Gastric Cancer prevention. He sat on the Slaintecare Implementation Advisory Council from 2018 to 2021. Married with two children, he lives in South Dublin where he chairs Ballinteer St.John's GAA club and juggles work and family commitments with other lowbrow interests.