

XXXV



Waterford Surgical October Meeting

Saturday, 10th October 2026

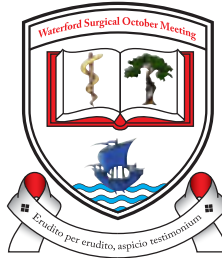
VENUE: Health Sciences Building,
South East Technological University (SETU),
Cork Road, Waterford

THEME: "Service Developments: Adapting to Modern Practice"

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Welcome

Welcome to the XXXV Waterford Surgical October Meeting

On behalf of my colleagues on the organising committee, Professor Fiachra Cooke, Mr Peter McCullough, Professor Padraig Daly, Ms Niamh Foley, Mr Seamus Murphy, Professor Ruairi MacNiocaill, Professor May Cleary, Mr Daniel Hechtel, Dr Éibhleann Connaughton, Ms Aisling Brett, Ms Vicki O'Brien and Ms Jennie O'Leary, it is my privilege to formally welcome you to this year's XXXV Waterford Surgical October Meeting. This gathering represents an important opportunity for academic collaboration and professional reflection. The theme of this year's meeting is "Service Developments; Adapting to Modern Practices".

I am deeply appreciative of your presence and your commitment to advancing the science and practice of surgery. This meeting brings together leaders, innovators, and scholars from across the surgical disciplines. Such breadth of expertise strengthens the intellectual foundation upon which academic surgery continues to grow.

This year's Waterford Surgical October Meeting focus is on the exciting developments in surgery that is currently happening on our doorstep and beyond. The meeting will explore modern service delivery across many surgical disciplines and technological advancements, including how this is modernising research and training. Advances in sub speciality care are rapidly reshaping clinical decision-making. In addition, technological advancements including robotics and artificial intelligence offer huge opportunities in clinical care, training and research. These innovations offer remarkable potential to improve patient outcomes. I am very proud and delighted to announce an extremely distinguished faculty that will share their knowledge and wisdom in these areas. The speakers are truly world class and their perspectives are sure to inspire and innovate those of us in attendance.

Furthermore, the meeting places a huge focus on the tremendous endeavour of research amongst us. It is an honour to be exposed to your research that exemplifies a substantial investment of time, skill, and scholarly dedication. I extend sincere thanks to all presenters who have chosen to share their work with us. Academic surgery relies on the open exchange of ideas, and this meeting provides an ideal forum for that exchange. This is a setting in which established experts and early-career researchers can interact meaningfully. It is also a setting in which new collaborations may be formed and existing partnerships strengthened. I encourage all attendees to participate actively in the dialogue that follows each session. I have no doubt that your work enriches all of our collective understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing modern surgery.

One of the huge highlights of this meeting is the Gordon Watson lecture which will be delivered by Mr William Wallace, Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon, Belfast Health & Social Care trust. It is a huge honour and pleasure to welcome Mr Wallace. We are fortunate and look forward to hear him share his experience, wisdom and insights into the lessons he has learned as an innovator throughout his exemplary career spent working with intestinal failure and building an intestinal failure unit. This promises to be one of the highlights of the meeting.

To this end, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the XXXV Waterford Surgical October Meeting. I wish you a rewarding and intellectually enriching day.

Professor Peter M. Neary MB, MScLHPE, MA, MD, FRCS(Colorectal)
Professor & Inaugural Chair of Surgical Oncology
Academic Head of Department
Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon
University Hospital Waterford/University College Cork

Mr. William Wallace

2026 Gordon Watson Lecturer



William Wallace MD FRCS, Colorectal/ General Surgeon in Belfast Health Care Trust.

Graduated from Queens University Belfast in 1998, and completed basic and higher surgical training in Northern Ireland whilst completing an MD in QUB.

William undertook a colorectal fellowship in Melbourne, between Peter Macallum Cancer Centre and Cabrini Institute and took up a consultant post in colorectal surgery within Belfast Trust in 2012. He has continued the development of the regional Intestinal Failure Unit in Belfast and helped with the establishment of the abdominal wall service.

Away from work, his interests include cycling, hiking and playing music.

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Theme: "Service Developments: Adapting to Modern Practice"

Venue: Health Science Building, South East Technological University (SETU), Waterford

09.20- 09.30

Welcome

Professor Peter Neary

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Inaugural Professor and Chair of Surgical Oncology
Academic Head of Department
Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon
University Hospital Waterford/University College Cork

PLENARY SESSION 1: Advances & Evolution of Subspecialty Care

Chairs: -

Mr. Junaid Naqeeb, Consultant Colorectal & General Surgeon, University Hospital Waterford
Mr. Seamus Murphy, Consultant Breast & General Surgeon, University Hospital Waterford

09.30 – 09.50

"Considerations in Providing Paediatric Surgery Services outside Paediatric Only Hospitals"

Mr. Emmet Andrews, Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon, Cork University Hospital

09.50 – 09.55

Discussion

09.55 – 10.15

"The Vision of a Modern Pelvic Floor Unit"

Ms. Maria Whelan, Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon, Tallaght University Hospital

10.15 – 10.20

Discussion

10.20 – 10.40

"Modern Management of Abdominal Wall Hernias"

Mr. David Layfield, Consultant Intestinal Failure & Colorectal Surgeon, University Hospital Southampton
NHS Foundation Trust

10.40 – 10.45

Discussion

10.45 – 11.05

"The Future of Breast Surgery"

Professor Arnie Hill, Professor and Chair of Surgery in RCSI, Beaumont & Dean of Medical Programmes,
RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences

11.05 – 11.10

Discussion

11.10 – 11.40

Break / Visit Trade Stands/ Visit Poster Exhibition

PLENARY SESSION 2: OPTIMISING LEARNING

Chairs:

Dr. Vida Hamilton, National Clinical Lead for Medical Devices and former Regional Clinical Director for the
Dublin and South East Region, HSE / Consultant Anaesthesiologist, University Hospital Waterford
Mr. Ivan Ivanovski, Consultant General Surgeon, Wexford General Hospital

11.40 – 12.00

"Artificial Intelligence: What the Surgeon needs to know"

Professor Micheal O'Riordain, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Mercy University Hospital, Cork

12.00 – 12.05

Discussion

12.05 – 12.25

"Simulation and Training Needs for Future Surgeons"

Ms. Dara O'Keeffe, Director of Surgical Simulation and Skills, National Surgical and Clinical Skills Centre,
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

12.25 – 12.30

Discussion

12.30 – 12.50

"Surgical Research in the Modern Era"

Dr. Czara Kennedy, Vice Chair of the Irish Forum for Surgical Research (IFSR)

12.50 – 12.55

Discussion

12.55 – 13.55

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General Poster Adjudicators: Ms. Niamh Foley, Mr. Nawar Masarani
Mini Poster Adjudicators: Mr. Seamus Murphy, Mr. Hamid Mustafa
Orthopaedic Poster Adjudicators: Mr. Fiachra Rowan, Mr. Mark Berney

Irish Surgical Training Group (ISTG) Meeting – Board Room

'Surgical Training: The Trainee's Verdict. What needs to change in Irish Surgical Training?'

RESEARCH SESSION

Chairs: -	Professor Ronan Cahill, Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital Professor Fiachra Cooke, Consultant Colorectal & General Surgeon, University Hospital Waterford Mr. Dara Kavanagh, Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon, Tallaght & St. James's Hospital
13.55 – 14.05	The William O'Keeffe Lecture "Learning from Obesity Medicine to Improve Quality of Life in Cancer Survivorship" Dr. Sarah Cooney, Clinical Research Facility, St James's Hospital, Dublin, Ireland
14.05 – 15.05	William O'Keeffe Prize Presentations (Parallel Session) Theatre G18
Chairs: -	Professor Alan Molloy, Orthopaedic Consultant, National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh & St. Vincent's University Hospital Mr. Paul McKenna, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University Hospital Waterford Mr. Petr Jemelik, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University Hospital Waterford
14.05 – 15.05	Joe O'Beirne Prize Presentations (Parallel Session) Theatre G19
15.05 – 15.35	Break / Visit Trade Stands/ Visit Poster Exhibition

PLENARY SESSION 3: Complexities & Innovation of Modern Practice

Chairs: -	Ms. Carolyn Cullinane, Consultant Colorectal & General Surgeon, University Hospital Limerick Professor David O'Briain, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University Hospital Waterford
15.35 – 15.55	"Developing Robotic Services & Future Directions" Mr. Liam Devane, Consultant General, Colon & Rectal Surgeon, University Hospital Waterford
15.55 - 16.00	Discussion
16.00 - 16.20	"The National Orthopaedic Oncology Service in Ireland" Professor Alan Molloy, Orthopaedic Consultant, National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh & St. Vincent's University Hospital
16.20 – 16.25	Discussion
16.25 – 16.55	The Gordon Watson Lecture: Introduction: Ms. Carolyn Cullinane "When the Abdomen Fails: Intestinal Failure & Abdominal Wall Reconstruction - The Belfast Experience" Mr. William Wallace, Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust
16.55 – 17.00	Discussion
17.00 – 17.10	Presentation of Prize Awards
17.10 – 17.20	Closing Remarks Professor Peter Neary Inaugural Professor and Chair of Surgical Oncology Academic Head of Department Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon University Hospital Waterford/University College Cork

William O'Keeffe

Prize Presentations

1. Trends in Practice and Predictors of Complications in Immediate and Two-Stage Implant-Based Breast Reconstruction: A Single-Centre Retrospective Study from 2019 – 2025

HINDS Rachel, KAPOOR Dhruv, **NEILAN Laura**, KENNY Ailbhe, MC INERNEY Niall, HUSSEY Alan, CASEY Máire Caitlín
Department of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, University Hospital Galway

2. Quantifying Cumulative Harm During Delay to Definitive Cholecystectomy after Acute Cholecystitis: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

NAEEM Aqsa, PAUL Sharjeel
Department of Surgery, St Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny, Ireland

3. Predicting Temporary Epicardial Pacing Requirement Following Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery

MCANDREW John, Kehoe John David, DODDAKULA Kishore
Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Cork University Hospital, Cork

4. Simultaneous Liver Transplant and Sleeve Gastrectomy (LTSG): Five-Year Outcomes from the First Irish Experience

EGAN Katherine¹, SHANNON Oisín¹, KENNEDY Czara¹, HOGAN Andrew², O' SHEA Donal², EL-SHERIF Omar³, RUTLEDGE Stephanie², HAMMOND John¹, HOTI Emir¹, GEOGHEGAN Justin¹, HENEGHAN Helen¹

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² Obesity Immunology Group, St. Vincent's University Hospital

³ Department of Medicine, St. Vincent's University Hospital

5. Cost Effectiveness of Surgical Risk Reduction Strategies in BRCA Associated Breast and Ovarian Cancers - A Systematic Review of Economic Evaluations

CRONIN Pdraig^{1,2}, CHENG PEH Kong³, SOLER-PORTILLA Carolina⁴, DALBEC Bayley^{2,5}, BEHMANESH Hakhamanesh¹, LONE Mutahira⁶, RELIHAN Norma^{1,2}, SAGGAR Anand^{2,5,7}, CORRIGAN Mark^{2,5}

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⁵ Orchid Centre, Cork University Hospital, Cork, Ireland

⁶ Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland

⁷ Beacon Hospital, Dublin, Ireland

6. Evaluating the Impact of Wound Colonisation on Reconstructive Success Following NovoSorb® BTM Reconstruction: A Single Centre Retrospective Cohort Study

KENNY Laoise, COESTER Jean, KNIGHTLY Nauar, FEELEY Aoife, DIVER Andrew
Department of Plastic Surgery, St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin

Joe O'Beirne

Prize Presentations

1. Comparable Outcomes Despite Greater Injury Burden: A Matched Cohort Study of Combined Proximal Humerus and Proximal Femur Fragility Fractures

MURPHY Stephen¹, KELLETT Clara², MCGURK Clara³, AHERN Emer³, O'LOUGHLIN Pdraig¹

¹ Department of Trauma and Orthopaedics, Cork University Hospital, Wilton, Cork

² Department of Emergency Medicine, Cork University Hospital, Wilton, Cork

³ Department of Gerontological Medicine, Cork University Hospital, Wilton, Cork

2. Opportunistic CT Assessment of Low Bone Density and Sarcopenia in Patients with Vertebral Compression Fractures

QUIGLEY Ailbhe¹, LEW Zhi Yao¹, O'DONOVAN Sarah Kate², TOBIN O'BRIEN Cathal¹, MCCARROLL Paul¹, RYAN Anthony G², CLEARY May¹

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3. A Cumulative Sum Analysis of The Learning Curve for Elective Total Hip Arthroplasty for a New Orthopaedic Consultant

Ó MATHÚNA Euan¹, BYRNE Victoria², SHAJU Olive², Ó DOINN Tiarnán¹, SHERIDAN Gerard A.^{1,2}

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² Department of Orthopaedics, Bons Secours Hospital, Renmore Road, Galway, Ireland

4. A Multicentre, Retrospective Cohort Study Assessing the Outcomes Following Cementless Hemiarthroplasty, Preliminary Results

Ó MATHÚNA Euan¹, HOGAN Richard², MIRZA Imad³, SHEEHAN Eoin², FEELEY Iain², BRODERICK James³, SHERIDAN Gerard A.¹

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² Department of Orthopaedics, Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore

³ Department of Orthopaedics, St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin

5. Implementation of the DF2 Brace for Paediatric Femoral Shaft Fractures: Early Experience and Development of a Treatment Pathway

DEANE Thomas, MCMANUS Robin, KELLY Enda
Department of Orthopaedics, Children's Health Ireland at Temple Street, Dublin

6. Functional and Patient Reported Outcomes Following Distal Biceps Tendon Repair: A Single-Surgeon Series

TALBOT Stephanie, BLACKBURNE Ellen, DERHAM Simone, KILKENNY Conor, MOLONY Diarmuid
Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin

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