



Alumni

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UCD School of
Medicine

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Dear Colleagues,

As we approach the end of 2023, I want to wish you a happy festive season with family and friends.

The School of Medicine has a great deal planned for 2024 and we look forward to keeping in touch, letting you know about new developments and opportunities, and celebrating the many achievements of our alumni, staff and students.

If you would like to suggest an item for coverage in a future edition of this newsletter, please email comms.medicine@ucd.ie.

Very best wishes,



Michael Keane

Professor Michael Keane

Dean, Head of School
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UCD Medical Graduates Association 2024 Reunion



Save the Date for MGA Alumni Reunion!

Friday 10 May 2024 | Belfield Campus

Celebrate and reconnect with old friends if you are a graduate of MB BCh BAO classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004 and 2014.

A Scientific Symposium (CPD lectures) will take place in the UCD Health Sciences Centre followed by a Gala Dinner at UCD O'Reilly Hall, Belfield. Tickets cost €125.

Book your place by clicking below.

[Book now](#)

Alumni/Community News



Dr Ned Quirke wins the Reuben Harvey Prize for 2023

Congratulations to Dr Ned Quirke, UCD recipient of the prestigious Reuben Harvey Prize for 2023. The Prize is awarded by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) each year to the students who achieve the highest marks for final year examinations in Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics.

[Read more](#)



Dr Ethan Waisberg wins First Prize at 18th YES Meeting

Congratulations to Dr Ethan Waisberg, School of Medicine alumnus, who won for his work titled "Using Space Medicine Technology to Reduce Preventable Blindness".

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World-first AI foundation model for eye care

UCD School of Medicine 2002 graduate, Professor Pearse Keane, leads the pioneering RETFound project, reshaping eye examinations through AI innovation.

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MGA Clinical Influencers Podcast - Series 3

Listen to our latest podcast guest, Prof Mary Horgan, Prof of Infectious Diseases at UCD and Mater Misericordiae Hospital.

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Recent Events



St Vincent's UCD Cancer Centre launch

On 28 November 2023, St. Vincent's Healthcare Group and UCD School of Medicine launched the St. Vincent's UCD Cancer Centre. The shared vision is to usher in a transformative era in cancer care, significantly enhancing outcomes for patients.

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European Radiation Protection Week (ERPW) 2023

This year's gathering brought together experts to address current and emerging topics related to radiation protection. The conference welcomed over 300 delegates to O'Reilly Hall, UCD from 9 to 13 October 2023.

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Congratulations to 2023 SSRA Winners

Congratulations to 2023 Student Summer Research Award (SSRA) winner Aghogho Okpara, winning the Gold Medal out of 133 participating students! Congratulations also goes to Silver Medal Winner Emma Grady, and Bronze Medal Winner Peo Mogatwane.

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Research News

- Research led by Scientists in Ireland has identified a threshold of immunity for COVID-19. [Read more](#)
 - Prof. Catherine Godson to deliver the Barry Brenner Lectureship at ASN Kidney Week. [Read more](#)
 - Global platform study presents results to guide care of severely ill patients with COVID-19 using routinely available drugs. [Read more](#)
 - UCD School of Medicine Researchers awarded under IRC Enterprise Scheme. [Read more](#)
 - cSTAR pinpoints small molecule therapeutics that improve control of Mycobacterium tuberculosis infection. [Read more](#)
 - Preeclampsia diagnostic tool scoops AI Innovation prize at Public Sector Digital Transformation Awards. [Read more](#)
 - SFI-Irish Aid SDG Challenge runner-up prize awarded to UCD-led BIOTOPE project. [Read more](#)
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Study Opportunities



MSc in Primary Care (Orthopaedic & Musculoskeletal Medicine)

If you are a doctor or allied health professional, and interested in developing expertise in the area of musculoskeletal medicine, don't miss this opportunity.

Click [here](#) for the full overview of Graduate Taught Primary Care programmes.

[More information](#)

Special Recognition for the Class of 1978 Gift

In honouring Dr Gertrude (Gertie) Ronan-Martin's legacy, Gertie's husband, Dr Joseph L Martin, and the UCD Foundation are raising money through the Class of 1978 Gift. In memory of Gertie, the Gift supports deserving medical students at UCD.

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