

Health Sciences Academy Newsletter

Bringing together research, innovation and clinical practice

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Bringing Together Cancer Researchers and Clinicians

The Health Sciences Academy hosted a workshop event on Saturday 18th January 2020. The theme of this event was “Bringing together Cancer Researchers and Clinicians”.

This was hugely successful from a networking perspective, bringing together clinicians from UL Hospitals Group and researchers

from University of Limerick. Each attendee provided a three minute presentation to introduce themselves, their areas of clinical interest and areas of research interest- past, present, future.

This ‘Mix & Mingle’ event between attendees identified areas of common interest between UL and ULHG, helping

inform future research collaboration and clinical practice integration.



Miriam McCa... @miriammcc1 · Jan 18 ▾

Lively & interactive discussion this morning between @ULHospitals clinicians and @UL researchers during a Health Sciences Academy #collaborative networking session in @CERC_UHL with focus on cancer @HRL_UL @CommHealthMW #research #networking



Collaboration with the HSA

- Have you got a great idea that could improve patient care?
- Are you and your team curious to learn more about collaborating with the University of Limerick and/or Midwest Community Healthcare Organisation?
- Do you have a research question and/or findings that would be beneficial to share & Implement?
- Have you a vision for a conference/symposium/workshop?

If so, the Health Sciences Academy can help..... [Contact Us](#)

Some Current Collaborative Projects

Diabetes: After substantial input and expertise from across all three organisations (ULHG, UL & CHO), the scope of two projects have been identified and working groups are being created:

1. **Gestational Diabetes**
2. **Self-Management Programmes – referral and adherence.**

Junior Health Sciences Academy: Collaborative working group has been established focusing on ‘Early Careers’ for secondary school students. The themes of this project are: interprofessional health sciences career information, leadership and health promotion.

Collaborative Cancer Research: Following the success of January’s workshop between clinicians and researchers, Senior Lecturer in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning at UL and Consultant Haematologists and Radiologist from ULHG are working on innovative research in the area of Haematology Cancers.

If you are interested in being involved in any of our projects, please contact: miriam.mccarthy1@hse.ie

UL Hospitals Group Staff Awards February 28th 2020

Congratulations Miriam McCarthy, Health Sciences Manager, on receiving UL Hospitals Group "Service of Excellence" award.

Miriam received this acknowledgement from public members of the Patient Council and colleagues at University Hospital Limerick for her professionalism and commitment to PALS (Patient Advocacy Liaison Services).



Prof Paul Burke, CAO - UL Hospitals Group/Vice Dean (Health Sciences) - UL & Aoife Lawton (National HSE Librarian) at the official launch.

Energy Pod Launched in CERC, UHL January 24th 2020

An energy pod has been installed in the library at CERC to provide a secure rest facility for staff and help them overcome fatigue and stress.

This is a pilot project co-funded by the HSE Library and the National Doctors Training and Planning (NDTP). It is supported by the College of Anaesthesiologists of Ireland.

The purpose of this project is to provide a rest facility to doctors, nurses and other clinical staff, particularly those working on the night shift. The hospital library is accessible 24/7 to all staff and students who have swipe cards.

All staff are welcome and encouraged to try out the pod for themselves.

The Social Determinants of Health Ireland Conference

The Social Determinants of Health Ireland Conference 2020, was held in Limerick at the CERC on February 27th.

With the aim to bringing people from a wide range of organisations together, there was a lively discussion on the various factors that influence health.

With a diverse range of local, national and international guest speakers and attendees it was the perfect opportunity for the Health Sciences Academy to network and share the aims and objectives of the HSA.



Miriam McCarthy, HSA Manager & Verity Hayes, PA to CAO @ the Health Sciences Academy stand.

Upcoming Conferences

Health Sciences Academy @ the Clinical Education and Research Centre (CERC)

May

- Paediatric Nursing **13/05**
- Music Health & Wellbeing **UL/UHL 14/05**
- Paediatric Nursing Conference on Adolescent Care **22/05**

If you are interested in being involved in any of our projects or would like further information about collaboration, please contact Miriam McCarthy, Health Sciences Academy Manager:

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