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## Welcome from Professor Fidelma Dunne

Director, Institute for Clinical Trials, University of Galway

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to FutureTrials25, our conference dedicated to advancing the future of clinical trials through collaboration, innovation, and shared learning.

At the Institute for Clinical Trials, our mission is to shape a more responsive, inclusive, and impactful clinical research ecosystem — one that accelerates discovery and delivers tangible benefits to patients. FutureTrials25 brings together leading voices from academia, industry, healthcare, and regulatory bodies to explore the challenges and opportunities ahead.

This year's themes — Discovery to Patient Impact, Fostering an Enabling Landscape, and Future Innovation: Emerging Technologies and Trends — reflect our commitment to bridging the gap between research and real-world outcomes, building capacity across the system, and embracing the tools that will define the next generation of trials.

We are proud to host this dialogue here at University of Galway and hope that over the course of the conference, you will connect, exchange, and leave inspired by what is possible when we work together across disciplines and sectors.

Thank you for being part of this important conversation.



## Programme Overview

**Host:** Dr Ruth Freeman

8:00-8:30am	Breakfast and Registration
8:30-9:15am	Welcome Address
9:15-11:00am	Session 1: Discovery to Patient Impact
11:00-11:15am	Coffee Break
11:15am-1:15pm	Session 2: Fostering an Enabling Landscape
1:15-2:00pm	Lunch/Networking
2:00-4:15pm	Session 3: Future Innovation/Emerging Technologies and Trends

## Welcome Address

8:30am	Prof Fidelma Dunne, Director, Institute for Clinical Trials
8:45am	Prof Peter McHugh, Interim President, University of Galway
9:00am	Prof Mary Horgan, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health

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## Session 1 - Discovery to Patient Impact

This theme explores how cutting-edge research and early discoveries translate into meaningful improvements in patient care, highlighting the journey from concept to clinical impact.

9:15am	<b>Keynote Speaker: Prof Patrick Serruys</b> , Professor of Interventional Medicine & Innovation - Coronary Revascularisation in 2040
	<b>Case Study:</b> Clinical Need to Guideline Transformation: The Evolution of Renal Denervation (RDN)
9:45am	<b>Marianne Wanten</b> , Director, Clinical Research, Medtronic
10:00am	<b>Prof Faisal Sharif</b> , Professor of Translational Cardiovascular Medicine and Innovation/ Interventional Cardiologist
10:15am	<b>Prof Bill McEvoy</b> , Professor of Preventive Cardiology
10:30am	<b>Dr Sandra Ganly</b> , CEO, National Institute for Prevention and Cardiovascular Health (NIPC)
10:45am	Q&A
10:55am	Big C Choir presentation to the HRB - Clinical Research Facility Galway (CRFG)
11:00am	Coffee Break

## Session 2 - Fostering an Enabling Landscape

This theme examines the systems, policies, and partnerships needed to build a thriving clinical trials environment, with a focus on regulation, collaboration and infrastructure.

11:15am	<b>Siobhan Gaynor</b> , Patient, Researcher/Advocate
11:25am	<b>Prof Tom Melvin:</b> An EU Harmonised Approach to Early Feasibility Studies
11:35am	<b>Prof Donal Brennan</b> , Chair, National Clinical Trials Oversight Group (NCTOG)
11:50am	<b>John Kilmartin</b> , Adjunct Professor, Institute for Clinical Trials; <b>Paul Devereux</b> , Research and Development Director, Medtronic; <b>Caroline Feeney</b> , Independent MedTech Quality consultant - Accelerating Trials through Hypercare
12:10pm	Panel Discussion
	<b>Dr John O'Neill</b> , Head of Research Policy and Innovation, Department of Health
	<b>Dr Donal O'Connor</b> , Clinical Manager, Medical Devices, Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA)
	<b>Dr Lucia Prihodova</b> , Programme Manager, National Office for Research Ethics Committees (NREC)
	<b>Dr Cepta Duffy</b> , Head of Lifesciences & Healthtech, Enterprise Ireland
	<b>Prof Mary Horgan</b> , Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health
1:10pm	Q&A
1.15pm	Lunch/ Networking

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## Session 3 - Future Innovation/Emerging Technologies

This theme looks ahead to the technologies and trends shaping the future of clinical trials, from artificial intelligence to decentralised models and personalised approaches.

2:00pm	<b>Keynote Speaker: Prof Max Parmar</b> , Director, MRC Clinical Trials Unit, University College London (UCL)
2:20pm	Q&A
2:25pm	<b>Prof Seamus O'Reilly</b> , Founder, National Green Cancer Clinical Trials Initiative, Cancer Trials Ireland
2:40pm	<b>Prof Ellen Roche</b> , Associate Professor, Institute for Medical Engineering & Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
2:55pm	<b>Keynote Speaker: Despina Voulgaraki</b> , Senior Director, Clinical Research & Medical Science Western Europe Enterprise Accounts, Medtronic
3:15pm	Q&A
3:20pm	<b>Prof Noel O'Connor</b> , CEO, Insight Research Ireland Centre for Data Analytics
3:35pm	<b>Prof Ines Thieles</b> , Professor in Systems Biomedicine
3:50pm	<b>Prof Andrew Murphy</b> , Professor of General Practice and Director, HRB Primary Care Clinical Trials Network Ireland (HRB PC CTNI)
4:05pm	Closing Remarks and Q&A

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