

Join us for the Cancer Retreat 21.05.21



A digital event for the Irish cancer clinical trials community

9.00am **Session 1: Building a shared vision for the next five years**

(Public session: Open to stakeholders, industry, patients, advocates)

- Welcome from MC & session chair, Prof Seamus O'Reilly – 'A watershed moment'
- An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin TD, opening address
- The Patient Voice: Patrick Kivlehan
- Cancer Trials Ireland strategy for the next five years, Eibhlín Mulroe, CEO, Cancer Trials Ireland

9.30am **Panel 1: "Ambition for cancer trials in Ireland", chaired by Prof Ray McDermott**

A discussion on accruals, grant funding, and how to engage with industry and collaborative groups on funding. Panellists include Averil Power (CEO, Irish Cancer Society), Prof Ian Davis (Chair, ANZUP Cancer Trials Group), a representative from industry (IPHA), and Dr Mairéad O'Driscoll (CEO, HRB), followed by Q&A.

10.15am **Panel 2: "Creating careers in cancer clinical trials", chaired by Prof Seamus O'Reilly**

Panellists include Prof Maeve Lowery (TCD, St James's), Prof Risteárd Ó Laoide (NCCP), Elizabeth Ness (National Cancer Institute, USA) & Maureen O'Grady, trial unit manager (University Hospital Limerick), Dr Teresa Maguire HRB. The discussion will focus on education & training, hiring and retention, followed by Q&A.

10.55am **Comfort break**

11.00am **Panel 3: "The role of translational medicine, academic research and cross-border care"**

Chaired by Prof Bill Watson (UCD). The discussion will focus on questions such as: 1) How will Ireland fund translational research going forward? 2) What are the opportunities on the island for cancer research, and treatment? Panellists include Prof Liam Gallagher (UCD), Prof Mark Lawler (QUB), Dr Jarushka Naidoo (Beaumont) and Dr Rob O'Connor, Irish Cancer Society. Q&A follows.

11.30am **Recognising exceptional careers**

11.40am **Session 2: Improving DSSG performance**

IMPORTANT: Session open to Cancer Trials Ireland members only

Plenary session chaired by Prof Roisin Connolly. It will open with Prof Ray McDermott describing the intended purpose and process of DSSGs, historically, and in light of HRB funding changes. "What trials, and types of trials, does Cancer Trials Ireland want to focus on?" He will be followed by Prof Connolly, who will present DSSG participant survey results on conducting meetings, engagement, disciplines attending, communication, decision-making. Thereafter Lisa Tucker will outline the lead-in to a DSSG from the CTI side.

12.10pm **Comfort break**

12.15pm **Breakout groups**

- ILTs - Investigator-Led Trials (formerly IITs / 'Academic') - **Prof Peter Gorman (RsqVD) & wider discussion**
- Collaborative Groups - **Dr Paula Calvert (ENGOT) & wider discussion (feat. Dr Dearbhaile O'Donnell)**
- Sponsorship - **Roles & Obligations of Academic Sponsors** - Lorcan Gregorian, IPHA & discussion
- Patient involvement - **Judy Needham, Patient Chair, Canadian Clinical Trials Group & wider discussion**

12.45pm **Plenary session reconvenes: breakout groups summarise their conclusions.**

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2.00pm

Session 3: Streamlining processes - the logistics of cancer trials

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Plenary session: (Chaired by Prof Ray McDermott) - Profile of a cancer clinical trial – Prof Seamus O'Reilly, Lisa Tucker (Head of Clinical Operations, Cancer Trials Ireland) and Jacinta Marron (Head of Biometrics, Cancer Trials Ireland) will present the lifecycle of a trial.

NREC: Presentation from Dr Jennifer Ralph James, Head of National Office for Research Ethics Committees

2.30pm

Breakout groups

- What defines a trial's complexity and suitability for the community - **Dr Jarushka Naidoo & Lisa Tucker**
- National systems to support Clinical Trials: Clinical Trials Regulation, HRB clusters, National Ethics Review, Shared Investigator Platforms, National Data Entry Systems.
 - **Prof Ray McDermott, Eibhlín Mulroe - feat. Sandra Bright of HPRA, on CTR**
- Challenges in accrual and trial management at sites and streamlining processes. How CTI can help or partner?
Prof Seamus O'Reilly
- Current communication about Clinical Trials: Feasibilities; coordinating Sites (communication), Cancer Trials Ireland, and the HRB - and ways to streamline.
 - **Prof Joe Eustace, Director, National Clinical Trials Office & Ashley Bazin, Team Leader, TUH**

3.00pm

Plenary session reconvenes: breakout groups summarise their conclusions.

3.20pm

Summary of the day's highlights

3.40pm

Event closes

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