

CONGRESS 2026 – IRISH CONGRESS OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY, INTENSIVE CARE AND PAIN
MEDICINE “THE EVOLUTION OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY”

Wednesday 20th May 2026

TIME	O'REILLY HALL	GEORGE MOORE AUDITORIUM	CEDAR ROOM	BIRCH ROOM	ROBIN ROOM	H1.51	MINI STAGE
8.30-12.00	Set up						
13.00	Welcome Coffee						
13.30 – 17.30 Refresher Course Lectures 40 min per person	Session: Refresher Course Series Prof Pat Neligan: <i>Five things you didn't know about IV fluids</i> Prof Mike Irwin: <i>TIVA/TCI What do the numbers mean?</i> Dr Noelle Healy: <i>Obstetric Anaesthesia in the mid 20's – what's new?</i> Dr Leo Kevin: <i>Postoperative nausea and vomiting - a story of lies damned lies and statistics</i> Dr Aoife Driscoll: <i>Peripheral nerve blocks: less mystery, more mastery</i>						
			14.00 – 17.30 Introductory USGRA Workshop Chair: Dr Su Ng	14.00 – 15.30 Reflective Practice Masterclass Chair: Dr Roisin Nee			
17.30	End of Day 1						

Thursday 21st May 2026

TIME	O'REILLY HALL	GEORGE MOORE AUDITORIUM	CEDAR ROOM	BIRCH ROOM	ROBIN ROOM	H1.51	MINI STAGE
7.00	CAT Charity Fun Run						
7.30	Welcome Coffee						
08.00				08.00-09.00 CAI AGM			
08.30	<p>Session: Green Horizons Chair: Dr Sinead O'Brien Prof Brian Chesebro: <i>Perioperative sustainability-opportunities for clinicians</i> Dr Ola Lokken Nordrum: <i>Hacking the System: My Experience as the First HSE Climate and Sustainability Fellow</i> Dr Dónal O'Croinín: <i>Breaking news: no gowns for spinals</i></p>	<p>Session: ICSI -1 SNAP TALKS: The Forgotten Chamber – The RV Chair: Dr Peter Moran Dr David McGuire <i>Comparing assessment, the right ventricle in the steady state vs the disrupted steady state</i> Dr Nessa Dooley <i>The right ventricle in pulmonary embolism – How do I Manage?</i> Dr Gabor Zilahi <i>RV infarct - fluid load? diuresis? hemofiltration? inotropes? What do I do</i> Dr Deirdre Edgeworth <i>Pulmonary Hypertension in the OR, what you need to know?</i> Dr Aisling McMahon <i>ARDS and RV failure</i></p>	<p>08.30-12.00 Advanced USGRA Workshop Chair: Dr Su Ng</p>		<p>09.00 – 10.00 NAP8 Leads Update Chair: Dr Brian O'Donnell</p>		

10.00	Coffee Break					
10.30	Opening Address Prof Donal Buggy President CAI	Session: Brian Kavanagh Lecture Chair: Dr Alan Gaffney		10.30-12.00 The future of Simulation in Ireland: Challenges and Opportunities Chair: Prof Crina Burlacu CAI: Prof Maya Contreras RCSI: Dr Dara O’Keeffe RCPI: Dr Anabela Serranito RCSI: Prof John Cronin NSO: Prof Dara Byrne		10.30 Poster Elevator Pitch Chair: Dr Sinead Egan
10.35	Session: Evolution of Anaesthesiology Chair: Dr Brian O’Donnell Craig Lyons: <i>The evolution of airway management</i> Ms Sara Grewar: <i>The evolution of clinical negligence claims</i>	Prof John Laffey: <i>Breaking the Cycle of Negative Clinical trials in Intensive Care</i>				
11.15	Session: Anaesthesiology- We Measure what we value – we value what we measure- the evolution outcomes Prof Gudrun Kunst: <i>How NAP has evolved our practice</i> Prof. Rupert Pearse: <i>Perioperative outcomes –why our thinking is evolving</i> Dr Andrew Cumpstey: <i>The evolution of perioperative fluid management</i>	Session: ICSI – 2 Controversies in critical care Chair: Dr Bairbre McNicholas Prof Pat Neligan: <i>When should I start feeding and with what?</i> Dr Bairbre McNicholas: <i>How do I anticoagulate the acutely ill patient requiring CKRT?</i> Prof John Laffey: <i>How long should we prone our ARDS patients</i> Lecture Dr Rob Sladen: <i>“My Patient has Vasoplegic Shock: Which Pressor Should I Use?”</i>			11.00-13.00 Essentials of QI Workshop Chair: Dr Brian McCloskey	
12.45	Lunch Break					

14.00	<p>Session: IPOMS Chair: Dr Padraig O'Scanaill</p> <p>Dr Vanessa Beavis: <i>Shared Decision Making</i></p> <p>Dr Noelle Healy: <i>Shared Decision Making in Obstetrics</i></p> <p>Dr Amanda Lavan: <i>Treatment Decision-Making in Frail Elderly Patients with Cancer</i></p>	<p>Session: Plenary Chair: John Laffey</p> <p>Prof Cliff Deutschman: <i>The Evolution of our Understanding of Sepsis</i></p>		<p>14.00-16.30 TIVA Workshop Chair: Dr Claire Nestor & Prof Mike Irwin</p>			<p>14.00 Delaney Medal Chair: Dr Gabriella Iohom</p>
15.30	Coffee Break						
16.00	<p>16.00-17.30 Session: CAT Chair: Dr Nicola Duffy</p> <p>The case I'll never forget</p> <p>Case presentations by Anaesthesiology and Critical Care Trainees</p>	<p>Session: The Evolution of Paediatric Anaesthesia</p> <p>Chair: Dr Yvonne Doyle</p> <p>Ms Lina Woods & Dr Aidan Magee: <i>The infant with stridor</i></p> <p>Dr Eamon Coleman: <i>Paediatric Regional Anaesthesia</i></p> <p>Dr Orna Grant: E-Scooter in Paediatric Neuroanaesthesia</p>			<p>16.00-17.00 How can we get Perioperative and Critical care research done Chair: Dr Bairbre McNicholas & Dr Ger Curley</p>	<p>15.00-17.30 Thoracic Workshop Chair: Dr Catalin Efrimescu</p>	
17.30	End of day 2				ICSI AGM		

19.00 Speakers' Dinner

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08.00	Welcome Coffee							
08.30	<p>SNAP TALKS: Controversies in Anaesthesiology Chair: Prof John Laffey</p> <p>Prof Rupert Pearse: <i>Is it better to be read or watched than cited?</i></p> <p>Dr Claire Nestor: Do I need to change my syringe drivers to provide "modern" TIVA?</p> <p>Dr Rosie Hogg: <i>Why are there so many different thoracic wall blocks?</i></p> <p>Dr Matt Leonard: <i>Mobile epidural: progress or placebo?</i></p> <p>Dr Mo Mostafa: <i>L3/4 by default: is it time to level up?</i></p> <p>Dr Ryan Howle: <i>Dural puncture: innovation without an indication?</i></p>	<p>Faculty of Pain Medicine</p> <p>Chair: Dr Conor Hearty</p> <p>Dr Omar Tujjar: <i>Artificial Intelligence in Pain Medicine</i></p> <p>Dr Andrew Purcell Suzetrigine - is it time to change the channel in pain management?</p> <p>Prof Connail McCrory: <i>The role of neuro-immunity in neuropathic pain chronicity in vivo</i></p>		<p>Wellbeing leads Planning Session Chair: Dr Roisin Nee</p>		08.30-11.30 Difficult Airway Workshop Chair: Prof Ellen O'Sullivan		
10.00	Coffee Break							
10.30	<p>Opening Address Dr Aislinn Sherwin CAI Chair Q&S Advisory Committee</p>	<p>Interactive Session Dr Craig Lyons <i>What is the ASA Score?</i></p>			10.30-11.30 Credentials Committee Development Chair: Dr Gabriella Iohom & Dr Sarah Nicolson			
10.35	<p>Session: Rynd Lecture Chair: Dr Conor Hearty</p> <p>Prof Denis Dupoiron: <i>Easing the enduring pain</i></p>							

11.15	Session: The Evolution of Intraoperative Care Chair: Dr Aislinn Sherwin Dr Rosie Hogg: <i>The evolution of fasting</i> Dr Cormac Mullins: <i>The evolution of Acute Pain Management</i> Dr Andrew Cumpstey: <i>The evolution of oxygen administration in the operating room</i>	Session: The Evolution of Cardiac Anaesthesia Chair: Prof Michael Griffin Prof Gudrun Kunst: <i>The evolution of cardiac bypass</i> Dr Jennifer Hastings: <i>The management of cardiogenic shock</i> Dr Catalin Efrimescu: <i>How the Cath Lab has evolved for anaesthesia</i>					
			11.30-14.30 PoCUS Workshop Chair: Dr Gábor Zilahi		11.30-12.30 Tutors Session Chair: Dr Rachel Jooste		
12.45	Lunch Break						
14.30	Plenary Session: Keynote Chair: Prof. Donal Buggy Dr Vanessa Beavis: <i>The evolution of Perioperative Medicine</i>						
15.15	Session: Fireside chat – Hot Topics in Perioperative Medicine Dr Vanessa Beavis Dr Rosie Hogg Dr Matt Leonard Prof Rupert Pearse Dr Craig Lyons						
16.00	Prize Giving Ceremony				Societies Session (meeting of representatives from the anaesthesia and associated societies to plan the upcoming year)		
16.30	End of day 3						

18.00 Gala Dinner