

13th Annual Scientific Meeting Friday 23rd May 2025

Scientific Programme

Morning Programme

08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:05 09.05 - 09.15	Welcome - Prof. Risteárd Ó Laoide – Director - NCCP Introduction Prof. Shirley Potter & Prof. Desmond Tobin Co-Chairs – Irish Melanoma Forum
	SESSION 1: Clinical Research – Phenotypes, Biomarkers, Histopathology Chairs: Prof. Paul Donnellan – Consultant Medical Oncologist Mr. Fiachra Martin – Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon
09:15 - 10.00	Prof. John Kirkwood – Professor of Medicine & Medical Oncologist University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, USA Progress and gaps in the team science of melanoma
10.00 – 10.30	Mr. Myles Smith - Consultant Surgical Oncologist and General Surgeon The Royal Marsden, London, UK Perspectives on Melanoma Surgery: Trends, Techniques, and Controversies
10:30 - 11:15	Coffee – Exhibitor Stands – General Posters & Moderated Posters - Session 1 Melanoma Nurse Meeting (11.20 – 13.00)
	SESSION 2: Basic Research Chairs: Prof. William Gallagher – Professor of Cancer Biology Prof. Breandán Kennedy – Professor of Pharmacology
11.15 - 12.00	Prof. David Fisher – Professor of Dermatology & Pediatrics Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA Clues to melanoma therapy from its unique pathogenesis
12.00 - 12.05	Ms. Niamh Duggan – Clinical Research Lead – OPGG Group School of Biomedical and Biomolecular Science, UCD, Dublin
	Analysis of extracellular vesicles as a source of novel biomarkers for the detection of primary and metastatic uveal melanoma
12.05 - 12.10	Dr. Paul Thompson – Senior Lecturer – School of Biomedical Sciences Ulster University – Coleraine Campus Targeting NR4A orphan nuclear receptors for novel drug development in melanoma
12:15 – 13.40	LUNCH – Exhibitor Stands – General Posters - Session 2
12.45 – 13.30	Industry Sponsored Symposium
	Prof. Peter Mohr

Dermatological Center Buxtehude, Elbe Kliniken Buxtehude, Buxtehude, Germany An overview of the treatment paradigm for patients with stage IIB, IIC Melanoma



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	SESSION 3: Melanoma Management Chair: Prof. Aurelie Fabre – Consultant Histopathologist Dr. Paula Calvert – Consultant Medical Oncologist
13.40 - 14.05	Dr. Máirín McMenamin – Consultant Histopathologist St. James's Hospital, Dublin, Ireland Melanoma Histopathology Updates
14.05 - 14.50	Prof. John Crown – Consultant Medical Oncologist St. Vincent's Private Hospital & University College Dublin, Ireland Adjuvant and neoadjuvant therapy in early-stage melanoma
14.55 - 15.00	Ms. Philippa Harold Barry – Medical Student – University College Cork Regression within Primary Melanomas: Frequency and associated features in an Irish cohort
15.00 - 15.05	Dr. Susan McCrossan - Specialist Registrar - Galway Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery Unit, Galway University Hospital, Ireland. Sarcopenia as a prognostic indicator in advanced melanoma; a retrospective cohort study
15.05 - 15.10	Dr. Rachel Kelly – Intern Doctor – SVUH & University College Dublin Assessing the Impact of the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) guidelines versus the older NICE 2022 guidelines on radiological staging/surveillance of patients with melanoma
15.10 - 15.15	Ms. Miriam Staunton – Patient Advocate – Melanoma Support Ireland Exploring Irish Cancer Patients' Attitudes to Accessing Their Own Medical Records
15.15 - 15.30	Coffee – Exhibitor Stands – General Posters & Moderated Posters - Session 3
	SESSION 4: Melanoma Management Chairs: Dr. Sally O'Shea – Consultant Dermatologist Ms. Miriam Staunton – Patient Advocate
16.00 – 16.15	Dr. Conor Stapleton – Patient Advocate Tallaght University Hospital The Two Worlds of a Doctor with Melanoma
16.15 – 16.30	Dr. Finbarr Conroy – Specialist Registrar – Mater Misericordiae University Hospital Uveal Melanoma Treatments Update
16.30	Prizes & Concluding Remarks Prof. Shirley Potter & Prof. Desmond Tobin Co-Chairs – Irish Melanoma Forum