



UCD School of Medicine

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Dear all

Happy New Year and welcome to **Issue 5, Q4, 2021** of the School of Medicine e-Zine.

Again, we present a shorter and hopefully digestible version of this e-Zine which opens with news from our alumni and School student and staff community.

On the research front, we closed out on 2021, after another year of dynamic activity. The research function manages a grant value of over €115m, has 175 grants registered across 10 Research Centres and delivers 1+k publications every year. In this regard we are pleased to present a precis of some of those publications that illustrate the conduct of research of the highest scientific value.

The eZine also comprises a range of other news items highlighting appointments, achievements and events that present a vibrant and colourful School of Medicine.

As we continue to battle the pandemic, we are very conscious of student and staff wellbeing, with a special focus on positive mental health. Our School's EDI Committee in partnership with our School's Student Adviser has compiled the range of mental health related resources that are available to UCD staff and students and we invite you to visit and explore these resources via this eZine and use them for your own needs, as appropriate.

As always we invite you to connect with the UCD Medical Graduates Association (MGA) and view the list of Class Reps [HERE](#) if you would like to suggest an item for coverage in a future edition of this eZine, please email comms.medicine@ucd.ie

Very best wishes
Prof Michael Keane
Dean



Michael Keane

Alumni/Community Life

Farwell Mairead Egan

Prof Michael Keane, Dean and Head of School, UCD School of Medicine congratulated our colleague and friend, Mairead Egan at an all-School meeting on Fri 10th Dec on her early retirement from the Section of GP, Forensic & Legal Medicine and UCD Centre for Emergency Medical Science after 26 years of service. Mairead championed the School's vital role in providing emergency care education. [MORE](#)



RUMC 2021 White Coat and Farewell Ceremony

UCD School of Medicine was delighted to return to an in-person RUMC White Coat and Farewell Ceremony on 1st Dec. The ceremony was hosted by Professor Cecily Kelleher, College Principal, UCD CHAS, Prof Michael Keane, Dean of Medicine and attended by His Excellency Ambassador Mr. Zakaria Bin Nasir. The ceremony marks the end of our RUMC students' pre-clinical training in Dublin and the beginning of the clinical portion of their programme in Penang, Malaysia. [MORE](#)

UCD Intern Training Network Career Events

On behalf of UCD Intern Training Network, **Prof Donal O'Shea**, Network Coordinator would like to thank all the School of Medicine Graduates, Faculty & Consultants who presented at the range of Intern Career Events in Nov 2021. This included Prof Mary Higgins, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Ms Roisin Dolan, Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Dr John Stack, Consultant Rheumatologist, Associate Prof Eoin Kavanagh, Consultant Radiologist and Mr Gregory Nason, Consultant Urologist. [MORE](#)





Warm congratulations to **Prof Philip Nolan**, Class of 1991, (former President, Maynooth University and current NPHE member) on his appointment as Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) DG from Jan 2022. 'SFI has led the transformation of Ireland's research landscape, sponsoring outstanding research with global impact. The opportunity now is to build on this success, focusing on excellence in research and its translation into tangible benefits for our economy and society, to secure our position as a global innovation leader in science and engineering, and to ensure Ireland plays its part in addressing the complex challenges that face our society' said Prof Nolan [MORE](#)

Med Week

UCD Med Soc enjoyed Med Week 2021 which took place from 11-15th Oct and which saw the return of early morning bucket collections across Dublin. Funds were raised for Aoibhneas which provides support services for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse. Services include refuge accommodation, 24-hour Helpline and a drop-in service. [MORE](#)



Research

A study published in **NEUROLOGY** Journal on 6th Dec 2021 shows PET scanning used to image carotid arteries, can predict recurrent stroke and help doctors guide treatment. Prof Peter Kelly, Clinical Professor, Neurology and Co-Director, Stroke Service, Mater University Hospital led the Study. [MORE](#)



Congratulations to Ciara Walsh, PhD Student and a member of Dr Dearbhaile Dooley's (Assistant Prof, UCD School of Medicine) Group on immunomodulation for spinal cord injury repair, on her first publication in **PHARMACOLOGY & THERAPEUTICS** on 3rd Dec. [MORE](#)

A Study conducted in the National Maternity and Rotunda Hospitals, Dublin and published in **BJOG** on 11th Dec shows universal screening, rather than risk based antenatal screening for Hepatitis C, is more efficient and cost-effective. Reappraisal of national Hepatitis C Guidelines in pregnancy is also needed. Prof Aiden McCormick, Consultant Hepatologist, SVUH and Clinical Professor, UCD School of Medicine was the Study's PI. [MORE](#)



RAPID Trial results published in **BMJ** on 15th Oct show high-dose of blood thinner reduces risk of death for moderately ill COVID-19 patients. The Study Co-Author was Prof Fionnuala Ni Ainle, Clinical Full Professor, UCD, Co-Director, Conway Sphere and Consultant Haematologist, MMUH. [MORE](#)

News

Prof Alistair Nichol, UCD Chair of Critical Care Medicine was recognised by the IRC (Irish Research Council) for excellence in critical care medicine and commended for 'exceptional contribution' during the pandemic. [MORE](#)



Congratulations to **Dr Tom Flanagan**, Lecturer in Human Anatomy, UCD School of Medicine who won the U21 Health Sciences Teaching Award in Oct 2021. The Teaching Excellence Award was set up in 2014 by Deans of Medicine as a way to celebrate and reward exceptional educational scholarship, particularly amongst research intensive universities, across the U21 HSG network. [MORE](#)



Positive Mental Health

Our School's EDI Committee in partnership with our School's Student Advisor has compiled the range of mental health related resources promoting positive mental health, that are available to UCD staff and students.

[MORE](#)



Congratulations to Amy Hassett, Neuroscience, PhD Student at UCD School of Medicine and Co-Director of Disabled Women's Ireland, who is new Co-Presenter of RTE's 'Let's Find Out', a science series for children produced by RTE Junior with SFI support, since Nov 2021. [MORE](#)



UCD School of Medicine congratulates Charles Institute of Dermatology on its 10th Anniversary in 2021 (officially in September). Named after Dr Andrew Charles, founder of the City of Dublin Skin & Cancer Hospital (CDSCHC), the Institute was established via a philanthropic donation of €12m from the CDSCHC and €6m from UCD.

[MORE](#)

Our Legal Medicine section held a Legal Medicine Roundtable Discussion titled 'When Scrubs & Wigs Collide – the Medico-Legal Interface' on Wed 8th Dec. The key speaker was Hon Mr Justice Michael Peart and the session, which was attended by 135 colleagues from the medico-legal sector, was Chaired by Asim Sheikh, Barrister and Assistant Prof, Legal Medicine, UCD School of Medicine. MORE on Grad Progs in Legal Medicine [HERE](#)



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THE HON. MR. JUSTICE MICHAEL PEART

**When Scrubs and Wigs Collide:
the Medico-legal Interface**

a remote roundtable discussion

WED 8TH DEC

7pm - 9pm IRISH TIME

zoom

RVSP or other queries by email to
Danielle Marié at: legalmed@ucd.ie

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Mater Misericordiae
University Hospital

Psychiatry Deanery

**DEANERY DAY
RESEARCH: The Future of Psychiatry**

Friday 10th Dec 2021, 09:30 – 13:30 hrs on [zoom](#)

Open to Postgraduate Psychiatry Trainees in Mater-UCD Deanery, Final Year UCD Med Students, UCD Med Alumni, SRs and Consultant Psychiatrists

Poster and Oral Research Competition open to Psychiatry Trainees in the Deanery and Med Students in affiliated hospitals

Revised Deadline for Abstract Submission Fri 3rd Dec @ 17.00 hrs

CPD points will be allocated for attendance
Register to Attend and Submit Abstracts [HERE](#)

UCD School of Medicine & Mater University Hospital Psychiatry Deanery held its inaugural Deanery Day on Fri 10th Dec, which was led by Dr Anne Doherty, Associate Professor, Psychiatry, UCD School of Medicine & Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist, Mater Hospital & Dr Angela Noonan, Consultant Psychiatrist, St Vincent's Hospital, Fairview. Sessions focused on conducting research as a psychiatry trainee, matching research ideas with experienced research and research supervision skills for busy clinicians. [MORE](#)

Remembering

- Dr Finian P. Houlihan (Class of 1967) RIP Sat 1st Jan 2022
- [Prof O. Conor Ward \(Class of 1946\)](#) RIP Wed 22nd Dec 2021
- [Dr Patricia Dolores Horne \(Class of 1955\)](#) RIP 29th October 2021
- Dr Clement F.X. Carroll (Class of 1965) RIP 21st November 2020 in Alexandria, Louisiana, US
- [Dr Carroll's](#) family organised a funeral mass to celebrate the life of their father, in St Joseph's Church, Glasthule on Thurs 25th Nov 2021



Connect with Us

Reconnect with the UCD Alumni Network [HERE](#) and hear about reunions, events, courses and activities on campus.

Learn more about the UCD Medical Graduates Association (MGA) [HERE](#) and build professional and social networks and maintain old friendships with classmates.

Get Social

You can follow the School of Medicine via our social media pages and like, comment, share and re-tweet our posts.



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UCD DUBLIN **ASK THE VET**
Your Dog and its Health

- Vaccinations
- Worming
- Illnesses
- And More

Join UCD Alumni and UCD School of Veterinary Medicine
Tues, January 25

A black and white dog is sitting on a white surface, looking up and to the right. The background is a solid blue color.

UCD DUBLIN **RISING FUTURE**

Why is Ending Hunger so Difficult?

DR AIFRIC O'SULLIVAN
PROF JIM KINSELLA
PROF DOLORES O'RIORDAN

UCD
In Conversation:
a virtual series

A photograph of a vegetable market stall with various fresh produce like carrots, onions, and leafy greens. The stall is set against a white background.