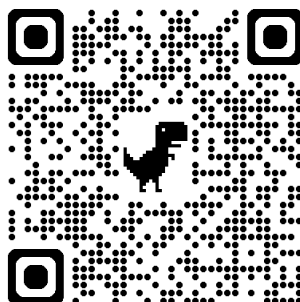




IRISH EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT SCHEME CLG

IEQAS Annual Conference Programme 2025

Thursday 2nd October 2025, Ashling Hotel



First Plenary, Liffey Suite
Chair: Dermot McBrierty, ACSLM



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

11.10 Coffee



Second Plenary, Liffey Suite
Chair: Catherine Byrne, CORU



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	

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

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

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	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

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