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FACULTY OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE 50th Anniversary Symposium

Online
12th & 13th November
09.30 – 16.00
10 CPD Points
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Day One – The 50th Anniversary Symposium

Session One: Women's Health Matters

Chair: *Dr. Nuala Kelly*, Fellow of the European Board of Occupational Medicine (UEMS)

Time	Title	Speaker
09.00 – 09.30	Registration	
09.30 – 09.40	Dean's Welcome	***Dr. Alex Reid*** Dean of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine RCPI
09.40 – 10.15	Endometriosis: Modelling Services in the Irish context **Q & A**	***Dr. Aoife O'Neill*** Endometriosis Clinical Lead, Tallaght University Hospital
10.15 – 10.45	Menopause and Workplace Health **Q & A**	***Dr. Andrea Latimer*** Occupational Health Doctor and Primary Care Women's Health Specialist
10.45 – 11:20	**Coffee Break**	

Session Two: Artificial Intelligence

Chair: *Dr. David Mills*, Specialist in Occupational Medicine / FOM board member and Chair of Scientific Committee

Time	Title	Speaker
11.20 – 12.05	50th Anniversary Lecture: Human centred approach to digitalisation in the world of work: between ethical challenges and real opportunities	***Dr. Diana Gagliardi*** Secretary General of ICOH / Specialist in Forensic & Legal Medicine
12.05 – 12.30	AI for clinical notes and reports Using AI in Occupational Medicine Clinical Practice **Q & A**	***Dr. Laura Blackburn*** Senior Medical Director and Senior Occupational Health Physician at Optima Health
12.30 – 12.55	Using AI in Medical Education **Q & A**	***Prof. Sudipto Das*** Associate Professor and Vice Dean for AI and Digital, Connected Health, School of Pharmacy & Biomolecular Sciences, RCSI
13.00 - 14.00	**Lunch**	

Session Three: The Jack Eustace Lecture & Hot Topics

Chair: *Dr. Martin Tohill*, Consultant in Occupational Medicine and Clinical Lead within Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Time	Title	Speaker
14.00 – 14.40	**The Jack Eustace Lecture:** Occupational Exposure limits	***Dr. Martin Hogan*** Specialist in Occupational Medicine / Past Dean of Faculty of Occupational Medicine, RCPI
14.40 – 15.05	Returning to work after mild traumatic brain injury **Q & A**	***Dr. Yudy Llamas*** Consultant Neurologist, Neurotrauma, Mater University Hospital
15.05 – 15.25	Cardiology at Work: Modern Interventions, Sudden Incapacitation and Safe Return to Work **Q & A**	***Prof. Jim O'Neill*** Consultant Cardiologist, The Mater Hospital. UCD Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer / Associate Professor, RCSI
16:00	Conference close	

Day Two – The 50th Anniversary Smiley Symposium

Chairs: *Dr. David Mills, Specialist in Occupational Medicine / Chair of the FOM Board, RCPI*
& Dr. Oghenovo Oghuvbu, Dean of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, RCPI

Time	Title	Speaker
09.00 – 09.45	AGM	
09.45 – 10.30	Registration	
10.30 – 10.35	Dean's Welcome	***Dr. Oghenovo Oghuvbu*** Dean of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine RCPI
10.35 – 11.00	SpR Presentations: The economics of prediabetes prevention: an Irish cost-effectiveness model and the role of occupational health in workplace wellness **Q & A**	***Dr. Ciara Dillon*** Specialist registrar in Occupational Medicine, Medmark
11.00 – 11.20	What Happens When Doctors Get Sick? Demystifying sick leave entitlements and occupational medicine **Q & A**	***Dr. Aoife Broderick*** Specialist Registrar in Occupational Medicine
11.20 – 11.40	Navigating Parenthood during medical Training **Q & A**	***Dr. Joanne O'Brien*** 4th year Specialist Registrar in Occupational Medicine
11.40 – 12.00	**Coffee Break**	
12.00 – 13.00	**The Smiley Lecture:** Physician wellbeing: can we do better?	***Prof. Blánaid Hayes*** Consultant Occupational Physician Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, RCSI
13.00	Conference close	

SPEAKERS BIOS:



Dr. Alex Reid

Dean of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine

Dr Alex Reid is the Dean of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine. He is a Consultant Occupational Physician in Tallaght University Hospital and Clinical Associate Professor in Occupational Medicine at Trinity College Dublin. He graduated from University College Dublin in 1990. Following completion of specialist training in occupational medicine, he was awarded the CSCST by RCPI in 2002 and Fellowship of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine in 2006.

He has wide experience in occupational medicine across many services and industries, in both the public and private sectors, and is currently the National Clinical Director for Corporate Services with Vhi Healthcare.



Dr. Diana Gagliardi

Specialist in Forensic and Legal Medicine

Diana Gagliardi, MD, specialist in Forensic and Legal Medicine, is a senior researcher in occupational health and safety at INAIL's Department of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Epidemiology and Hygiene (DIMEILA). Since joining ISPESL/INAIL in 2005, she has progressively taken on scientific coordination and leadership responsibilities, becoming Head of the Technical-Scientific Unit "Support to International Research Networks" in 2015 and Senior Researcher in 2022.

Her work has focused on occupational health research, evidence synthesis, workers' health metrics, vulnerable workers, emerging risks, psychosocial risks, asbestos-related disease prevention, health promotion, and the impact of social, technological and environmental changes, including artificial intelligence and climate change, on occupational safety and health. She has coordinated and contributed to national and international research projects, including INAIL triennial research programmes, BRiC projects, European-funded initiatives, and systematic reviews developed within the WHO/ILO Joint Estimates of the Work-related Burden of Disease and Injury.

At international level, Dr Gagliardi has played a prominent role in major occupational health networks. She has been representing INAIL within the PEROSH Scientific Steering Group between 2009 and 2021 and in the Steering Committee and the Sheffield Group since 2021; in these roles, sha has coordinated two joint research projects on future OSH priorities, and contributed to international cooperation projects and expert groups on vulnerable workers, biological risks, nanomaterials, healthy workplaces and climate-related OSH challenges.

She served as Principal Investigator of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Occupational Health from 2011 and was appointed Director of the Centre in 2021. She has held a leadership role in the ICOH Scientific Committee on Occupational Health and Development between 2009 and 2021. In February 2022 she was elected Secretary General of ICOH for the 2022–2024 term, with re-election for 2024–2027. She is also a Fellow of the Collegium Ramazzini.

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Dr. Laura Blackburn

Senior Medical Director and senior occupational health physician at Optima Health

Dr Laura Blackburn is a Senior Medical Director and senior occupational health physician at Optima Health. Her role covers clinical leadership, education, governance, service oversight, and occupational health service development across a range of sectors and client organisations, including Central Government and Scottish Government work in her capacity as SMD.

Laura brings experience including from safety-critical environments, offshore work, SMEs, and police and firefighter pension work. She has also contributed to digital innovation including as lead OHP for the AI Scribe project within Optima Health. Alongside her role at Optima Health, she is an Honorary Senior Lecturer at Manchester University (Centre for Occupational & Environmental Health) and a Committee Member of ALAMA.



Prof. Sudipto Das

Associate Professor and Vice Dean for AI and Digital, Connected Health, School of Pharmacy & Biomolecular Sciences, RCSI

Prof. Sudipto Das is Vice Dean for AI, Digital and Connected Health and Associate Professor at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI). Prof. Das is a strategic academic leader with extensive experience in curriculum innovation, postgraduate education, and institutional policy development. He has led university-wide initiatives in AI and digital health, established cross-disciplinary educational frameworks, and fostered international collaborations that integrate advanced technologies into research, education, and healthcare practice. As an educational leader, he developed and led award winning M.Sc. in Technologies and Analytics in Precision Medicine (TAPM) programme at RCSI and previously served as Deputy Head of School for Postgraduate Studies where he was also responsible for developing and implementing RCSI's Professional Doctorate programme.

An accomplished researcher in epigenetics, precision medicine, and translational biomedical science, Dr. Das leads the Epigenetics of Gastrointestinal Diseases research group. His research focuses on multi-omics, cancer epigenetics, biomarker discovery, and the development of clinically relevant technologies and digital health solutions that bridge fundamental discovery with clinical application to advance precision healthcare. He has secured > 5 million euro in competitive national and international funding, published extensively in high-impact journals, and contributed to research commercialisation through patents and industry partnerships.



Dr. Aoife O'Neill

Endometriosis Clinical Lead, Tallaght University Hospital

Dr Aoife O'Neill is a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist and Endometriosis Lead at Tallaght University Hospital (TUH), Dublin with a specialist interest in advanced laparoscopic and complex endometriosis surgery. She leads the multidisciplinary advanced endometriosis surgical service at TUH, one of Ireland's regional centres for complex endometriosis care.

She has contributed to the development of national endometriosis care in Ireland, including the National Clinical Practice Guideline for the Assessment and Management of Endometriosis. Her academic interests include complex endometriosis surgery, multidisciplinary models of care and outcomes following surgery for deep endometriosis.

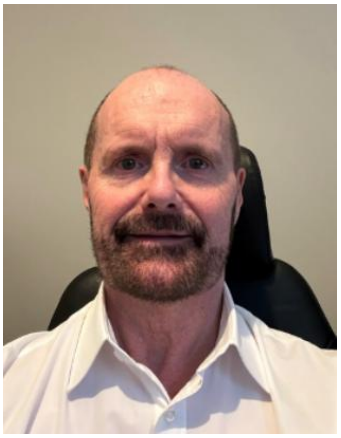


Dr. Andrea Latimer

Occupational Health Doctor and Primary Care Women's Health Specialist

Dr. Andrea Latimer is an Occupational Health Doctor and Primary Care women's health specialist, and is a British Menopause Society (BMS) accredited Menopause Specialist. With over 20 years experience working in NHS Primary Care and General Practice, Andrea has a clear understanding of managing the wide range of health issues women face throughout the life stages, including perimenopause and menopause. Andrea is passionate about improving access to high quality, evidence-based healthcare information to empower women to look after their health and maintain healthy longevity.

Within her portfolio role, Andrea is an experienced Occupational Health Doctor and trainer with a strong focus on holistic care and women's health in the workplace. Her clinical background and expertise means that she is ideally placed to support both employers and employees around the challenges faced when navigating the impact of menopause on individuals and workplaces.



Dr. Martin Tohill FRCP FRCPI FFMLM FFOMI FFOM

Consultant in Occupational Physician, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Dr Martin Tohill is a Consultant in Occupational Medicine and Clinical Lead within Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. He is the Training Programme Director for Occupational Medicine specialty training in Northern Ireland. Martin has extensive experience in occupational health policy, governance, and medical leadership in healthcare and emergency.

He specialises in the management of doctors in difficulty. He is actively involved in postgraduate medical education and the advancement of occupational medicine practice across the UK and Ireland. He is a fellow and is the Northern Ireland representative on the Faculty Board, an examiner and external assessor for the penultimate year reviews.

He is also a member of the UK Faculty Council, and Regional Specialty Adviser.



Dr. Martin Hogan

Specialist Occupational Physician

Dr Martin Hogan has been a specialist in Occupational Medicine for over 30 years. He is based in Cork and works with Corporate Health Ireland, now part of the Optima Health group. His special interest is in toxicology. He has lectured in Occupational Medicine and Toxicology in University College Cork.

He is a Fellow and past Dean of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. He was President of the ICOH International Congress which was held in Dublin in 2018. He is the senior vice president of ICOH. He is a member of the Council of the Royal College of Physicians and Censor and was Vice President of the College for the year 2025-2026.

He has written a number of chapters for the most recent edition of Hunter's Diseases of Occupations which is to be published in 2027.



Dr. Yudy Llamas

Consultant Neurologist, Neurotrauma, Mater University Hospital

Trained in Medicine in Universidad de Antioquia Medellin, Colombia and subsequently specialized in Hospital La Paz Madrid. Working in Ireland for the last 10 years and currently is one of the lead consultants for Neurotrauma in the Mater Hospital.



Prof. Jim O'Neill *MD MSc BL FRCPI FACC FESC*

Consultant Cardiologist at The Mater & Connolly Hospitals
UCD Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer / Associate Professor / Professor of Medicine / Director of Professional Affairs, RSCI

Prof. Jim O'Neill is a Consultant Cardiologist at The Mater & Connolly Hospitals.

He graduated from UCD, trained in Ireland and at the Cleveland Clinic, Ohio and is currently an Associate Professor of Medicine at RCSI, UCD Associate Clinical Professor, & Director of Professional Affairs at The Institute of Medicine, RCPI.



Dr. Oghenovo Oghuvbu

Dean of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, RCPI

Dr. Oghuvbu is an accredited Specialist in Occupational Medicine, and a Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

He is Chief Medical Officer at An Garda Síochána, the National Police and Security Service for Ireland, with executive leadership responsibility for occupational health and wellbeing.

He is currently a member of the Board of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, Chair of the Advocacy Committee of the Board and chairs the Faculty's 50th Anniversary Organising Committee.

He has been a Chair of the Faculty's Education Committee, a member of the Faculty's Expert Advisory Group for Preferred Model of Care for Occupational Medicine in Ireland, and member of the Faculty's Governance Review Group.

Dr. David Mills

Specialist in Occupational Medicine / Chair of the FOM Board, RCPI

Dr. David Mills is a prominent specialist in occupational medicine based in Northern Ireland.

He currently serves as the Lead Medical Officer for the Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS) Occupational Health Service.

He is a Locum Consultant in Occupational Medicine at Queen's University Belfast, contributing to the university's occupational health team

He is an active member of the Society of Occupational Medicine (SOM) and has been involved in organizing regional meetings for the Northern Ireland group.



Dr. Ciara Dillon

Specialist registrar in Occupational Medicine

Ciara is a specialist registrar in Occupational Medicine working in Medmark. She qualified as a GP and joined the specialty in 2024, having previously been Clinical Lead for Lifestyle Health at Vhi from 2020 to 2024.

She holds an MSc in Health Economics, Policy and Management and will be presenting her health economic modelling study of a lifestyle intervention for prediabetes, which has been accepted for publication in the Irish Medical Journal.



Dr. Aoife Broderick

Specialist Registrar in Occupational Medicine

Dr Aoife Broderick is a final year SpR in Occupational Medicine. She graduated from UCC in 2019 and went on to complete the medical BST in the South, earning the MRCPI. She has also achieved the LFOM and MFOM examinations.

Dr Broderick has complemented her clinical work with a post-graduate certificate in health professional's education from UCC and is the former Chair of the RCPI Physician Health and Wellbeing Committee.

She currently is serving as the Trainee Representative for Occupational Medicine. Dr Broderick is due to collect her CSCST in Occupational Medicine in July 2027.

Her interests are physician wellbeing, the intergenerational workforce and psychological safety in healthcare.



Dr. Joanne O'Brien

4th year Specialist Registrar in Occupational Medicine

Dr. O' Brien is a fourth year Specialist Registrar in Occupational Medicine, having previously completed Basic Specialist Training in Anaesthesia. She is currently on maternity leave and has gained broad occupational health experience across a range of industries throughout her training. She has a special interest in occupational toxicology and recently completed a Medical Review Officer training course in workplace drug testing.

She has spent the past two years as a member of the RCPI Health and Wellbeing Committee, contributing to initiatives aimed at supporting doctors throughout their training. She hopes to contribute to positive policy change that supports doctors in balancing their professional and personal lives.



Prof. Blánaid Hayes *MB, FRCPI, FFOM, FFOM (UK), MD*

Consultant Occupational Physician /
Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, RCSI

Prof. Blánaid Hayes is a graduate of UCD Medical School. Following completion of general training in internal medicine and some years abroad, she was appointed as occupational physician to Beaumont Hospital, Dublin in 1993. This post, over the ensuing 3 decades, afforded her a unique perspective on the working lives of healthcare workers and stimulated her research interest in doctors' health and wellbeing. Noting a gap in the literature in the Irish context, she led the first National Survey of Hospital Doctors in Ireland, the subject of her MD thesis (RCSI 2016). This exploration of workplace and personal wellbeing measures, as well as lifestyle behaviours and coping, has been widely published and has helped to inform policy, curricular developments and supports within the post-graduate medical training bodies in Ireland and in the Health Services Executive (HSE).

Since retiring from her clinical role, she secured support for a repeat survey and is currently the Principal Investigator of 'Wellbeing of Hospital Doctors: a National Review' supported by RCPI and HSE's Aspire Fellowship Programme. The survey was undertaken at the end of 2025 and results will be published this year. In tandem with her clinical career, Blánaid has always been actively involved with the specialty's professional organisations in Ireland and with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI).

She served as National Specialty Director (FOM, RCPI) and trained young specialists over 2 decades in Beaumont, including the Faculty's first International Trainee Fellow. She also collaborated with Beaumont /RCSI colleagues in teaching undergraduate students of the College. She was appointed Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer by RCSI in 2014 and Honorary Clinical Associate Professor in 2018. Roles within the FOM included Chair of the Education Committee, membership of the Examinations Committee (to date) and Dean of the Faculty. She was a member of both the Organising and Scientific Committees for ICOH 2018 which the Faculty hosted in Dublin.

She is a member of and former President of the Irish Society of Occupational Medicine (ISOM). She is an Honorary Member of the UK's Society of Occupational Medicine and an Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine (UK). She is the recipient of Trinity College's Robert Mayne Medal (2017) and was honoured to deliver the Ferguson Glass Oration at the RACP in Sydney (2018).

In addition to her research into doctors' wellbeing, she has published (500+ citations) on other key occupational health issues for healthcare workers including needlestick injury, nosocomial infection and immunisation and is, to date, an active member of RCPI's Research Ethics Committee.

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