



Alumni

Your path to lifelong connections

UCD School of Medicine

Newsletter February 2024



Dear Colleagues,

2024 is already proving to be a busy and productive year. I hope this finds you well in your careers and that you are staying connected with one another.

Our review project, titled **Medicine 2030**, aims to ensure that we continue to prepare our graduates for medical practice in 2030 and beyond. We will launch a new curriculum for our undergraduate and graduate entry Medicine programmes in the 2026/2027 academic session.

In the first phase of this project, we are consulting our staff, students and alumni, our clinical colleagues in hospital and community medicine, as well as patient advocates and representatives of professional bodies. **We would like to capture your feedback by completing a short anonymous online [survey](#).**

This survey has been approved by the UCD Human Research Ethics Committee and should only take approximately 10 minutes of your time. For further information on this project, please contact Medicine2030@ucd.ie or visit this [webpage](#).

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,



Professor Michael Keane

Dean, Head of School
UCD School of Medicine

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 12:00pm - 4:00pm) will take place in the UCD Health Sciences Centre followed by a Gala Dinner (6:45pm – 10:00pm) at UCD O'Reilly Hall, Belfield. Tickets cost €125 - the **RSVP deadline to register is Friday 26 April.**

[Book now](#)

Alumni/Community News



Honorary Fellow of the Physiological Society

Professor Philip Nolan, alumnus of the UCD School of Medicine, has been elected Honorary Fellow of the Physiological Society. Honorary Fellowship is the highest honour that The Physiological Society presents to an individual. It is awarded to those individuals who are 'persons of distinction in science who have contributed to the advancement of physiology'.

[Read more](#)



Celebrating female promotions within the School

Congratulations to Louise Rainford and Marguerite Clyne, who have been promoted within the UCD School of Medicine. Louise has been promoted to Full Professor and Marguerite to Professor. Both have contributed greatly to the success of the School over the years.

[Read more](#)



Palestinian Assistance

Former master of the Coombe Hospital and Clinical Professor at the UCD School of Medicine, Professor Chris Fitzpatrick, has been thanked by the sister of a pregnant Palestinian woman he gave assistance to after hearing of her “desperate situation” on Irish radio.

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MGA Clinical Influencers Podcast - Series 3

Don't forget to check out our podcast that is made with you in mind! We have more engaging and insightful guests in Series 3. Prof Bobby Smyth is our next episode to drop on 1 March, with new episodes going live every month.

[Listen here](#)



Dr Jack Sheppard Memorial Award 2023

Congratulations to alumnus Dr John Travers who was awarded the Royal College of General Practitioners Dr Jack Sheppard Memorial Award 2023 for medical writing. It was awarded at the RCGPI Winter Meeting.

Events



'White Coat' Ceremony

The 2024 UCD Medicine Clinical Commencement 'White Coat' Ceremony took place on Wednesday 7 February 2024 in UCD O'Reilly Hall. A key milestone in our medical students' journey, the White Coat Ceremony marks the formal transition into full-time clinical training at our affiliated hospitals and general practices.

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9th annual John Fitzpatrick Irish Genitourinary Cancer Conference

Registration for the 9th annual John Fitzpatrick Irish Genitourinary Cancer Conference 2024 is now open. This year's in-person meeting will take place on Thursday 18 & Friday 19 April at the Aviva Stadium, Dublin. The conference will bring together Irish health care professionals with an international faculty of leading oncology, pathology, urology, radiology, surgical and scientific experts from Europe and the United States.

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Research News

- Associate Professor Brian O'Donoghue's project "Achieving Recovery in Psychotic Disorders with Comprehensive Clinical Guidelines" receives close to €2.5M in HRB funding. [**Find out more**](#)
- Prof Alistair Nichol's PRIME-Ireland Pandemic Resilience Ireland Clinical Platform project receives close to €2.5M in HRB funding. [**Find out more**](#)
- New research demonstrates that LAM, a rare lung disease, is more prevalent than previously reported. [**Find out more**](#)
- UCD Postdoctoral Researchers win 2023 IRC 'Medals of Excellence' in STEM and AHSS. [**Find out more**](#)
- Beyondbmi raises €1 million in seed funding to transform obesity treatment. [**Find out more**](#)

- €16M in IRC funding for pioneering projects pushing the boundaries of knowledge. [Find out more](#)

To read more UCD School of Medicine news, visit [here](#).

Study Opportunities



Postgraduate courses offered by UCD School of Medicine

Gain an advantage by upskilling this year. Check out the wide range of [Postgraduate courses offered by UCD School of Medicine commencing in September 2024](#). For HCPs and others working in healthcare settings, you can choose from masters to micro-credentials, with part-time, flexible and distance and on-line learning options available. All delivered by specialist staff across a network of academic and clinical locations.

[More information](#)

Dr Mary J Farrell General Practice Fundraising Campaign



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Ahead of International Women's Day and amidst Ireland's current GP shortage, we announce the Dr Mary J Farrell General Practice Fundraising Campaign. Established to commemorate the distinguished career of a much-loved GP and eminent UCD medicine alumna, the Fund promotes GP as a career and supports GP needs in underserved communities.

To find out more information, click [here](#).

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Nominate a Classmate for the UCD Alumni Awards



Celebrate Excellence in the UCD community

Do you know an outstanding classmate or fellow UCD graduate who accomplished remarkable achievements? Give them a well-deserved shout-out by nominating them for the 2024 UCD Alumni Awards!

[Nominate a classmate now](#)

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