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## PROGRESS AND PRECISION

Tuesday, 10 February – Saturday, 14 February 2026

RCSI CHARTER DAY 2026

## PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Tuesday 10 February 2026		
08.45 – 09.45	REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING	Foyer, 26 York Street
09.45 – 16.15	NATIONAL OFFICE OF CLINICAL AUDIT (NOCA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE FROM AUDIT TO ACTION: A CULTURE OF IMPROVEMENT	Desmond Auditorium, 26 York Street
19.00 – 21.30	20th ANNUAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CASE PRESENTATIONS	Albert LT
Wednesday 11 February 2026		
08.00 – 09.00	REGISTRATION	Front Hall, York St
09.00 – 17.00	ANNUAL HEALTH SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATIONS CONFERENCE Hosted by RCSI National Clinical Programmes	Houston LT
Thursday 12 February 2026		
	ROBOTIC AND TECHNOLOGY LEARNING VILLAGE	26 York Street
07.45	REGISTRATION	Foyer, 26 York Street
08.55 – 09.00	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	Desmond Auditorium
09.00 – 09.30	KEYNOTE LECTURE TACKLING THE OBESITY CRISIS Professor Francis Finucane Consultant Endocrinologist, Galway University Hospitals; Honorary Full Professor in Medicine, University of Galway	Desmond Auditorium
09.30 – 10.30	SYMPOSIUM I A HEALTHIER FUTURE	Desmond Auditorium
10.30 – 11.00	EXHIBITION AND REFRESHMENTS	Exam Hall
11.00 – 12.30	SYMPOSIUM II NEXT GENERATION CANCER CARE	Desmond Auditorium
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14.00 – 14.30	<b>JOHNSON AND JOHNSON LECTURE TRAINING IN THE HIGH TECH ERA: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES</b> <b>Professor Antonino Spinelli</b> , MD, PhD, FEBS (Colo), FAS- CRS (Hon), DSCRS (Hon), CBCD (Hon), CSS (Hon)  <i>Professor of Surgery, Stanford University, California Professor of Surgery &amp; Director General Surgery Residency Program, Humanitas University; Director of Colon and Rectal Surgery &amp; Co-Director of Humanitas IBD Center, Humanitas Research Hospital</i>	Desmond Auditorium
14.15 – 14.30	<b>AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS</b>	Desmond Auditorium
	<b>PARALLEL GROUP I</b>	
14.15 – 17.00	Neurosurgery	
14.15 – 16.15	Irish Institute of Pharmacy (IIOP)	
14.15 – 16.15	Faculty of Dentistry	
14.30 – 16.00	Interventional Radiology	
14.45 – 16.15	Faculty of Sports and Exercise Medicine	
14.30 – 15.45	<b>SYMPOSIUM III PREPARING THE SURGICAL WORKFORCE FOR AI</b>	Desmond Auditorium
16.00 – 16.30	<b>101<sup>ST</sup> ABRAHAM COLLES LECTURE HARNESSING AI TO IMPROVE SURGICAL CARE</b> <b>Professor Ewen Harrison</b>  <i>Professor Surgery and Data Science, Director of Centre for Medical Informatics, University of Edinburgh; Consultant HPB Surgeon, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh; Deputy Editor, NEJM AI</i>	Desmond Auditorium
16.30 – 17.00	<b>FELLOWS AND MEMBERS NETWORKING BUFFET</b> hosted by President and RCSI Council Members	26 York Street
17.00	<b>LAUNCH OF THE ROBOTIC AND TECHNOLOGY LEARNING VILLAGE</b>  <b>AND</b>  <b>LAUNCH OF THE RCSI ROBOTIC SURGERY CURRICULUM</b>	26 York Street
18.00 – 20.30	<b>36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VIDEOSURGERY MEETING</b>	Desmond Auditorium

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09.00 – 10.30	Plastic Surgery	
09.00 – 10.30	Urology	
09.00 – 10.30	Vascular Surgery	
10.30 – 11.00	<b>EXHIBITION AND REFRESHMENTS</b>	Exam Hall
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11.15 – 12.30	<b>SYMPOSIUM IV BEST PRACTICE IN CLINICAL GOVERNANCE</b>	Desmond Auditorium
12.30 – 13.00	<b>33<sup>RD</sup> CARMICHAEL LECTURE</b> <b>Ms Mary Harney</b> <i>Former Tánaiste and Minister for Health</i>	Desmond Auditorium
13.00 – 14.15	<b>EXHIBITION AND LUNCH</b>	Exam Hall
14.15 – 15.45	<b>SYMPOSIUM V RCSI EARLY CAREERS SURGICAL NETWORK THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE</b>	Desmond Auditorium
16.00 – 16.30	<b>THE PRESIDENT'S LECTURE ON QUALITY AND SAFETY IN SURGERY</b> <b>HOW BIG IS "QUALITY"?</b> <b>Dr Donald M. Berwick, MD, MPP, FRCP, KBE</b> <i>President Emeritus and Senior Fellow, Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and Former Administrator of the Centres for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS), USA</i>	Desmond Auditorium

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Saturday 14 February 2026		
08.45 – 09.30	Registration	Front Hall, York Street
09.30 – 12.00	IRISH SURGICAL TRAINING GROUP MEETING	Cheyne LT
12.00 – 12.45	<b>BOSCO O'MAHONY LECTURE</b> <b>Professor Martin O'Donohoe</b> <i>Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin</i>	Cheyne LT



George the **S**ixth King  
of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith,  
and inquired by the humble petition of His  
most humble servant, Samuel Croker

The image shows a close-up of a historical document, the RCSI Royal Charter. The text is written in a highly decorative, gothic-style script. The left side of the image features a large, ornate initial 'C' that begins the word 'Charter'. The text is arranged in a dense, flowing manner, with many lines of text visible. The paper appears aged and slightly discolored. The overall impression is one of a formal, historical document of significant importance.

**THE RCSI ROYAL CHARTER**

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## TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2026

# NATIONAL OFFICE OF CLINICAL AUDIT (NOCA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

in conjunction with RCSI Charter Meeting

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08.45 – 09.45	REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING	Foyer, 26 York Street
09.45 – 16.15	NATIONAL OFFICE OF CLINICAL AUDIT (NOCA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE 'FROM AUDIT TO ACTION: A CULTURE OF IMPROVEMENT'	Desmond Auditorium
Chair	Collette Tully Executive Director, NOCA	
09.45 – 09.55	WELCOME ADDRESS	
09.55 – 10.05	NOCA IMPACT REPORT 2026 Louise Brent Head of Audit Management, NOCA Clinical Lead, Irish Heart Attack Audit	
10.25 – 10.40	PATIENT PERSPECTIVE Paula Connor Patient & Public Interest Representative, Irish Heart Attack Audit	
10.40 – 11.00	PANEL DISCUSSION	
11.00 – 11.30	REFRESHMENTS AND EXHIBITION	
11.30 – 12.10	NOCA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CHAMPION AWARD 2026 - TOP 3 SUBMISSION – NATIONAL/REGIONAL	
12.10 – 12.40	NOCA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CHAMPION AWARD 2026 - TOP 3 SUBMISSION – LOCAL	
12.40 – 13.00	PANEL DISCUSSION	
13.00 – 14.20	LUNCH AND EXHIBITION	
14.20 – 14.40	KEYNOTE LECTURE TBC	

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14.40 – 14.55	<b>PATIENT &amp; FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: LIVING WITH DEMENTIA</b>	
14.55 – 15.10	<b>TBC</b>	
15.10 – 15.25	<b>OLDER ADULT HEALTH PROFILE</b> Dr Mary Browne Consultant in Public Health Medicine, Health Service Improvement, HSE	
15.25 – 15.55	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>	
15.55 – 16.10	<b>PRESENTATION OF NOCA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CHAMPION AWARD 2026 &amp; CLOSING ADDRESS</b> Dr Brian Creedon Executive Director, NOCA	

**20th ANNUAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CASE PRESENTATIONS**

The Intercollegiate Case Competition is an annual event hosted by RCSI among the surgical societies of the medical schools in Ireland in which the winner of each of the individual university case competitions presents his / her clinical case to an audience of medical students from all 7 medical schools. The winner is selected by an independent panel and is awarded the Bouchier-Hayes Medal named in honour of the late Professor David Bouchier-Hayes former Professor of Surgery in RCSI.

19.00 – 21.30	<b>20th ANNUAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CASE PRESENTATIONS</b>  Followed by reception	Albert LT  Atrium
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**WEDNESDAY, 11 February 2026**



## ANNUAL HEALTH SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATIONS CONFERENCE

Hosted by RCSI National Clinical Programmes

08.00 - 09.00	REGISTRATION	Front Hall, York Street
09.00 - 09.05	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	Houston LT
	NATIONAL CLINICAL GUIDANCE AND OPERATIONAL UPDATES	
09.05 - 09.25	POLICY ALIGNMENT WITH SLÁINTECARE AND HOW THE NCP'S WILL WORK WITH THE NEW REGIONAL STRUCTURES TO CONTRIBUTE TO MORE INTEGRATED CARE PATHWAYS	
09.25 - 09.45	PRESENTATION ON THE RECENT NATIONAL CLINICAL GUIDANCE FOR ELECTIVE CARE FACILITIES, PUBLISHED BY RCSI / HSE	
09.45 - 10.05	UPDATES ON SURGICAL HUBS: THEIR DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION, EARLY IMPACT AND THEIR IMPACT ON REGIONAL CARE DELIVERY	
10.05 - 10.20	TBC	
10.20 - 10.30	Discussion	
10.30 - 11.00	REFRESHMENTS	Exam Hall

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	INNOVATIONS IN SURGERY	
11.00 - 11.15	PERIOPERATIVE INNOVATIONS	
11.15 - 11.30	INTRAOPERATIVE INNOVATIONS	
11.30 - 11.45	POSTOPERATIVE INNOVATIONS	
11.45 - 12.00	PATIENT PERSPECTIVE: EVOLUTION OF THE PATIENTS VOICE IN SURGERY	
SERVICE DELIVERY AND SURGICAL PATHWAY		
12.00 - 12.15	CRITERIA-LED DISCHARGE PATHWAYS FOR SELECTED ACUTE CONDITIONS	
12.15 - 12.30	FRAILTY PATHWAYS IN EMERGENCY SURGERY	
12.30 - 12.45	OPTIMISING PATIENT FLOW FROM ED→ASAU→THEATRE	
12.45 - 13.00	DURATION OF ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS: HOW ARE SURGEONS DOING	
13.00 - 13.15	THE STATE OF SURGICAL CARE IN IRELAND: THE FACTS  LAUNCH OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE RCSI NATIONAL CLINICAL	
13.15 - 14.15	LUNCH AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS	Exam Hall
HEALTHCARE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS LIGHTNING TALKS		
14.15 - 14.30	INTRODUCTION	
14.30 - 14.40	LIGHTNING TALK 1	
14.40 - 14.50	LIGHTNING TALK 2	
14.50 - 15.00	LIGHTNING TALK 3	
15.00 - 15.10	LIGHTNING TALK 4	
15.10 - 15.20	LIGHTNING TALK 5	

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15.20 - 15.30	Discussion	
CAPACITY AND ACCESS TO SURGICAL SERVICES		
Chair:	Deirdre McNamara Director, Strategic Programmes Office HSE	
15.30 - 15.40	INTRODUCTION	
15.40 - 15.55	2 YEARS ON: THE IMPACT OF NPPPEP AND THE RCSI THEATRE MEASURE MODEL HAS HAD ON IMPROVING THEATRE FLOW, UTILIZATION, AND REDUCING WAITING TIMES	
15.55 - 16.10	A REGIONAL CLINICAL DIRECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE HOW THEATRE UTILISATION AND EFFECTIVENESS	
16.10 - 16.40	LOCAL AND NATIONAL INNOVATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED AS PART OF NPPPEP	
16.40 - 16.55	THE HOSPITAL CEO PERSPECTIVE ON THE IMPACT OF THE RCSI THEATRE MEASUREMENT MODEL	
16.55 - 17.00	CLOSING REMARKS	

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<b>08.55 - 09.00</b>	<b>PRESIDENT'S WELCOME</b> Professor Deborah McNamara	Desmond Auditorium
<b>09.00 - 09.30</b>	<b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b> <b>TACKLING THE OBESITY CRISIS</b> <b>Professor Francis Finucane</b> <i>Consultant Endocrinologist, Galway University Hospitals; Honorary Full Professor in Medicine, University of Galway</i>	Desmond Auditorium
<b>09.30 - 10.30</b>	<b>SYMPOSIUM I</b> <b>A HEALTHIER FUTURE</b>	Desmond Auditorium
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Ms Mary Godfrey Dean, Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery RCSI	
<b>09.30 - 09.45</b>	<b>FROM EVIDENCE TO ACTION PRESCRIBING EXERCISE FOR HEALTH</b> Andrew Dunne Founder of Personal Health – Medical Exercise Clinic	
<b>09.45 - 10.00</b>	<b>AGE FRIENDLY HEALTH SYSTEMS</b> Dr Emer Ahern National Clinical Advisor & Group Lead Older Persons; President of the Irish Gerontological Society	
<b>10.00 - 10.15</b>	<b>PRESCRIBING FOOD FOR HEALTH</b>	
<b>10.15 - 10.30</b>	Discussion	
<b>10.30 - 11.00</b>	<b>EXHIBITION AND REFRESHMENTS</b>	Exam Hall
<b>11.00 - 12.30</b>	<b>SYMPOSIUM II</b> <b>NEXT GENERATION CANCER CARE</b>	
<b>11.00 - 11.20</b>	<b>CANCER CARE REIMAGINED: PRECISION MEDICINE FOR EVERY PATIENT</b> Dr Jana McHugh FFR RCSI, MRCPI, MB BAO BCh LRCPI&SI, PhD (ICR at UCL) PGDip Leadership (UCD), PGDip Cancer Genetics (RCPI)	
<b>11.20 - 11.40</b>	<b>THE CHALLENGES &amp; OPPORTUNITIES OF EARLY CANCER DIAGNOSIS</b> Professor John Burke, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin	

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11.40 - 12.00	<b>THE ROLE OF SURGERY IN CANCER PREVENTION</b> Professor Mark Corrigan Surgical Oncologist Cork University Hospital, Cork	
12.00 - 12.15	Discussion	
12.30 - 13.45	<b>EXHIBITION AND LUNCH</b>	Exam Hall

### JOHNSON & JOHNSON LECTURE

RCSI is proud to partner with Johnson & Johnson, working collaboratively to support healthcare education and training. We are grateful for the continued support through the prestigious Johnson & Johnson Lecture and Medal.

13.45 - 14.15	<b>JOHNSON &amp; JOHNSON LECTURE</b> <b>TRAINING IN THE HIGH TECH ERA: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES</b> <b>Professor Antonino Spinelli, MD, PhD, FEBS (Colo), FASCRS (Hon), DSCRS (Hon), CBCD (Hon), CSS (Hon)</b> <i>Professor of Surgery &amp; Director General Surgery Residency Program, Humanitas University; Director of Colon and Rectal Surgery &amp; Co-Director of Humanitas IBD Center, Humanitas Research Hospital</i> Prof. Spinelli is the Director of the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, Director of the General Surgery Residency Program, Full Professor of Surgery and Lead of the Surgical Innovation Committee at Humanitas University, Rozzano Milano, Italy. He trained for two years (2003-2005) at the University of Berlin – Charité, and later he gained his PhD on enhanced recovery protocols in colorectal surgery. He is dedicated to the development of innovative techniques in minimally invasive colorectal surgery. Prof. Spinelli is Associate Editor at Diseases of the Colon and Rectum, at Journal of Anus, Rectum & Colon and was Associate Editor at Colorectal Disease (2014 – 2023). He is Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Crohn's Colitis and of Coloproctology. He authored/co-authored more than 460 Pubmed-indexed publications (IF > 3350, H Index Scopus 67, H Index Google Scholar 78). Prof. Spinelli is President of the European Society of ColoProctology (ESCP) and is Fellow of European Surgical Association (F-ESA), Fellow of the European Board of Surgery (FEBS) and Member of the International Organization for the study of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IOIBD). He is Honorary Fellow of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgery (HON FASCRS), Honorary Member of the Dutch Society of Colorectal Surgery (DSCS), Honorary Fellow of the Czech Society of Surgery since 2016 and Honorary Member of the Brazilian College of Digestive Surgery (CBCD) since 2017.	Desmond Auditorium
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## THURSDAY, 12 February 2026

### AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

14.15 - 14.30	<b>PRESENTATION OF MEDALS &amp; AWARDS</b> Presented by Professor Deborah McNamara, President, RCSI
	<b>RCSI COLLES TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP IN SURGERY</b> The RCSI Colles Travelling Fellowship in Surgery is offered by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland to promote the acquisition of additional surgical skills and knowledge that will contribute to advancement of surgical science and practice in Ireland.
	<b>THE BRIAN LANE MEDAL 2025</b> Towards the end of year one of Core Surgical Training each May, the 80 first year trainees complete an operative surgical skills assessment (OSCE) and the highest scoring trainee is awarded the 'Brian Lane' Medal in honour of Brian E. Lane FRCSI, FRCSEd, FRCSEng, FACS, Surgeon Prosector and a former Consultant General and Gastro-intestinal Surgeon at Beaumont and Connolly Hospitals. The winner of the prestigious Brian Lane Medal 2025 is <b>Dr Cassandra Gressmann</b> .
	<b>PROFESSOR W.A.L. MACGOWAN MEDAL 2025</b> This is an award to recognise the highest performing candidate in the Intercollegiate Specialty examination across all specialties from the RCSI National Training Programmes.  The winner of the prestigious Professor W.A.L. MacGowan Medal 2025 is <b>Éanna Ryan</b> .
	<b>RCSI COLLES SURGICAL TRAVEL GRANT</b>
	<b>GERALD O'SULLIVAN MEDAL</b> The Gerald O'Sullivan medal is awarded every year to the Fellow who graduates top of the class at the annual COSECSA (College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa) exams. The medal is named in honour of the former President of RCSI, Professor Gerald (Gerry) O'Sullivan, who along with Professor Krikor Erzingatsian, set up the partnership between RCSI and COSECSA in 2007. This partnership aims to help train and retain surgeons in sub-Saharan Africa and make better surgery accessible to more patients.

### PARALLEL GROUP I

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<b>Co-Chair</b>	Professor Micheal O'Riordain RCSI Council Member; Consultant General/Colorectal Surgeon, Chair of Division of Surgery, Mercy University Hospital, Cork	
14.30 - 14.50	<b>FUNDAMENTALS OF AI FOR SURGEONS</b> Dr Sudipto Das Vice Dean for AI and Digital, Connected Health and Senior Lecturer, RCSI	
14.50 - 15.10	<b>THE INTERFACE OF TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTHCARE</b> Dr Simon Wallace Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO) for Microsoft UK and Ireland	
15.10 - 15.30	<b>TBC</b>	
15.30 - 15.45	Discussion	
15.45 - 16.00	Comfort break	
<b>101st ABRAHAM COLLES LECTURE</b>		
16.00 - 16.30	<b>101st ABRAHAM COLLES LECTURE</b> <b>HARNESSING AI TO IMPROVE SURGICAL CARE</b> <b>Professor Ewen Harrison</b> <i>Professor Surgery and Data Science, Director of Centre for Medical Informatics, University of Edinburgh; Consultant HPB Surgeon, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh; Deputy Editor, NEJM AI</i> <p>Ewen Harrison is Professor of Surgery and Data Science at the University of Edinburgh and a Consultant HPB Surgeon at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. He is Director of the Centre for Medical Informatics in the Usher Institute, University of Edinburgh. He leads the Surgical and Critical Care Informatics group which pioneers data-driven, collaborative research to improve patient outcomes after surgery across both the global north and south. His work spans AI/machine learning, decision modelling, wearable sensing, and clinical trials. He has a PhD in Molecular Biology, an MSc in Statistics, and has contributed to over 300 research publications including authoring the popular book, R for Healthcare Data Science. He is Deputy Editor at the NEJM AI.</p> <p>He leads the NIHR Unit on Global Surgery at the University of Edinburgh, a collaboration with the University of Birmingham. This provides a platform for the GlobalSurg/COVIDSurg Collaborative which, with over 15,000 individuals in 116 countries, is one of the largest scientific consortia in the world (Guinness World Records 2021). He has been appointed a Fellow of both the Academic of Medical Sciences and the Royal Society of Edinburgh. His work during the COVID-19 pandemic was recognised with an OBE in the King's New Year's Honours.</p>	Desmond Auditorium

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11.15 - 11.35	Dr Fergal Monsell President, British Orthopaedic Association	
11.35 - 11.50	Dr Sharon Sheehan Co-Chief Regional Clinical, Director and Clinical Director for Quality and Patient Safety, HSE Dublin and Midlands Region	
11.50 - 12.10	TBC	

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	<b>LAUNCH OF THE BEST PRACTICE IN SURGICAL CLINICAL GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK</b>	
	Discussion	
<b>33rd CARMICHAEL LECTURE</b>		
<b>12.30 - 13.00</b>	<b>Ms Mary Harney</b> <i>Former Tánaiste and Minister for Health</i>	Desmond Auditorium
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<b>SYMPOSIUM V RCSI EARLY CAREERS SURGICAL NETWORK THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE</b>		
<b>14.15 - 15.45</b>	<b>SYMPOSIUM V RCSI EARLY CAREERS SURGICAL NETWORK THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE</b>	Desmond Auditorium
<b>16.00 - 16.30</b>	<b>THE PRESIDENT'S LECTURE ON QUALITY AND SAFETY IN SURGERY</b> <b>HOW BIG IS "QUALITY"?</b>  <b>Dr Donald M. Berwick, MD, MPP, FRCP, KBE</b> <i>President Emeritus and Senior Fellow, Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and Former Administrator of the Centres for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), USA</i> <p>Donald M. Berwick is one of the leading scholars, teachers, and advocates in the world for the continual improvement of health care systems. He is a pediatrician, and a longstanding member of the faculty of Harvard Medical School. He founded and led the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, now the leading global nonprofit organization in its field. He was appointed by President Obama as administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, where he served in 2010 and 2011. He has counseled governments, clinical leaders, and executives in dozens of nations. He is an elected Member of the National Academy of Medicine and the American Philosophical Society. He has received numerous awards, including the Heinz Award for Public Policy, the Award of Honor of the American Hospital Association, and the Gustav Leinhard Award from the Institute of Medicine. For his work with the British National Health Service, in 2005 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II appointed him Honourary Knight Commander of the British Empire, the highest honor awarded by the UK to a non-British subject.</p>	Desmond Auditorium
<b>18.45</b>	<b>HONORARY FELLOWSHIP CONFERRING</b>	College Hall
	<b>CHARTER DAY DINNER</b>	Exam Hall

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SATURDAY, 14 February 2026

IRISH SURGICAL TRAINING GROUP MEETING (ISTG)

ISTG is an independent entity run by surgical trainees. In addition to organising and running specific events, ISTG represents trainees from all subspecialties and levels of surgical training at a variety of committees influencing training.

08.45 - 09.30	REGISTRATION	Front Hall, York Street
09.30 - 12.00	WHAT DO I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP? THE LIFECYCLE OF A SURGEON	Cheyne LT
	FELLOWSHIP UPDATES	
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12.00 - 12.45	Professor Martin O'Donohoe Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin	Cheyne LT

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### GROUP I PARALLEL SESSIONS

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY		
	<b>THE MAXILLARY TEETH AND THE MAXILLARY SINUS – FRIENDS OR ENEMIES?</b>	Houston LT
<b>Chair</b>	Dr Johanna Glennon Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Dentistry, RCSI, Dublin	
<b>14.00 - 14.10</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION</b> Dr Johanna Glennon Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Dentistry, RCSI, Dublin	
<b>14.20 - 14.45</b>	<b>DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY – RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MAXILLARY TEETH AND THE MAXILLARY SINUS</b> Dr Andrew Bolas Oral Surgeon and Senior Dental Radiologist, Dublin Dental University Hospital, Dublin	
<b>14.50 - 15.15</b>	<b>THE ROOT TO THE SINUS</b> Dr Pat Cleary	
<b>15.20 - 15.45</b>	<b>UNILATERAL SINUSITIS – ARE THE TEETH INVOLVED?</b> Mr Michael Walsh Consultant Otorhinolaryngologist, Tallaght and RCSI, Dublin	
<b>15.50 - 16.15</b>	<b>THE MAXILLO-FACIAL SURGEON'S PRESPECTIVE ON TEETH AND THE MAXILLARY SINUS</b> Mr Conor Bowe Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, St James's Hospital, Dublin	
<b>16.15</b>	<b>QUESTIONS AND CLOSING</b>	

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#### FACULTY SPORTS AND EXERCISE MEDICINE

	EXERCISE MEDICINE	
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Dr Frank O'Leary Consultant in Sports and Exercise Medicine, UPMC Sports Surgery Clinic, Santry, Dublin	
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Dr Philip Carolan Consultant in Sports and Exercise Medicine, UPMC Sports Surgery Clinic, Santry, Dublin	
<b>14.45 - 15.05</b>	<b>MITIGATING DECLINES IN SKELETAL MUSCLE MASS AND FUNCTION THROUGH EXERCISE AND NUTRITION INTERVENTIONS</b> Associate Professor Brendan Egan School of Health and Human Performance, Associate Dean for Research in the Faculty of Science and Health, Dublin City University, Dublin	
<b>15.05 - 15.25</b>	<b>APPROACHES TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROMOTION IN CLINICAL POPULATIONS</b> Professor Suzanne Mc Donough Head of RCSI School of Physiotherapy Dublin and a visiting Professor with the University of Southampton RCSI, UK	
<b>15.25 - 15.45</b>	<b>EXERCISE MEDICINE IN CANCER: OPTIMISING TREATMENT AND SURVIVAL OUTCOMES</b> Dr Emer Guinan Associate Professor in Cancer Rehabilitation and Survivorship, Associate Director in Postgraduate Teaching and Learning (PhD Studies), Course Coordinator Postgraduate Programmes in Cancer Survivorship, Discipline of Physiotherapy, School of Medicine, Trinity College, Dublin	
<b>15.45 - 16.05</b>	Professor Brian Carson Director of the Exercise is Medicine® Ireland National Centre, and Professor in Exercise Physiology, University of Limerick, Limerick	
<b>16.05 - 16.15</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>	

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#### INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY

	<b>THE FUTURE OF INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY IN IRELAND</b>	Cheyne LT
<b>Chair</b>	Professor Mick Lee National Lead, Program for Interventional Radiology, Professor Emeritus, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin	
<b>Chair</b>	Professor Colin Cantwell Interventional Radiologist, St Vincents University Hospital, Dublin	
<b>14.30 - 14.55</b>	<b>UPDATE ON THE MODEL OF CARE FOR INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY IN IRELAND</b> Professor Mick Lee National Lead, Program for Interventional Radiology, Professor Emeritus, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin	
<b>15.00 - 15.25</b>	<b>CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FACING IR IN LEVEL 3 HOSPITALS</b> Dr Damien O'Neill Consultant Interventional Radiologist, Mercy Hospital, Cork	
<b>15.30 - 15.55</b>	<b>HOW SHOULD IR TRAINING BE DEVELOPED TO ENSURE THE PRODUCTION OF COMPETENT AND SAFE IR DOCTORS INTO THE FUTURE</b> Professor Colin Cantwell Consultant Interventional Radiologist, Department of Radiology, St Vincents Hospital, Dublin	
<b>16.00 - 16.30</b>	<b>EMERGING AND FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES THAT WILL SHAPE THE FUTURE OF IR</b> Professor Afshin Gangi M.D., PH.D. Chairman of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine Imagerie Interventionnelle University Hospital Strasbourg, France Interventional Radiology King's College, London Guy's and St Thomas's NHS London, UK	

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NEUROSURGERY		
	<b>NEUROSURGERY: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE</b>	College Hall
<b>Co – Chair</b>	Mr Gulam Zilani Consultant Neurosurgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, National Training Programme Director Neurosurgery, RCSI, Dublin	
<b>Co – Chair</b>	Mr John Caird RCSI Council Member; Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon, Beaumont and Children's Health Ireland, Temple Street, Dublin	
<b>14.15 - 14.20</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION</b> Mr Gulam Zilani Consultant Neurosurgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, National Training Programme Director Neurosurgery, RCSI, Dublin	
<b>14.20 - 14.30</b>	<b>DEEP BRAIN STIMULATION IN DYSTONIA: DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY AND IMAGING</b> Ms Catherine Moran Consultant Neurosurgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin  Mr Jack Horan Neurosurgery SpR, StAR MD programme, RCSI, Dublin	
<b>14.30 - 14.40</b>	<b>THE PERITUMORAL ZONE: FROM MECHANISMS TO THERAPEUTICS</b> Mr Vincent Healy Neurosurgery SpR Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, ICAT fellow, RCSI, Dublin	
<b>14.40 - 14.50</b>	<b>CHARACTERIZING THE TME LOW SUBTYPE OF GLIOBLASTOMA TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL TARGETS OF THERAPY</b> Dr Suzanne Murphy StAR MD programme, RCSI, Dublin	
<b>14.50 - 15.00</b>	<b>LONG TERM EFFICACY OF CYBERKNIFE IN TREATING LARGE CP ANGLE BENIGN TUMOURS</b> Mr Daniel Rawluk Consultant Neurosurgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin  Mr Asaad Zulfikar Resident Medical Officer, Hermitage Clinic, Dublin	
<b>15.00 - 15.10</b>	<b>THE BEAUMONT HYBRID NEUROVASCULAR THEATRE EXPERIENCE</b> Mr Ronan Doherty Neurosurgery Specialist Registrar, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin	

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15.10 - 15.20	<b>THE LEARNING CURVE FOR MINIMALLY INVASIVE SPINE SURGERY</b> Mr Ben Husien Consultant Neurosurgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin	
15.20 - 15.30	<b>MY TRIP TO SUDAN: STORIES OF LOSS, HOPE AND RESILIENCE</b> Mr Wail Mohammed Consultant Neurosurgeon, Cork University Hospital, Cork	
15.30 - 15.40	<b>THE RCSI ATLANTIC SURGICAL LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE – A NEUROSURGERY TRAINEE’S PERSPECTIVE</b> Mr Daniel Murray Neurosurgery Specialist Registrar, Cork University Hospital, Cork and Children’s Health Ireland at Temple Street, Dublin	
15.40 - 15.50	<b>BREAK</b>	
15.50 - 16.20	<b>NEUROSURGERY SHORT CASE PRESENTATIONS</b>  <b>RARE CASE OF FOURTH NERVE SCHWANNOMA</b> Jack Henry Neurosurgery Specialist Registrar, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin  Mr Daniel Murray Neurosurgery Specialist Registrar, Cork University Hospital, Cork and Children’s Health Ireland at Temple Street, Dublin  Mr Theo Hirst Consultant Neurosurgeon, Royal Victoria Hospital, Dublin	
16.20 - 17.00	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH - REFLECTIONS OF A CAREER IN NEUROSURGERY</b> Mr Henry Marsh Consultant Neurosurgeon (retired), St Georges Hospital, London, UK	
17.00	<b>CONCLUSION</b> Mr Gulam Zilani Consultant Neurosurgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, National Training Programme Director Neurosurgery, RCSI, Dublin	

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#### COLORECTAL/REGIONAL SURGERY

	<b>SPECIALIST COLORECTAL PRACTICE IN THE MODEL 3 HOSPITAL</b>	
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Professor Des Toomey Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon Regional Hospital Mullingar, Westmeath and Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin	
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Mr Ian Stephens Specialist Registrar General and Colorectal Surgery St. Vincents University Hospital, Dublin	
<b>08.55 - 09.00</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	
<b>09.00 - 09.15</b>	<b>ACUTE GENERAL SURGERY IN A MODEL 3 HOSPITAL</b> Ms Eleanor Faul Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, Louth and Beaumont Hospital, Dublin	
<b>09.15 - 09.30</b>	<b>DELIVERING COLORECTAL CANCER CARE TO A RURAL COMMUNITY</b> Mr Pat Owens Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon University Hospital, Kerry and Cork University Hospital, Cork	
<b>09.30 - 09.45</b>	<b>MULTISITE PRACTICE</b> Ms Paula Loughlin Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown, Dublin and Beaumont Hospital, Dublin	
<b>09.45 - 10.00</b>	<b>DEVELOPING SUBSPECIALIST SERVICES IN A MODEL 3 HOSPITAL</b> Mr Joshua De Marchi Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore, Offaly	
<b>10.00 - 10.20</b>	<b>REMOTE AND RURAL SURGERY IN SCOTLAND – TRAINING AND DELIVERY OF CARE</b> Professor Angus Watson Vice President, Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh Clinical Chair of Surgery, University of Aberdeen, Scotland Honorary Consultant Surgeon, NHS Highland, Scotland	
<b>10.20 - 10.30</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>	

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#### ENT/OTOLARYNGOLOGY HEAD AND NECK SURGERY

	<b>TRAITORS V'S FAITHFULS – THE ROUNDTABLE DEBATE!</b>	
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Ms Mary Bresnihan Sligo University Hospital, Sligo	
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Professor Paul J. O'Neill Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, RCSI Group and Beaumont Hospital, Dublin	
<b>09.00 - 09.18</b>	<b>PLACEMENT OF VENTILATION TUBES IS THE BEST TREATMENT FOR OTITIS MEDIA</b>  <b>For:</b> Paula Casserly Consultant Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin  <b>Against:</b> Michael Fitzsimons SpR in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin	
<b>09.18 - 09.36</b>	<b>THYROSEQ TESTING IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL THY3F NODULES</b>  <b>For:</b> Thavakumar Subramaniam Consultant Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Galway University Hospital, Galway  <b>Against:</b> Rory O'Neil SpR Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin	
<b>09.36 - 09.54</b>	<b>TEACHING V'S TREATMENT – IS THERE A SURGICAL DILEMMA?</b>  <b>For:</b> Éadaoin O'Cathain Consultant Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Royal South Infirmary Hospital, Cork  <b>Against:</b> Nathaniel McHugh SpR in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery	
<b>09.54 - 10.12</b>	<b>ADENOTONSILLECTOMY IS THE PREFERRED TREATMENT FOR OSA IN CHILDREN</b>  <b>For:</b> Lina Woods Consultant in Paediatric Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin, Dublin  <b>Against:</b> Khalid Munir SpR in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin	

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10.12 - 10.30	<p><b>SURGERY IS THE BEST OPTION FOR SNORING AND SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING</b></p> <p><b>For:</b> Brendan Fennessy Consultant in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin</p> <p><b>Against:</b> Mel Corbett SpR in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin</p>	

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GLOBAL SURGERY		
	<b>THE UNMET NEED OF GLOBAL SURGERY</b>	O'Flanagan LT
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Professor James Geraghty Consultant Surgeon; St Vincent's Healthcare Group, Dublin and Council Member RCSI, Dublin	
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Mr Keith Synnott Consultant Surgeon (Trauma/Orthopaedic), Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin and Council Member RCSI, Dublin	
<b>08.30 - 08.50</b>	<b>GLOBAL HEALTH AND THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL SURGERY AND RCSI</b> Professor Juan Carlos Puyana O'Brien Chair in Global Surgery, RCSI Institute of Global Surgery, Dublin	
<b>08.50 - 09.10</b>	<b>SURGICAL EDUCATION IN LOW RESPONSE SETTINGS: MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT</b> Mr Eric O'Flynn Programme Director (Education, Training and Advocacy), RCSI Institute of Global Surgery, Dublin	
<b>09.10 - 09.30</b>	<b>REACHING THE LAST PATIENT: SURGICAL SOLUTIONS BEYOND THE SURGEONS REACH</b> Dr Jakub Gajewski Programme Director (Research), RCSI Institute of Global Surgery, Dublin	
<b>09.30 - 09.40</b>	<b>FUNDING ENT HEAD, NECK SURGICAL TRAINING IN ZAMBIA: A PROTOTYPE FOR SUB SAHARAN AFRICA</b> Professor Kieran O'Driscoll Associate Clinical Professor, UCD Medical School, Dublin	
<b>09.40 - 10.00</b>	<b>RCSI AND COSECSA: THE NEXT 5 YEARS</b> Laston Chikoya President COSECSA, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Levy Mwanawasa Medical University, Lusaka	
<b>10.00 - 10.20</b>	<b>FIFTEEN YEARS AFTER INTRODUCING TASK - SHARING IN SURGERY IN SIERRA LEONE; IMPACT LESSONS LEARNT AND THE WAY FORWARD</b> Professor Hakon Angell Bolkan Consultant General Surgeon, St Olav's Hospital, Norway	
<b>10.20 - 10.30</b>	<b>QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS</b>	

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#### OPHTHALMIC SURGERY

<b>Chair</b>	Ms Christine Goodchild Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin and Co Programme Director for Ophthalmic Surgery	
<b>09.00 - 09.05</b>	<b>WELCOME</b> Ms Christine Goodchild Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin and Co Programme Director for Ophthalmic Surgery	
<b>09.05 - 09.30</b>	Ms Clare McCloskey Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon Sligo University Hospital, Sligo and Co Programme Director for Ophthalmic Surgery	
<b>09.30 - 10.00</b>	Mr Bobby Tang Consultant Ophthalmologist, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda, Louth and Mater Hospital, Dublin	
<b>10.00 - 10.30</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC ORBITAL LESIONS</b> Ms Clare Quigley Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin	

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#### PLASTIC SURGERY

<b>Chair</b>	Mr Peter Meagher Consultant Plastic Surgeon, St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin	
<b>09.00 - 09.30</b>	<b>YOU'RE DOING GREAT</b> Mr Frank Reilly Consultant Plastic Surgeon, Beaumont University Hospital, Dublin	
<b>09.30 - 10.00</b>	<b>MODERN BURN CARE</b> Ms Sharon Kennedy Consultant Plastic, Reconstructive & Burns Surgeon, National Burns Unit, St. James's Hospital, Dublin	
<b>10.00 - 10.30</b>	<b>ENHANCING FUNCTIONAL AND AESTHETIC ONCOLOGIC RECONSTRUCTION: LESSONS FROM TWO CONTINENTS</b> Mr Fiachra Sheil Oncologic Breast Reconstruction, University Health Network, Toronto, Canada	

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#### TRAUMA AND ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

<b>Co-Chair</b>	Mr Gerard Sheridan Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University Hospital Galway, Galway	
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Mr James Broderick Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin	
<b>07.30 - 07.45</b>	<b>WELCOME</b> Mr Gerard Sheridan University Hospital Galway, Galway  Mr James Broderick St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin	
<b>07.45 - 08.10</b>	<b>THE NTPF SYSTEM IS THE BEST WAY TO USE TAXPAYERS' MONEY TO DEAL WITH LONG ORTHOPAEDIC PUBLIC WAITING LISTS</b> <b>Chair:</b> Professor John Quinlan RCSI Council Member; Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin  <b>For:</b> Mr Maurice Nelligan Beacon Hospital, Dublin  <b>Against:</b> Mr Fiachra Rowan University Hospital Waterford, Waterford	
<b>08.10 - 08.35</b>	<b>RESEARCH SHOULD BE PERFORMED BY DEDICATED RESEARCH ASSISTANTS WITHIN A RESEARCH INSTITUTE INSTEAD OF ORTHOPAEDIC TRAINEES DURING TRAINING</b> <b>Chair:</b> Professor John O'Byrne National Orthopaedic Hospital, Cappagh, Dublin  <b>For:</b> Mr Kieran Joyce Specialist Registrar  <b>Against:</b> Martin Davey Specialist Registrar	
<b>08.35 - 09.00</b>	<b>IRELAND NEEDS TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN THE EUROPEAN ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL LANDSCAPE</b> <b>Chair:</b> Mr James Cashman National Orthopaedic Hospital, Cappagh, Dublin  <b>For:</b> Mr. Andrew Hughes St. James' Hospital, Dublin  <b>Against:</b> Adrian Cassar-Gheiti National Orthopaedic Hospital, Cappagh, Dublin	

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09.00 - 09.25	<p><b>WE NEED MORE UNIVERSITY ORTHOPAEDIC PROFESSORS IN IRELAND</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Professor May Cleary University Hospital Waterford, Waterford</p> <p><b>For:</b> Joey Butler Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin</p> <p><b>Against:</b> Rebecca Lyons Cork University Hospital, Cork</p>	
09.25 - 09.50	<p><b>ORTHOPAEDIC TRAINING SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS AS WELL AS PUBLIC HOSPITALS</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> James Harty Cork University Hospital, Cork</p> <p><b>For:</b> Brian Devitt UPMC Sports Surgery Clinic, Dublin</p> <p><b>Against:</b> Colin Murphy University Hospital Galway, Galway</p>	
09.50 - 10.15	<p><b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b></p> <p><b>ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH: MAXIMIZING YOUR CHANCES</b> Professor Fares Haddad Professor of Orthopaedics &amp; Sports Surgery, University College London, UK</p>	
10.15 - 10.25	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
10.25 - 10.30	<b>CLOSING</b>	

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#### VASCULAR SURGERY

<b>Chair</b>	Mr Greg Fulton Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Cork University Hospital, Cork	
<b>09.00 - 09.45</b>	<b>TRAINING FOR TRAUMA</b> Mr Brian Manning Consultant Vascular Surgeon ,Cork University Hospital, Cork	
<b>09.45 - 10.30</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC VASCULAR EMERGENCIES</b> Mr Martin O'Donohoe Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin	

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