

2026 NATIONAL TRAINING DAY

30TH JAN 2026 9AM – 4.15PM

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AGENDA

9:00 – 9:05 | Opening Remarks

Angela Clayton-Lea, CEO, Cancer Trials Ireland

09:05 – 09:30 | Self-Care and Work-Life Balance

Prof Brendan Kelly, Consultant Psychiatrist, TUH

09:30 – 11:30 | Trainee Presentations

Co-Chairs Dr Guhan Rangaswamy & Dr Lynda Corrigan

09:30 – 11:30 | Parallel Session for Team Leaders

11:30 – 11:40 | Barriers to Engaging with Research - Prof Jarushka Naidoo

11:40 – 12:00 | Coffee Break & Poster Viewing

12:00 – 12:20 | Life lessons: Advice to my trainee self - Prof Suzanne Crowe

12:20 – 13:40 | Learning from Ourselves and Others

Co-Chairs Dr Anne Fortune & Dr Michael McCarthy

- What's Happening in Allied Health - Dr Aifric O'Sullivan
- What's Happening in Haematology - Dr Janusz Krawczyk
- What's Happening in Medical Oncology - Dr Emily Harrold
- What's Happening in Radiation Oncology - Prof Sinead Brennan
- What's Happening in Surgery - Dr Jessie Elliott
- What's happening in the Lab (Translational) - Prof Leonie Young
- Panel Discussion featuring all speakers, joined by a patient representative

13:40 – 14:25 | Lunch & Networking Opportunity & Poster viewing

14:25 – 15:50 | The Hidden Curriculum

Chair Prof Gerry Hanna

- Importance of mentoring in oncology research - Dr Killian Nugent
- AI in research and the clinic - Dr Mark Dornan
- Driving collaboration in cancer research - Prof Ruth Clifford
- Breaking down silos: building a unified research team in Cork - Dr Laia Raigal
- Panel Discussion featuring all speakers

15:50 – 16:00 | Closing Remarks

Prof. Seamus O'Reilly, Clinical Lead, Cancer Trials Ireland

16:00 | Presentation of Bursary Prizes

16:15 | Close of meeting

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