

Fifth Irish Congress of Obstetrics, Gynaecology & Perinatal Medicine



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& Perinatal Medicine

Thursday 28 November - Friday 29 November 2019

The Galway Bay Hotel

Approved for 6 CPD points per day

Welcome

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the organising committee I would like to welcome you all to Galway and to the 5th Irish Congress of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Perinatal Medicine. The committee have put together a superb programme of topical and controversial issues. This is a challenging time for all of us working in women's health care and this meeting is a valuable opportunity to meet and share experiences with colleagues. I would like to extend my thanks to all involved in planning and delivering this Congress and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

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| 08:00 – 09:00 | Registration | | | |
| 09:00 – 09:10 | Welcome | | | Lettermore |
| Session 1 | | | | |
| 09:10 - 09:40 | Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery: Here Today, Gone Tomorrow | Dr Arnold Advincula (IGES) | Dr Aoife O’Neill & Dr Kushal Chummun | Lettermore |
| 09:40 - 10:20 | Evolving a Data-driven approach to surgical training | Prof Sean Tierney (IGES) | | |
| 10:20 - 10:30 | Q & A Panel Discussion | | | |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Coffee, Exhibition Stands, Poster Viewing | | | |
| Session 2 | | | | |
| 10:45 – 11:25 | More of the full picture — the long-term consequences of childbirth on the female pelvic floor | Dr Maria Gyhagen (CFI) | Dr Su Sarma & Dr Gerry Agnew | Lettermore |
| 11:25 – 12:05 | Clinician Resilience and Well-Being | Dr Linda Brubaker (CFI) | | |
| 12:05 – 12:15 | Q & A Panel Discussion | | | |
| Session 3 | | | | |
| 12:15 - 14:15 | Breakout sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continence Foundation Ireland (CFI)- See page 11 (Inishturk) • Irish Gynaecological Endoscopy Society (IGES)- See page 13(Inishmann) • Abortion Care session – See page 12 (Lettermore) • Irish Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ISGO) - See page 12 (Ballyvaughan) | | | |
| 14:15 - 15:15 | Lunch and Exhibition stands | | | |

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| Session 4 | | | | |
| 15:15 - 15:45 | Cervical Cancer from a European perspective | Prof Philippe Morice (ISGO) | Prof Donal Brennan | Lettermore |
| 15:45 - 16:45 | Schwartz session- A Patient I will never forget | Ms Yvonne O'Meara & Dr Norma O'Leary (ISGO) | | |
| 16:45 - 16:55 | Q & A Panel Discussion | | | |
| 16:55 – 17:15 | Coffee, Exhibition Stands, Poster Viewing | | | |
| Session 5 | | | | |
| 17:15 – 17:45 | Establishing a Preterm Birth Prevention Service | Prof Andrew Shennan (IOG) | Dr Aisling Martin | Lettermore |
| 17:45 – 18:15 | Biomarkers in the Prediction of Preterm Birth | Dr Ellie Watson (IOG) | | |
| 18:15 – 18:35 | Antenatal Corticosteroids: An update | Prof Sean Daly (IOG) | | |
| 18:35 - 18:45 | Q & A Panel Discussion | | | |
| End of Day 1 | | | | |
| EVENING PROGRAMME | | | | |
| 19.15 – 20.00 | Wine Reception | | Seascape lounge | |
| 20.00 – 22.00 | Congress Dinner | | Ballyvaughan | |

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| 07:30 – 08:00 | Registration | | | |
| Session 6 | | | | |
| 08:00 - 11:00 | JOGS Breakout Session (see page 13-16) | | | Ballyvaughan |
| 08:30 - 10:30 | IPNS Breakout sessions (see page 17-18) | | | Lettermore |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Coffee, Exhibition Stands, Poster Viewing | | | |
| Session 7 | | | | |
| 10:45 – 11:25 | Antenatal Corticosteroids Among Extremely Preterm Infants' | Dr Colm Travers (IPNS) | Dr John Kelleher & Dr Su Sarma | Lettermore |
| 11:25 – 12:05 | An open-label trial to review the efficiency of trans-perineal trigger point dry needling with manual therapy as a treatment for non-cyclical chronic pelvic pain. | Shalini Wiseman (CFI) | | |
| 12:05 – 12:15 | Q & A Panel Discussion | | | |
| 12:15 – 12:45 | JOGS AGM (MEMBERS ONLY) | | | |
| 12:15 – 13:15 | Lunch | | | |
| Session 8 | | | | |
| 13:15 – 14:20 | Fetal Surgery for Neural Tube Defects' | Dr Jan Deprest (IPNS) | Dr Aisling Martin | Lettermore |
| 14:20 - 14:35 | Coffee, Exhibition Stands, Poster Viewing | | | |
| Session 9 | | | | |
| 14:35 - 16:35 | Reports Meeting | See Page 19 | 3 | Lettermore |
| Awards and End of Meeting | | | | |

Breakout Sessions:

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Continence Foundation Ireland (CFI)

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| 12.15 – 12.25 | “Sling on a String”, Autologous trans-obturator mid-urethral sling in a patient with previous anti-incontinence surgery – a video presentation | Fadi-Tamas Salameh | Dr Su Sarma & Dr Mark Skehan | Inishturk |
| Q&A | | | | |
| 12.25 – 12.35 | what does your pelvic floor do for you: knowledge of the pelvic floor in female university students | Leah Falvey | | |
| Q&A | | | | |
| 12.35 – 12.45 | The Effect of Anxiety on a Patient’s Perception of Pain During Urodynamics in a Urogynaecology Setting | Sarah Kennedy | | |
| Q&A | | | | |
| 12.45 – 12.55 | EBV sports shorts | Yvonne Brady | | |
| Q&A | | | | |
| 12.55 – 13.15 | Management of Urethral Diverticulae | Ms Lisa Smyth | | |
| Q&A | | | | |
| 13.15 -13.35 | Urinary Microbiome | Prof Linda Brubaker | | |
| Q&A | | | | |
| 13.35 – 14.05 | Update on Mesh | Dr Suzanne O’Sullivan | | |

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Irish Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ISGO)

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| 12.15 – 12.25 | Audit to determine complications and feasibility of ovarian transposition after radical hysterectomy for cervical cancer in galway university hospital | Nicola Whelan | Dr Michael O' Leary | Ballyvaughan |
| 12.30 – 12.40 | Endometrial Cancer in Patients undergoing Bariatric Surgery | Maggie O'Brien | | |
| 12.45 – 12.55 | morbidity in advanced ovarian cancer patients following cytoreductive surgery: Irish outcomes in a single centre | Karen Mulligan | | |
| 13.00 – 13.10 | Evaluation of Management of Patients with Molar Pregnancy Registered to the National Gestational Trophoblastic Disease Centre | Alex Dakin | | |
| 13.15 – 13.45 | Survivorship after gynaecological cancer in | Prof Donal Brennan | | |
| 13.45 – 14.15 | ISGO AGM | | | |

Abortion Care Session

| Time | Title | Speaker | Chair | Room |
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| 12.15 – 13.15 | Updates in Abortion Care | Dr Aoife Mullaly | | Lettermore |
| 13.15 – 14.15 | Values Clarification | Prof Mary Higgins | | |

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Irish Gynaecological Endoscopy Society (IGES)

| Time | Title | Speaker | Chair | Room | | |
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| 12.15 – 12.45 | Complications in Gyn Surgery: Managing the Old & Avoiding the New | Dr Arnold Advincula | Prof Ray O' Sullivan & Dr Aoife O'Neill | Inishmann | | |
| | Q&A | | | | | |
| 12.50-13.05 | Perspectives on Surgical Training - What can we Learn? | Dr Uzma Mahmood | | | | |
| 13.05-13.20 | | Dr Hugh O' Connor | | | | |
| 13.20-13.35 | | Dr Niamh Daly | | | | |
| 13.45-14.10 | Out -Patient Hysteroscopy Service Set up and Experience | Dr Eve Guaghan | | | | |

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Junior Obstetrics & Gynaecology Society (JOGS)

| Time | Title | Speaker | Chair | Room |
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| 8.00- 8.06 | A retrospective review of patients referred to the Diabetic antenatal Clinic – subsequent treatment and neonatal outcomes | Augustine Ganda | Dr Lucia Hartigan & Dr Niamh Murphy | Ballyvaughan |
| 8.07- 8.13 | Calculating blood loss in an obstetric population | Helena Bartels | | |
| 8.14- 8.20 | Providing a “safe environment and difficult discussions facilitated with respect and compassion” – evaluation of a values clarification workshop within the republic of Ireland | Sarah Kelly | | |
| 8.21- 8.27 | Women Under the Weather: How Climate Change Affects Women's Health | Orla Donohue | | |
| 8.28- 8.34 | Analysis of Irish inquiry reports relating to pregnancy loss services (2005 – 2018) | Aenne Helps | | |
| 8.35- 8.41 | Antenatal diagnosis of fetal anomalies using Quantitative Fluorescence- Polymerase Chain Reaction (QFPCR) and karyotype analysis – does the method matter? An experience from a tertiary maternity hospital in Dublin. | Aleksandra Sobota | | |
| 8.42- 8.48 | Developing a fertility preservation service for children, adolescents and young adult oncology patients and survivors in Ireland | Lucia Hartigan | | |

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| 8.49- 8.55 | Prenatal alcohol exposure and risk of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in offspring: a retrospective analysis of the millennium cohort study | Jill Mitchell | | |
| 8.56- 9.02 | External validation of a risk prediction tool for caesarean delivery: results of the recipe study | Niamh Murphy | | |
| 9.03- 9.09 | Maternal Predictive Demographics and Safest Gestational Age of Spontaneous Onset of Labour | Gillian Corbett | | |
| 9.10- 9.16 | Social determinants of outcome of labour and other variables; a study of primiparous women in a hospital in north-west Ireland. | Aoife Sweney | | |
| 9.17- 9.23 | Reduced waiting times and improved efficiency in outpatient fertility clinic in the national maternity hospital | Maebh Horan | | |
| 9.24 – 9.30 | Small for gestational age - an audit of detection rates in a rural Irish maternity unit | Zahrah Elsafty | | |
| 9.31- 9.37 | Women’s experience of first trimester miscarriage: comparison of expectant, medical and surgical management. | Somaia Elsayed | | |
| 9.38- 9.44 | Is there a Correlation between Maternal Co-morbidity and Increasing Caesarean Section Rates in Robson Group 1? | Daniel Kane | | |

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| 9.45- 9.51 | The inflammatory response following hipec- a novel therapeutic window | Karen Mulligan | | |
| 9.52- 9.58 | A Prospective Cohort Study of the Conservative Management of Focal Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia 2 over a Two-Year Period | Gabriela McMahon | | |
| 9.59- 10.05 | Preventing preterm birth in cwih | Emily O'Connor | | |
| 10.06-10.12 | Does abdominal pain equal acute gynaecology emergency? | Kent Klemmer | | |
| 10.13-10.19 | NiPT – Keeping it Simple! | Catherine Finnegan | | |
| 10.20-10.26 | A baseline internal audit of prophylactic single dose antibiotic administration for operative vaginal delivery | Rebecca Grimes | | |
| 10.27- 10.33 | Inflammatory bowel disease and pregnancy – clinical care guidelines | Clare Foley | | |
| 10.34- 10.40 | Electronic cigarettes and obstetric outcomes: a prospective observational study. | Brendan McDonnell | | |

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Irish Perinatal Society (IPNS)

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| 08:30 – 08:36 | Animation for the mechanism of the hypothesis of transformation of the cervix into the lower uterine segment through tyvu and an inverted u pattern due to direct and indirect uterine cervical interaction and its subsequent reversal: a review | Ali Hegazy | Dr Aisling Martin & Dr John Kelleher | Lettermore |
| 08:37 – 08:43 | Animation for the hypothesis that the cervix dictates the pregnancy interval and circadian timer through exponential uterine wall tension with light dark cycle modulation: a review | Ali Hegazy | | |
| 08:44 – 08:50 | Fetal growth trajectories and their association with maternal, cord blood and 5 year child adipokines | Helena Bartels | | |
| 08:51 – 08:57 | Placental histological findings in a cohort of very low birth weight (vlbw) infants. a comparative retrospective review | Sean Kelleher | | |
| 08:58 – 09:04 | Termination of pregnancy service at femplus clinic | Rita Galimberti | | |
| 09:05 – 09:11 | Antenatal corticosteroids for fetal lung maturation-are we doing it right? | Lavanya Shailendranath | | |
| 09:12 – 09:18 | Are we capturing all cases of midtrimester prolonged rupture of membranes in ireland? | Deirdre Hayes-Ryan | | |
| 09:19 – 09:25 | Incidence of obstetric anal sphincter injuries oasis and factors that affect its pattern in a rural maternity unit in Ireland | Ay.David | | |
| 09:26 – 09:32 | The big challenge: detection and appropriate management of the small for gestational age fetus | Aisling Heverin | | |
| 09:33 – 09:39 | Significant risk factors: is there a beneficial role for 2nd/3rd trimester fetal ultrasound to identify the small for gestational age fetus? | Aisling Heverin | | |

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| 09:40 – 09:46 | Trends in obstetric management of extreme preterm birth at 23 to 27 Weeks' gestation: a 10-year review | Irum Farooq | | |
| 09:47 – 09: 53 | Will Ireland's 12 week cut off for termination of pregnancy drive requests for nipd? | Marie Duff | | |
| 09:43 – 10:00 | A modern trend: Caesarean section at full dilation | Icchya Gyawali | | |
| 10:01 – 10:07 | Congenital Hypoplasia of an Aortic Valve Cusp in a Still Born Infant at Autopsy | Sarah Ni Mhaolcatha | | |
| 10:08 – 10:14 | The etiology, interventions and outcomes in Hydrops fetalis - experience over 15 years | Clare O' Connor | | |

Friday 29th November

National Perinatal Reports Meeting

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| 15.05 – 15.20 | Reviewer – Prof Andrew Shennan | | Prof Sean Daly | Lettermore |
| 15.20 – 15.35 | Dr Sharon Sheehan, Master of Coombe | | | |
| 15.35 – 15.42 | Dr Rhona Mahony, Master of NMH | | | |
| 15.42 – 15.49 | Prof John Morrison, Saolta Group | | | |
| 15.49 – 15.56 | Dr Gerry Burke, Past Clinical Director of Limerick Hospital Group | | | |
| 15.56 – 16.03 | South/ Southwest Hospital Group | | | |
| | Discussion | | | |



Dr Arnold Advincula

Dr. Advincula is a leader in minimally invasive surgical techniques and one of the world's most experienced gynecologic robotic surgeons. He has published and taught extensively in the area of minimally invasive surgery as well as developed surgical instruments in use worldwide. Dr. Advincula is a board certified obstetrician-gynecologist and a fellow of both the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American College of Surgeons.

After graduating with honors from Temple University School of Medicine, Dr. Advincula completed an ob-gyn residency and a minimally invasive surgery fellowship at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. He went on to spend 10 years at the University of Michigan where he rose to the rank of Professor. During his tenure there he served as Director of the Minimally Invasive Surgery Division and Fellowship. He also founded the Endometriosis Center at Michigan. In 2009, Dr. Advincula joined Florida Hospital Celebration Health as Director of the Center for Specialized Gynecology. While in Florida, he served as the Director of the Celebration Health Endometriosis Center and established an AAGL accredited Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery. He was also Medical Director of Gynecologic Robotics at Florida Hospital, as well as Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine. Additionally, Dr. Advincula was the Education Institute Director of the Nicholson Center, an advanced medical and surgical simulation training facility in Celebration, Florida. Prior to leaving Florida Hospital, Dr. Advincula helped launch central Florida's first Women's Institute.

In 2014, Dr. Advincula accepted the position of Levine Family Professor, Vice-Chair of Women's Health & Chief of Gynecology at the Sloane Hospital for Women, Columbia University Irving Medical Center/New York Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Advincula brings 20 years of clinical expertise, innovation and leadership to the position. In addition to his departmental responsibilities, he also serves as Co-director of the AAGL accredited Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery. Shortly after his arrival to New York City, Dr. Advincula also accepted the role of Medical Director of the Mary & Michael Jaharis Simulation Center for the Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons. Despite his busy clinical and administrative schedule, Dr. Advincula has not only helped guide the growth of the simulation center across all health care disciplines but also continues to leverage his expertise in simulation-based medical education to help elevate the training of medical students, residents, fellows and physicians worldwide in advanced surgical techniques and optimized clinical care. Dr. Advincula serves on numerous editorial boards including OBG Management where he manages a widely viewed video education channel. Dr. Advincula has served on the board of the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons. Most recently he served 18 months as President of the AAGL and helped rebrand the strategic direction of a global minimally invasive gynecologic surgery society of nearly 8000 members.



Professor Sean Tierney

Professor Sean Tierney (MB BSc MCh FRCSI) graduated from University College Dublin (UCD) in 1987 and trained in surgery in Dublin, Limerick, Baltimore (USA) and London. Sean has been a Consultant Vascular Surgeon in Tallaght University Hospital in Dublin since 2000. He is a Senior Lecturer in Trinity College Dublin medical school. He was appointed Professor of Surgical Informatics in RCSI (2009) and Dean of Professional Development & Practice in RCSI in 2011. Sean has over 80 peer reviewed papers, book chapters and reviews. He was President of the Irish Medical Organisation in 2010.



Dr Maria Gyhagen

Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynecology and urogynecology. Currently working at Södra Älvsborgs Hospital, Borås. Postdoc at Sahlgrenska Academy at Gothenburg University, Gothenburg, Sweden. Director of Further education of specialists in Obstetrics & Gynecology in Västra Götaland. My research interest is focused on long-term consequences of childbirth on the pelvic floor function.



Linda Brubaker, MD, MS

Professor Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences University of California San Diego

Linda Brubaker, MD, MS is a board-certified FPMRS specialist at the University of California San Diego. She is a prolific researcher with well over 300 publications and multiple NIH awards, including serving as a PI for the NIDDK Prevention of Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms (PLUS) Research Consortium. Her current research focus is the human urobiome, recurrent UTI and bladder health. She is an Associate Editor for JAMA and the Editor in Chief for the Journal of FPMRS. Dr. Brubaker has an illustrious academic profile, including service as the Dean of the Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine for nearly 6 years. Dr. Brubaker has received multiple awards which include the Lifetime Achievement Award (American Urogynecologic Society), induction into AOA (2013), Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society, the 2007 APGO Excellence in Teaching Award, the 2003 Rush Medical College Distinguished Alumnus Award and the various Faculty Teaching Awards. She has served as the president (and program chairs) of both the American Urogynecologic Society as well as the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons. She recently completed her term as the Division Director for the FPMRS division of ABOG.



Prof Philippe Morice

Head of the Departments of Surgery. Gustave Roussy. Villejuif.

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President 2019-2021

Member of the Council of the European Society of Gynecologic Oncology (ESGO)

Member of the Fertility Task Force of the European Society of Gynecologic Oncology (ESGO)

TOPICS OF INTEREST

Radical surgery (and initial/interval debulking surgery) in advanced ovarian cancer

Conservative management of ovarian & cervical cancers

Fertility preservation in gynecologic cancers

Borderline ovarian tumors

Cancer & pregnancy

Interest of lymphadenectomies in gynecological malignancies

Interest of surgery after (or before) chemoradiation therapy in patients with stage IB2/II cervical cancer

Laparoscopic surgery



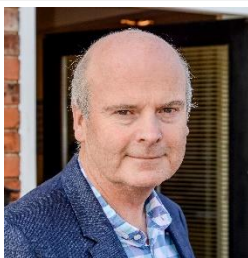
Yvonne O'Meara

Yvonne is a University College Dublin honours graduate and is a registered Medical Social Worker and registered Systemic Psychotherapist. Yvonne has worked in the area of Psycho-Social Oncology and Palliative Care for over 15 years in teaching hospitals in Dublin Ireland and in Toronto Canada. Areas of special interest include psychosexual, anticipatory grief and working with couples and families throughout the disease trajectory. She co leads the Public and Patient Interest Group for the National Gynaecological Oncology Society. Yvonne was the lead moderator for a 5 year North American on line study assessing psychosexual distress post gynaecological cancer. Yvonne is a Schwartz Rounds facilitator and currently works in Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services and in private practice. Yvonne is married and has three children.



Dr Norma O'Leary

Dr. Norma O'Leary is a Consultant Physician in Palliative Medicine in Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services and St. James's Hospital. Following graduation from UCC she completed specialist training in palliative medicine and was awarded a doctorate by UCD for research on the palliative care needs of patients living with chronic disease. She worked as a Consultant in Palliative Medicine in Marie Curie Cancer Care in the UK and as the regional representative (Dublin northeast area) on the National Clinical Programme for Palliative Care. She is the medical lead for Schwartz Rounds and Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration at OLH&CS. She is a Clinical Senior Lecturer at Trinity College Dublin and a trainer with Royal College Physicians Ireland.



Prof Andrew Shennan

Andrew Shennan is Professor of Obstetrics at King's College London, based at St. Thomas' Hospital and is Clinical Director of South London Clinical Research Network. He sits on the UK HTA commissioning board.

He specialises in clinical trials in antenatal and intrapartum care. His research interests include interventions to predict and prevent preterm birth, pre-eclampsia, global health and the use of blood pressure monitoring. He has published over 450 peer reviewed research reports (H index and RG score >50).

He has an active clinical role in managing high risk obstetric patients, including a regular hands-on labour ward commitment, and a specialist award winning preterm birth surveillance clinic that accepts national and international referrals. He is the recipient of the international 2017 Newton Prize (£200,000) for excellence in research and innovation in support of economic development and social welfare in low and middle-income countries. He was awarded an OBE in 2018 for services to maternity care.



Dr Ellie Watson

I am an obstetrics and gynaecology trainee from South London, UK. My PhD with Professor Shennan and Professor Rachel Tribe at the Women's Health Academic Centre, Kings College London involves the development and evaluation of the QUIPP app, an innovative predictive tool aimed at improving the management of threatened preterm labour. Motivated by experiences on the labour ward, I also lead a longstanding improvement project with multiple partners including the creation of the CotFinder app and a new pan-London guideline. I enjoy undergraduate and postgraduate clinical and medical ethics teaching and completed a PGCert in Clinical Education in 2015.



Prof Sean Daly

Professor Sean Daly was trained in Ireland and the United States where he practiced as a consultant in Maternal Fetal Medicine before returning home to take up the post of Master. Following his term as Master he became Head of Maternal Fetal Medicine in the Coombe Hospital. He started a multiple births service as well as a national service for the diagnosis and management of congenital heart disease. He currently runs the largest diabetic service in Ireland and has a keen interest in the prevention of preterm birth. He has published widely in the areas of prevention of birth defects, diabetes, twins, fetal growth and preterm birth.



Colm Travers, MB BCh BAO, MRCPi

Colm Travers is an Assistant Professor in Neonatology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, earned his medical degree at the University College in Dublin and completed paediatric basic and higher specialist training through the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. Dr. Travers completed his neonatal-perinatal fellowship and expedited pediatric residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. His major research/clinical interests include: reducing major morbidities and mortality among preterm infants, long term outcomes in survivors of prematurity, implementation of evidence based practice, disparities in neonatal-perinatal care, and global neonatal health.



Shalini Wiseman

Shalini Wiseman is a Chartered Physiotherapist in Women’s Health and Continence at the Cork University Maternity Hospital and is the Clinical-lead in Women’s Health at the Cork Women’s Clinic and at the Corporate Wellness Centre for a top 10 ranked Fortune 100 Organization. She completed her MSc by Research from University College Cork, Postgraduate in Women’s Health from University of Bradford and graduated from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, India. Her area of interest is chronic pelvic pain. She also works as a guest lecturer for the midwifery and the MSc Obstetrics and Gynaecology modules at the University College Cork, Ireland.



Dr Jan Deprest

Jan Deprest MD PhD FRCOG is Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the KU Leuven (Belgium) and UCL (United Kingdom). He has a research interest in fetal surgery, in particular to antenatal interventions that modulate fetal development in case of congenital birth defects. He directs the clinical fetal surgery program in Leuven, and did set up the program at University College London Hospital to treat fetuses with spina bifida and congenital diaphragmatic hernia. Both teams are working on novel image guided surgical instruments for fetal surgery. He initiated and directed the Eurofoetus consortium, which designed a series of fetoscopic instruments with support from the European Commission, and since a number of other European projects in fetal medicine. He published over 600 peer reviewed papers, and directed over 30 PhD projects.

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