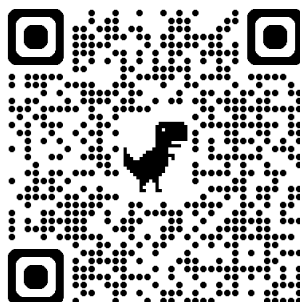




IRISH EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT SCHEME CLG

## IEQAS Annual Conference Programme 2025

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025, Ashling Hotel, Dublin



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**First Plenary, Liffey Suite**  
**Chair:** Dermot McBrierty, ACSLM



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| 09:55 | IEQAS Chair's Welcome Address                                           | Cara Ward, IEQAS                                                       |
| 10:00 | Overview of the IVDR and impact for laboratories established in Ireland | Dr Philip Kelly, Project Manager, Health Products Regulatory Authority |
| 10:30 | Regular Transfusion: The patient experience                             | Dipika Shah, Senior EQA Scientist, UK NEQAS                            |

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11.10 Coffee



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**Second Plenary, Liffey Suite**  
**Chair:** Catherine Byrne, CORU



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| 11.30 | Advanced Practice in Laboratory Medicine: Threat or Opportunity for the patient, for everyone? | Dr Irene Regan, Consultant Clinical Scientist, Lancashire Haematology Centre |
| 12:10 | Advanced Practice within HSCPs in Ireland                                                      | Dr Marie Ó Míir, Chief Executive Officer ISCP                                |
| 12:30 | Lunch- Chesterfield Brasserie                                                                  |                                                                              |

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| 13:45 | Assessing the Impact of Analytical Variability for AST/ALT Assays on FIB-4 Index and Patient Referrals: An Irish Perspective | MacDara Hickey, Medical Student, UCD, St Vincent's University Hospital                                          |
| 14:15 | AST in the IEQAS EQA Scheme                                                                                                  | Anne Kane, Scheme Manager, IEQAS                                                                                |
| 14:30 | Verification of Faecal Calprotectin Measurement on the Biosystems A15s Analyser                                              | Mariah Kelly, Senior Medical Scientist, University College Hospital, Galway                                     |
| 14:45 | Outcome Studies in Laboratory Medicine: Value and Practical Applications (Zoom)                                              | Prof Zhen Zhao, Professor of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, IFCC/ Weill Cornell Medicine, New York |

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| 13:45 | IEQAS Blood Cell Morphology Annual Review                                                                                                                   | Dr Catherine Flynn, Consultant Haematologist, St James's Hospital                      |
| 14:45 | Measurable residual disease in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia & practical considerations for its application in the laboratory                               | Gráinne O'Grady, Medical Scientist, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital            |
| 15:00 | An evaluation of a new method for alpha Thalassaemia screening in a large Irish Haemoglobinopathy Centre using Haemoglobin Barts Immunochromatographic Test | Annie Howard, Final year student, Technological University Dublin /St James's Hospital |
| 15:15 | Ektacytometry in the diagnosis of RBC membrane disorders                                                                                                    | Kevin Colgan, Medical Scientist, Children's Health Ireland, Crumlin                    |

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| 13:45 | MedLIS in Microbiology: The Beaumont Experience | Dr James Donnelly, Consultant Clinical Microbiologist, Beaumont Hospital    |
| 14:15 | Case series of <i>Fusobacterium</i> infections  | Dr Grace Rothwell-Kelly, Microbiology SpR, University Hospital Waterford    |
| 14:45 | Transition to ISO15189:2022: Lessons Learned    | Anne Dickinson, Pathology Quality Manager, St Vincent's University Hospital |

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| 13:45 | Major Hemorrhages/Trauma simulation                                                                                                             | John Duffy, Senior Medical Scientist, Haemovigilance Officer, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital      |
| 14:05 | Resolving anti-CD38 interference in indirect antiglobulin testing using 0.04M dithiothreitol: impact of Daratumumab levels                      | Ciara Bauer, Senior Medical Scientist, RCI Laboratory, IBTS                                                |
| 14:25 | Feasibility Study for the Provision of Rh+K matched transfusions for Rh c Negative Women of Childbearing Age at the National Maternity Hospital | Aisling Ross, Medical Scientist, National Maternity Hospital, Holles St                                    |
| 14:45 | Minimising the usage of O Rh D negative blood in Emergency situations                                                                           | Denise Neary, Chief Medical Scientist, Blood Bank & Tissue Establishment, St Vincent's University Hospital |