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The Future of Cancer Research

Connecting research
and patients

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Session 1

Accelerating Cancer Research For Patient Benefit

Moderators: Roisin Connolly & Paul Kelly

10:00

Welcome

John O'Halloran

President, University College Cork

Opening Remarks

Jerry Buttimer

Minister of Department of Rural
& Community Development,
the Gaeltacht & Department
of Transport

10:15

Vision for Cancer Research @UCC

Roisin Connolly

Cancer Research @UCC
CUH/UCC Cancer Centre

10:25

Building An Accelerator Programme

Erin Crowley

Cancer Research@UCC
HRB CRF-UCC

10:35

Innovation in Neuro-Oncology Clinical Trials

Jack Gleeson

Cancer Research @UCC
CUH/UCC Cancer Centre

10:45

What has Cancer Trials Ireland ever done for us...

Gerry Hanna

Trinity St James Cancer Institute,
Trinity College Dublin

10:55

Translating Liquid Biopsies From Concept To Reality

Sanjay Popat

The Royal Marsden Hospital

11:15

Panel Discussion

Bridging Research To Impact

Conleth Murphy

Bon Secours Cancer Centre, Cork

Fiona Blackhall

The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, UK

Gerry Hanna

Trinity St James Cancer Institute

Gwynne Morley

IQVIA Ireland

Sanjay Popat

Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, UK

Michael Clarkson

Cork University Hospital

Claire Kilty

Irish Cancer Society

11:35

Coffee Break



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Session 2

Team Science: Advancing Cancer Trials Through Multidisciplinary Partnerships

Moderators: Aisling Barry & Josephine Hegarty

12:05

Beyond Pills and Potions: Expanding Cancer Clinical Trial Availability Through Portfolio Diversification

Richard Bambury
Cancer Research @UCC
CUH/UCC Cancer Centre

12:15

Multiple Myeloma: Improving Outcomes Through Clinical Trials

Vitaliy Mykytiv
Cancer Research @UCC
CUH/UCC Cancer Centre

12:25

Co-Designing Innovative Cancer Trials Through Multi-Disciplinary Partnerships: Lessons From TRANSCEND-XR

Mohamad Saab
School of Nursing & Midwifery, UCC

12:35

Dietetic Interventions In Cancer Clinical Trials

Aoife Ryan
School of Food &
Nutritional Sciences, UCC

Samantha Cushen
School of Food &
Nutritional Sciences, UCC

12:45

Advancing Clinical Trials Through Multi-disciplinary Partnerships

Rebecca Muirhead
University of Oxford, UK

13:05

Panel Discussion Building Trial-ready Teams

Richard Bambury
CUH/UCC Cancer Centre
Mohamad Saab
School of Nursing & Midwifery, UCC
Katie Johnston
School of Food & Nutritional Sciences, UCC
Finbarr Pyne
Patient Advocate, UCC
Joanne Walsh Crowley
HRB CRF-UCC
Industry Representative
Bayer Ireland
Rebecca Muirhead
University of Oxford

13:30

Lunch Break

13:55

UCC Tour

If you have registered for the tour please meet at the UCC Visitors Centre.



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Session 3

The Next Generation Cancer Trials & Cancer Teams

Moderators: Mark Tangney & Jarushka Naidoo

14:30

What Does Cancer Do To Our Microbiome vs What Can Our Microbiome Do To Cancer?

Mark Tangney
Cancer Research @UCC

14:45

Novel Combination Strategies in HER2+ Breast Cancer

John Crown
St. Vincent's Private Hospital

15:05

Talent Development In Cancer Research & Trials

Laia Raigal
Cancer Research @UCC

15:15

Characterising Immunotherapy Toxicity: Real World Data

Anna Olsson-Brown
Sussex Cancer Centre, UK

15:35

Panel Discussion Future Of Cancer Trials & Teams

Anna Olsson-Brown
Sussex Cancer Centre, UK

John Crown
St. Vincent's Private Hospital

Pádraig Moran
Pfizer Ireland

Michael Sack
National Institute for Health, USA

Emer Lynch
Breakthrough Clinical Cancer Research
Fellow

Eoin O'Reilly
Patient Advocate, UCC

Angela Clayton-Lea
Cancer Trials Ireland

16:00

Closing Remarks

Helen Whelton
Head of the College of Medicine
and Health, University College Cork

16:15

Networking Hour



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