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## UCD School of Medicine Newsletter



Dear Colleagues,

I hope you had some relaxing time with family and friends over the summer break. There is a great deal to look forward to as we commence another year and warmly welcome our new students to UCD School of Medicine.

Below we share School highlights and some of the achievements of our outstanding alumni, who continue to pave successful careers and help build a positive healthcare landscape. We continue to significantly contribute to important research that impacts lives and supports our focused agenda of improving healthcare in Ireland and around the world, from COVID-19 research, to AI and radiology findings to the first ADHD global research study of its kind.

We also feature some further study and learning opportunities.

If you would like to suggest an item for coverage in a future edition of this newsletter, please email [comms.medicine@ucd.ie](mailto:comms.medicine@ucd.ie).

As a final note, I am delighted to extend my term as Dean of UCD School of Medicine for another 5-years. I look forward to continuing to shape our reputation as a worldwide leader in the provision of excellence in education and research.

Very best wishes,



*Michael Keane*

**Professor Michael Keane**

Dean, Head of School  
UCD School of Medicine

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## School Highlights



### MGA Clinical Influencers Podcast

Join Dr Ray Power and Professor Patrick Murray for the launch of the third series of the MGA Clinical Influencers Podcast. They discuss the importance of personal and attentive GP care, the need to focus on wellbeing, and Dr Power passes on his tip for a Greek holiday destination.

[Listen to the podcast here](#)



### Retirement of Professor Gerry Bury

On Professor Bury's retirement from UCD School of Medicine, we would like to honour his significant contribution to the School, the University and the wider community. He has made an immeasurable impact to the field of Medicine. Thank you, Gerry.

[Gerry's career highlights](#)



### Two New Research Chairs – Pancreatic and Orthopaedic Oncology

Significant philanthropic support from donors to UCD Foundation has enabled the establishment of two new research chairs at the School of Medicine - the Pat Smullen Chair in Pancreatic Cancer and the Nancy Boland Chair in Musculoskeletal Oncology.

[More information](#)



### Welcoming Three New Associate Deans

Congratulations to [Dr Cliona McGovern](#), Associate Professor Shane Foley and Assistant Professor Marie-Louise Ryan who have recently been appointed Associate Deans in the UCD School of Medicine.

[Read more here about Associate Prof Foley and Assistant Prof Ryan](#)



### **Dr Suzanne Crowe re-elected as President of the Medical Council**

Dr Crowe, Associate Clinical Professor in Women and Children's Health at UCD School of Medicine, has been re-elected as President of the Medical Council - her second term as President. This is Dr Crowe's fifth year with the Council.

[Read more here](#)

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## **Recent and Upcoming Events**

### **Conferrals and Graduation Dinner**



The UCD Medicine Conferring Ceremony took place at UCD O'Reilly Hall on 1 June. In the evening, the celebratory atmosphere continued with the much-anticipated School of Medicine Graduation Dinner. Click [here](#) for more information.

Congratulations to all our students who graduated from Radiography on 16 June at UCD O'Reilly Hall - with close to 100 students graduating. Click [here](#) to see the event photos.

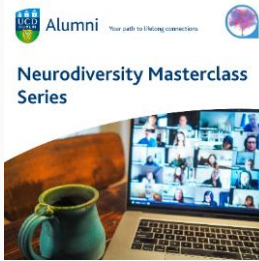
The School was also delighted to celebrate conferring 20 graduates with BSc degrees in Biomedical Health and Life Sciences (BHLS) on 7 September. Click [here](#) to see photos from the event.

### **MGA Alumni Reunion 2023**



On Friday 12 May, the UCD MGA Alumni Reunion 2023 was held to celebrate the MB BCh BAO graduating classes of 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2013. Congratulations to Mr Declan Magee, who was announced the recipient of the Distinguished Graduate Award 2023.

[Click here to see photos](#)

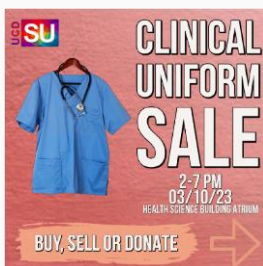


### Neurodiversity Masterclass Series

28 Sept | 5pm | Zoom

Experience a broad range of topics and world-class speakers; from neurodiverse individuals and advocates to researchers and employers. The next session features Charlotte Valeur, Institute of Neurodiversity, Disclosure and Leadership on 'My Autism Learning Journey'. All previous sessions can be watched back [here](#).

[To find out about upcoming speakers and to register, click here.](#)



### Health Sciences Clinical Uniform SALE – Buy, sell or donate

3 Oct | 2-7pm | Health Sciences Building Atrium on campus

This is open to all health science students and alumni to buy and sell second-hand uniforms for placement. Sellers need to sign up so please email [education@ucdsu.ie](mailto:education@ucdsu.ie) for more information.



### 2023 Conway Institute Festival of Research and Innovation

19-20 Oct | Belfield Campus

The UCD Conway Institute will be celebrating research, innovation and culture as they mark the 20-year anniversary of the Institute. The event will take place 19-20 October at UCD Belfield. Find out more about the programme, speakers and Alumni Career Roundtable [here](#).

[Register for free here](#)



### MGA Alumni Reunion 2024 - Save the Date!

10 May 2024 | Belfield Campus

The next [MGA Alumni Reunion](#) will take place on Friday 10 May 2024 and will celebrate the MB BCh BAO graduating classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004 and 2014.

This event promises to be an unforgettable occasion filled with nostalgia, professional development, and an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and colleagues.

You can see the list of current class representatives [here](#).

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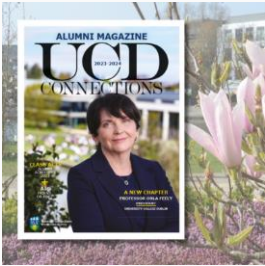
## Alumni/Community News



### UCD Medicine Alumnus Winning Outstanding Awards

Congratulations to UCD Medicine alumnus Dr Matthew Ho for being selected to receive the 2023 'Research Achievement Award' for the Internal Medicine Residency Training program of the Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Education.

[Read more here](#)



### 2023 UCD Connections Alumni Magazine

UCD annual alumni magazine is available to read online. Explore the extraordinary stories and accomplishments of UCD's worldwide alumni network.

[Read UCD Connections 2023](#)



### 2023 UCD Alumni Awards

Rachel Kenna, Chief Nursing Officer, was announced as this year's recipient for the UCD Alumni Award in Health and Agriculture Sciences. Click below to learn about the 2023 Awardees.

[More information](#)



### First UCD Student to Win the Prestigious 2023 Duke Elder Prize

Congratulations to UCD School of Medicine student, Abdullah Khan, who is the first UCD student to win the Duke Elder undergraduate ophthalmology prize from the Royal College of Ophthalmology.

[Find out more here](#)



### Recent Alumnus Wins U21 Provost Award

Congratulations to recent alumnus Ethan Waisberg who won the U21 Provost Award with his project 'Preventing Blindness with Space Medicine Technology'.

## [Read about his great project here](#)



### **World Champions!**

Congratulations to the Ireland Medical Football Team for winning the Medical World Cup (The Ferran Morrell Cup) on Saturday, 8 July. The winning Ireland team was captained by Dr Andrew Delany, UCD graduate and captain of St. Vincent's.

### [Read more here](#)



### **Discover the Latest Update on the UCD CEMS Ukraine Trauma Project**

Professor Gerard Bury, Emeritus Professor of General Practice, provides the [latest update on the UCD CEMS Ukraine Trauma Project](#), sharing the news that the Irish Red Cross has agreed to a contribution of €150,000 to the project (together with establishing working links to the Ukrainian Red Cross) and will consider further supports in the future.

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## **Research**

- **Research results for first ADHD global study of its kind:** Titled 'Understanding the "battleground" of homework and ADHD: A qualitative study of parents' perspectives and experiences'. The research, led by Dr Blánaid Gavin, highlights the homework impact on children's ages ranging from 6 to 17. [Read more here](#)
- **Professor Alistair Nichol at the forefront of data supporting current management of CO2 levels in cardiac arrest patients:** A promising emerging treatment (hypercapnia) for comatose adult cardiac arrest patients has been found to yield similar results to current treatment. [Find out more](#)
- **Dr Brendan Kelly leads study showing the power of deep learning in making personalised predictions from radiographs:** [Dr Kelly](#) has shared his team's [research in AI and radiology](#). The study shows the power of deep learning in making personalised predictions from radiographs. [Find out more](#)
- **Ongoing research into genes and the severity of COVID-19:** Dr Rachel MacMann and the All Ireland Infectious Diseases (AIID) Cohort published their study which maps out [gene pathways implicated in driving severe COVID-19](#). Another study, involving Professor Alistair Nichol, investigates [why COVID is life-threatening for some people](#) and specifically looks at immune genes.
- **Celebrating 25 years of research collaboration:** In April, Queen's University Belfast welcomed Higher Education delegates, including research partners from UCD,

as they hosted former US Secretary of State and Senator Hillary Clinton for the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement (GFA) at their three-day conference **Agreement 25**. [Read more here](#)

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## Study Opportunities - January 2024 Intake



If you would like to obtain a further qualification in your area of interest to help increase your career prospects, the following Radiography and Diagnostic Imaging Graduate Taught programmes are available for January 2024 intake:

- **X736 [Professional Certificate In Fetal Wellbeing Ultrasound](#)**
- **X737 [Professional Certificate In Gynaecological Pregnancy Ultrasound](#)**
- **X471 [Graduate Certificate In Fertility Ultrasound](#)**
- **X734 [Professional Certificate In Early Pregnancy Ultrasound](#)**
- **X403 [Professional Certificate In Radiation Safety](#)**
- **X579 [Professional Certificate In Dual Energy X-Ray Absorptiometry](#)**
- **X675 [MSc Medical Imaging \(Part-Time\)](#)**
- **CT31 [Cross Sectional Anatomy \(Spring\)](#)**

Click [here](#) for the full overview of Graduate Taught Radiography and Diagnostic Imaging programmes.