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# PROFESSIONALISM IN A PANDEMIC: LESSONS FROM COVID-19.

WELCOME AND OPENNING: PROFESSIONALISM IN A PANDEMIC		
11.45 – 12.05	Online Registration	
12.05 – 12.10	Introduction to Professionalism in a Pandemic Professor Denis Harkin, Chair of Medical Professionalism, RCSI and Bon Secours Health System (BSHS).	
12.10 – 12.15	Presidents Welcome Professor Patrick Ronan O'Connell, President, RCSI.	
KEYNOTE 1: PROFESSIONALISM AND PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY FORMATION Introduction: Mr Andrew McCarthy, Chief Mission Officer, Bon Secours Health System Ireland		
12.20 -13.00	Professional Identity Formation: a journey, not a destination Richard L. Cruess and Sylvia R. Cruess, Emeritus Professors, Faculty of Medicine at McGill University, Montreal, Canada	
13.00 – 13.10	Online Q&A  Moderator: Professor Denis Harkin, Chair of Medical Professionalism, RCSI and Bon Secours Health System (BSHS).	
13.10 – 13.20	Short Break Online Viewing and Voting for Pandemic in Pictures Prize Competition	







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### SESSION 1: PROFESSIONALISM, EDUCATION FOR PRACTICE

Chairperson: Professor Hannah McGee, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, RCSI

13.25 - 13.40	Supporting Professional Identity Formation Professor Yvonne Steinert, Chair Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine at McGill University, Montreal, Canada
13.40 – 14.55	Role Models and Mentors Dr Fidencio Saldaña, Dean Medical Students, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA
13.55 - 14.10	Altruism, Compassion and Duty Professor Joshua Hordern, Professor of Christian Ethics, Oxford University, UK
14.10 - 14.25	Self and Self-Care Professor Anne Hickey, Deputy Dean for Positive Education, RCSI, Ireland
14.25 - 14.40	Panel Online Q&A  Moderator: Emeritus Professor Teresa Pawlikowska, Foundation  Director Health Professions Education Centre, RCSI, Ireland
14.40 – 14.50	Short Break





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### SESSION 2: PROFESSIONALISM, CLINICAL PRACTICE IN A PANDEMIC Chairperson: Professor Denis Harkin, Chair of Medical Professionalism, RCSI University, Ireland

14.55 – 15.10	Critical Care in a Pandemic Professor Ger Curley, Professor of Anaesthesia and Critical Care, RCSI and Beaumont Hospital, Ireland
15.10 – 15.25	Surgery in a Pandemic Professor Salman Yousef Guraya, Vice Dean College of Medicine and Professor of Surgery, University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
15.25 – 15.40	Physiotherapy in a Pandemic Dr Eve Corner, MBE, Clinical Consultant and Lecturer in Physiotherapy, Brunel University, UK
15.40 – 15.55	Nursing in a Pandemic Ms Natalie McEvoy, Clinical Research Nurse in Anaesthesia and Critical Care, RCSI, Ireland
15.55 – 16.10	Panel Online Q&A  Moderator: Emeritus Professor Teresa Pawlikowska, Foundation  Director Health Professions Education Centre, RCSI, Ireland
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### SESSION 3: PROFESSIONALISM, HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS IN A PANDEMIC Chairperson: Professor Bill Maher, CEO Bon Secours Health System, Ireland

16.25 - 16.40	Vaccinations in a Pandemic Professor Fidelma Fitzpatrick, Consultant Microbiologist Beaumont Hospital and Senior Lecturer in RCSI
16.40 – 16.55	The Pandemic, an International View Professor Sam McConkey, Head Department International Health and Tropical Medicine, RCSI and Beaumont Hospital, Ireland
16.55 – 17.10	Professionalism in a Pandemic, a view from the GMC Professor Sue Carr, Deputy Medical Director GMC, UK
17.10 – 17.25	Professionalism and the role of the Regulator in a Pandemic Dr Rita Doyle, President, Irish Medical Council
17.25 - 17.45	COVID-19 Phase Three Reflections Dr Colm Henry, Chief Clinical Officer, Health Service Executive, Ireland
17.45 – 17.55	Panel Online Q&A  Moderator: Emeritus Professor Teresa Pawlikowska, Foundation  Director Health Professions Education Centre, RCSI, Ireland
17.55 - 18.10	Keeping Inline Online Dr Pallavi Bradshaw, Medicolegal Lead, Medical Protection
18.10 – 18.25	Panel Online Q&A
18.25 – 18.30	Prize Giving for Pandemic in Pictures Competition Dr Pallavi Bradshaw, Professor Denis Harkin, Professor Bill Maher, Professor Hannah McGee
18.30 – 18.35	Closing Remarks Professor Cathal Kelly, Registrar and Chief Executive, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Ireland





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## RCSI MEDICAL PROFESSIONALISM ONLINE CONFERENCE APRIL 23 2021 12 PM - 6 PM



#### Professor Denis W. Harkin,

was appointed Chair of Medical Professionalism at the RCSI in November 2020. Professor Harkin joins RCSI from the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. where he was Clinical Lead for Vascular Surgery and Assistant Medical Director. Graduating from Queen's University Belfast, gaining Fellowship of Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh (FRCSEd) and Ireland (FRCSI), and placing first in European Board Exams he was awarded RCSI Travelling Fellow to train at the Toronto General Hospital, University of Toronto, and Stanford Medical Centre. His Doctoral research, funded by The Wellcome Trust, established the seminal link between ischaemia-reperfusion, systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS) and remote organ injury. As Senior Lecturer in Surgery and Consultant Vascular Surgeon at Queen's University Belfast and Royal Victoria Hospital Belfast, he has developed an international reputation in research and practice in vascular trauma and complex endovascular aneurysm care. A founding member of the Specialty Advisory Committee for Vascular Surgery, and elected Council of the Vascular Society, he has contributed in UK and Ireland to Curriculum, Training Programmes and Workforce Planning. He is an Examiner for Intercollegiate FRCS Vascular and European Board of Vascular Surgery. He was appointed Assistant Medical Director at Belfast HSC Trust, in 2015. Professor Harkin's work will focus on medical professionalism and personal and professional identity formation. Our vision is to advance medical professionalism, to benefit our patients, in research, education and clinical practice.



Professor Cathal Kelly took up the position of Chief Executive/Registrar of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland in December 2009. A Graduate and Fellow of RCSI, Professor Kelly previously held the post of Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences from 2006 to 2009.

Prior to his appointment, Cathal was a Consultant General and Vascular Surgeon, with a special interest in endovascular surgery, in Beaumont Hospital. He combined this role with the chairmanship of the surgical division and an academic position in RCSI as Vice Dean for curriculum change. In addition to completing his basic and higher surgical training in Dublin, Professor Kelly pursued a Research Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, USA.

In 2005, Professor Kelly was awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Education at Queen's University Belfast. In 2009 he was conferred with a Master of Business Administration Degree by Institutio de Empressa of Madrid. In 2015, he undertook the Senior Leadership Programme at the Stanford Graduate School of Business.



Bill Maher, A successful leader with a track record of developing and implementing strategy to deliver growth and high quality patient care, improving performance and leading transformational change. Considerable experience at Board and senior management level in both the UK and Ireland in both the Private and Public Sector.

Following numerous roles in industry I have developed considerable range of health service experience in Ireland and UK in both the Public and Private sector with roles in Mental Health, Secondary Care, Primary Care, Nursing Homes and Commissioning. A track record of success, delivering three stars (the highest award available) five years running for a UK Acute Trust and two years running for a Primary Care Trust. Committed to developing patient services in all organisations, setting and delivering high standards, striving for excellence and encouraging nothing less in others. Following a move to Ireland in 2008, employed in a major Dublin Academic Teaching Hospital (St Vincent's University Hospital) delivering consistent overall Green rating in Healthstat, securing the first JCI accreditation for a public hospital in Ireland, significantly improving efficiency and achieving financial breakeven for three years running despite significant reduction in funding allocation.



#### **Andrew McCarthy**

As Group Chief Sponsorship and Mission Officer, Andrew is an executive leader of Bon Secours Health System (BSHS), who serves with other BSHS and Group executive leaders to foster the mission interests of the System. He serves across the structural diversity of the Group, with a special responsibility for fostering the continued integration of the organization's Mission and Values, into the strategic and operational life of BSHS. Andrew also sits on the Board of BSHS in an ex-officio capacity.



#### Professor Hannah McGee is Dean,

Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, RCSI. As RCSI's chief academic officer, she has responsibility for academic programmes in Dublin and in overseas campuses in RCSI Bahrain, RCSI Dubai, Perdana University RCSI Programme (Kuala Lumpur) and RCSI UCD Malaysia Campus (RUMC), Penang, Malaysia. Professor McGee is a health psychologist, founding Chair of RCSI's Division of Population Health Sciences and founding Convenor of RCSI's Reserch Ethics Committee. Her research interests are in psychosocial aspects of health, particularly relating to quality of life, cardiovascular disease and ageing, and with a focus on methodological innovation to address key questions. Committed to translational research, with almost €17 million in peer-reviewed grant income, she has 222 journal publications, 29 books or book chapters and 53 reports - many on aspects of heath and health service issues in Ireland. Alongside national impact, her work has been cited in 31 international policy papers. Among influential research programmes delivered in Ireland were assessments of health and social services needs from the perspective of older people, including a cross-border project – the Healthy Ageing Research Programme. Also the first Irish National Audit of Stroke Care (2007); SLÁN 2007 – the largest adult health and lifestyle survey undertaken in Ireland; and the first national prevalence study of sexual violence - SAVI (Sexual Abuse and Violence in Ireland) (2002).



Teresa Pawlikowska is the Foundation Professor of the Health Professions Education Centre at RCSI, working across this not for profit multi-professional and multi-national university of medicine and health sciences. An experienced medical doctor and educationalist, she was Head of the International Unit at University College London where she developed and delivered a variety of medical education programmes in diverse environments as part of EU and World Bank reform. Later at Warwick Medical School she was involved in curriculum development, and as Director of Research Degrees for Medical Education she developed PhD and Master's Programmes and was responsible for underpinning faculty development. Her particular focus is supporting learning and research in the delivery of patient centered care. Her own research concentrates on consultation quality, professionalism and the professional relationship between patient and doctor, learner and teacher. Latterly this has been extended to other professions outside health care. She is a visiting Professor at Malmo University and an invited lecturer for a number of European courses. Teresa is a member of the Executive Board of BEME (Best Evidence in Medical Education) Collaboration, and has also served as the elected Educational Board member at EGPRN (European General Practice Research Network). She has also acted for WHO as an external expert with regard to advising on education for doctors to support the development of health care reform.



Dr Pallavi Bradshaw, Medicolegal Lead, Medical Protection.

Dr Pallavi Bradshaw graduated from St Catharine's College, Cambridge, gaining a BA (Hons) with a dissertation in Medical Law and Ethics. She trained at Addenbrooke's Hospital, gaining membership to the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, before continuing higher specialist training until joining Medical Protection in 2007. Pallavi completed a Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) with commendation at the College of Law, Guildford in June 2010. She was granted Foundation Membership to the Faculty of Legal and Forensic Medicine, London in April 2013. Having gained an academic scholarship, she was awarded an Executive MBA with merit from Warwick Business School. Pallavi is the Medicolegal Lead for the Risk Prevention department and responsible for delivery and strategic development of the member risk programme, leading a global team

of clinicians. The programme utilises Medical Protection's international experience to develop risk management training and education to improve patient safety and promote ethical practice, as well as supporting

healthcare professionals to manage their

medicolegal risk.

In her previous role as Medicolegal Consultant, she supported and advised doctors across the world and led the team in Asia. She has been involved in many high-profile cases over the past decade and understands the specific challenges faced by consultants, bringing this insight to the Risk Prevention programme. She is also involved in developing Medical Protection policies and engages with stakeholders and the media, regularly writing for and being quoted in trade and national press promoting the interests of doctors. She also presents internationally on medicolegal topics and patient safety initiatives.



Professor Sue Carr graduated from the University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne and has been a Consultant Nephrologist in Leicester since 1995 and Honorary Professor in Medical Education, University of Leicester. She joined the GMC in 2019 as Deputy Medical Director and now works 2 days a week in clinical practice and 3 days in this role.

She was previously Director of Medical Education and Associate Medical Director, University Hospitals of Leicester, for 8 years and before that held various roles including as Associate Postgraduate Dean (2007-11) and Foundation School Director (2009-11). She is an RCP Elected Councillor and has held a number of other senior roles in medical education including member of the National Association of Clinical Tutors Council, Chair, UK Renal Association Education & Training Committee (2008-12).



Eve Corner MBE, is a Lecturer in Physiotherapy and Critical Care at Brunel University London, a Research Physiotherapist at Imperial College Healthcare and a Clinical Consultant working in workforce redesign for 33N Ltd. Eve completed her PhD at Imperial College developing and validating the Chelsea Critical Care Physical Assessment (CPAx) tool as a method of evaluating functional recovery from critical illness. This tool is now used nationally and has undergone crosscultural validation and translation into 5 languages. Eve continued research areas include clinimetrics, patient experience of critical illness and distance learning. Eve received an MBE in the Queens New Years honours list for Services to Health Education, is an associate editor of the Journal of the Intensive Care Society and a key contributor to the National Post-Intensive Care Rehabilitation Collaborative.



Sylvia R. Cruess graduated from Vassar College with a Bachelor of Arts in 1951 and an MD from Columbia University in 1955. She is an Endocrinologist, Professor Emerita of Medicine, and of the Institute for Health Sciences Education at McGill University. She previously served as Director of the Metabolic Day Centre (1968-1978) and as Medical Director of the Royal Victoria Hospital (1978-1995) in Montreal. She was a Member of the Deschamps Commission on Conduct of Research on Humans in Establishments. Since 1995, with her husband, Dr. Richard Cruess, she has taught and carried out research on professionalism in medicine. They have published extensively on the subject and been invited speakers at universities, hospitals, and professional organizations throughout the world. Together they have received the Ian Hart Award from the Canadian Association of Medical Education, the Gold Medal of the Association for the Study of Medical Education (ASME), and the Flexner Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges. She is an Officer of the Order of Canada. In 2011 McGill University established the Richard and Sylvia Cruess Chair in Medical Education and in 2018 the McGill University Health Centre named its principal amphitheater in their honor.



Richard L. Cruess graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Princeton in 1951 and an MD from Columbia University in 1955. Having completed residency training in orthopedic surgery at the Royal Victoria Hospital and Columbia University, he joined the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University and has spent his entire professional career in that institution. He is Emeritus Professor of Surgery and of the McGill Institute for Health Sciences Education. An orthopedic surgeon, he served as Chair of Orthopedics (1976-1981), directing a basic science laboratory and publishing extensively in the field. He was Dean of the Faculty of Medicine from 1981 to 1995. He was President of the Canadian Orthopedic Association (1977-1978), the American Orthopedic Research Society (1975-1976), and the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges (1992-1994). He is the recipient of an honorary degree from Laval University. He is a Companion of the Order of Canada and an Officer of l'Ordre National du Québec. Since 1995, with his wife Dr. Sylvia Cruess, he has taught and carried out independent research on professionalism in medicine. They have published widely on the subject and been invited speakers at universities, hospitals, and professional organizations throughout the world. Together they have received the Ian Hart Award from the Canadian Association of Medical Education, the Gold Medal of the Association for the Study of Medical Education (ASME) in the United Kingdom, and the Flexner Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges. In 2010 McGill University established the Richard and Sylvia Cruess Chair in Medical Education and in 2018 the McGill University Health Centre named its principal amphitheater in their

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Gerard Curley is Professor of Anaesthesia and Critical Care at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine in Beaumont Hospital, Dublin. Prof Curley trained in Ireland, the United States and Toronto, Canada. In the past he has been awarded an International Anaesthesia Research Society Mentored Research Award, Australia/New Zealand Intensive Care Society Global Rising Star, and an Early Researcher Award from the Government of Canada Ministry of Research and Innovation. Professor Curley's research interests include basic science, translational and clinical aspects of critical care. He was recently awarded a Health Research Board Clinician Scientist Award to examine the use of novel lipid mediatorbased therapies for Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome, and a United States Department of Defence Discovery Award to determine the role of alpha 1 antitrypsin in Acute Lung Injury. He has led and collaborated on several projects to examine the role of inflammation in SARS2-Coronavirus-induced ARDS, including a paper recently published in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine. He is leading a multicentre early phase clinical trial of alpha-1-antitrypsin in critically ill patients with COViD-19.



Dr Rita Doyle was elected President of the Medical Council in July 2018, the first woman and the first full-time GP to hold this position, having first been appointed to the Medical Council in 2013 on the nomination of the ICGP.

A graduate of University College Dublin, Dr Doyle operates the Bray Family Practice in Wicklow and has been a General Practitioner for more than thirty years. She was a CME Tutor for 15 years and the Assistant National Director of CME for five years. She served two terms on the Board of the ICGP, initially as Chair of Board of Censors and then from 2011 to 2012, Dr Doyle served as President of the Irish College of General Practitioners. Dr Doyle is particularly interested in the wellbeing of doctors and is chair of the Medical Council's Health Committee. As President of the Medical Council, Dr Doyle continues to support doctors and encourage them in their role as advocates for their patients. In doing so, she is continuing to highlight the shortcomings in our health services that are directly affecting patient care and creating too many impossible situations for doctors.



Dr. Fidelma Fitzpatrick, is a Senior Lecturer and Director of Year 2 of the undergraduated medicine programme in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) and a Consultant Microbiologist in Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, Ireland. Previously, Dr. Fitzpatrick worked at a national level from 2010-2014. As the first National clinical lead for the prevention of healthcare-associated infection (HCAI) and antimicrobial resistance (AMR), she established the national clinical programme, coordinated the national HCAI and AMR workplan, lead the national public information campaign on antibiotics, national hand hygiene and antimicrobial stewardship programme and oversaw the establishment of the National AMR Intersectoral Coordinating Committee between the Dept of Health and Dept of Agriculture.

Dr. Fitzpatrick is the chair of the National Sepsis Governance Committee in the Health Services Executive, the chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Health Protection Surveillance Centre and a member of the board of the Dublin Dental Hospital. In addition, Dr. Fitzpatrick retains an interest in pubic engagement in HCAI and AMR.



Professor Salman Guraya is a senior medical educator, laparoscopic surgeon, editor, and academic professional. Currently, he is serving as Vice Dean of College of Medicine and Head of Surgical Units University of Sharjah. He is an experienced minimally invasive surgeon with special interest in colorectal and bariatric surgery. His surgical and academic experience spans over several countries including UK, Scotland, France, Italy, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. Prof Guraya is Director of Basic Surgical Skills and CCrISP courses by the RCS England. He has authored numerous multi-center research with researchers from Malaysia, Holland, KSA, Italy, Saudi Arabia and UK about surgical innovations and technologies, simulation and artificial intelligence and the use of technologies in MedEd.



Dr Colm Henry, Chief Clinical Officer, **HSE** commenced in the role of Chief Clinical Officer in the Health Service Executive (HSE) in April 2018. As Chief Clinical Officer, he is responsible for ensuring that clinical leadership, encompassing medical, nursing and midwifery, health & social care professions is represented at the most senior level of the HSE. The role and Office of the CCO harnesses this clinical leadership and expertise to develop and nurture collaboration with patients and service users, create a culture of patient safety, and improve the patient user experience. The Chief Clinical Officer collaborates with the HSE's Chief Strategy Officer, Chief Operations Officer and other national directors and senior leaders across the health services to ensure evidence based, clinically informed decision-making in line with identified priorities.



Professor Anne Hickey is a health psychologist, Deputy Dean for Positive Education and professor of psychology at the Department of Health Psychology, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences. She has extensive experience in research in healthcare, principally in examining patient adaptation and rehabilitation after stroke. As Deputy Dean for Positive Education at RCSI, Professor Hickey's role involves educational transformation to include principles of positive psychology at all levels in RCSI. Principles of positive education are being integrated into the core knowledge base and development of clinical skills across undergraduate and graduate courses, with an emphasis on the importance of supporting students to develop skills of self-awareness. The development of these skills draws on positive psychology's emphasis on individual strengths and personal motivation to promote learning and support students on their professional journey to becoming future healthcare professionals.



Joshua Hordern is Associate Professor of Christian Ethics in the Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of Harris Manchester College. He has worked extensively with colleagues in healthcare with a particular focus on compassion in healthcare, medical professionalism and precision medicine. He leads Oxford's Health Humanities programmes and the Oxford Healthcare Values Partnership (www.healthcarevalues.ox.ac.uk). His publications include Compassion in Healthcare: Pilgrimage, Policy and Civic Life (OUP, 2020) and Advancing Medical Professionalism (Royal College of Physicians, 2018). Coedited collections include Personalised Medicine: The Promise, The Hype and the Pitfalls (The New Bioethics 2017), Marketisation, Ethics and Healthcare: Policy, Practice and Moral Formation (Routledge, 2018), Concepts of Disease: Dysfunction, Responsibility and Sin (Theology, 2018) and The Heart in Medicine, History and Culture (Medical Humanities, 2020).



Professor Sam McConkey xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx



Natalie Mc Evoy is a PhD Scholar and Irish Research Council Awardee at the School of Nursing and Midwifery at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI). Natalie is a Senior Clinical Research Nurse in the Department of Critical Care and Anaesthesia at the RCSI and Beaumont Hospital, Dublin. Natalie graduated with a BSc in General Nursing in 2014 from Dublin City University. She graduated from RCSI with a Postgraduate Diploma in Neuroscience Nursing in 2016, and an MSc in Neuroscience nursing in 2018. Natalie's clinical experience is in the area of Critical Care, with a particular interest in Neuro Critical Care. Natalie is a member of the Irish association of Critical Care Nurses (IACCN) and the Irish Critical Care Research Coordinators Group (ICCRCG). Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Natalie has been involved in a number of ICU COVID-19 research studies, and is currently project managing and coordinating the first approved clinical trial in Ireland to test a therapy for COVID-19. This phase 2 double-blinded randomized controlled trial involves the administration of alpha-1 antitrypsin to patients with COVID-19-associated moderate to severe acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). Natalie was a co-applicant on a recently funded Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) grant to prevent PPE-related skin injury in frontline

healthcare workers.



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Yvonne Steinert, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and Professor of Family Medicine and Health Sciences Education, is the Richard and Sylvia Cruess Chair in Medical Education and the former Director of the Institute of Health Sciences Education in the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University. She is actively involved in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education, educational research, and the design and delivery of faculty development programs and activities. Her research interests focus on teaching and learning in the health professions, the impact of faculty development on the individual and the organization, professionalism and professional identity formation, and the interplay between culture and health professions education. She has written and presented extensively on topics related to faculty development and medical education and was recently named to the Order of Canada in recognition of her contributions to the advancement of pedagogical principles, faculty development, and new training approaches in Canadian medical education.



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Sinéad Hand, Sinéad is the Communications and Digital Media Specialist with RCSI Medical Professionalism. She graduated from IADT, Dun Laoghaire with a B.Bus (Hons) in Entrepreneurship after which she set up her own business in multimedia production. Following this, she attended Trinity College Dublin and undertook postgraduate studies in Computer Science and Interactive Digital Media. Sinead conducted her thesis on Social Media use within the Irish Charity Sector. Sinéad previously worked as Digital Media Specialist and Communications Officer with a number of HRB funded projects including StrokeCog and EMeRGe projects within RCSI and STOPHF within UCD School of Medicine and Medical Sciences. She has a love of all things tech.



Áine Ryan currently holds the role of Postdoctoral Fellow in Professionalism in Healthcare in RCSI. She holds a PhD in Population Health and Heath Service Research from RCSI and a Master's degree in Neuromusculoskeletal Physiotherapy from UCD. Áine previously held the role of Director of Professional Development on the Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists Board (ISCP) along with being chairperson of the Professional Development Standing Committee of the ISCP. She has over ten years of clinical experience working in two teaching hospitals in Dublin along with private practice. Áine has held senior roles in Musculoskeletal Outpatients, Rheumatology, Pain Management and Orthopaedic Triage. Áine has worked as a lecturer in RCSI where she was responsible for teaching, examining and module coordinating in the BSc Physiotherapy programme. Her current areas of research interest are lifestyle medicine, professionalism and education in healthcare.

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