

NAPSAC 2026

The Future of Patient Safety

Friday 6th of November 2026
Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Dublin

07.30 Registration & Coffee

08.30 Welcome Address

Dr Aislinn Sherwin, Chair of Quality and Patient Safety Advisory Committee

08.35 - 09.45 Session 1: Safety Outside the Operating Theatre

Patient Safety in high risk, time-critical environments.

Dr. Sinead Galvin - NISTAR/MICAS Critical Care Transfers – Safety of Neuro Transfers

Dr. Andrew Topping - Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS)

Dr. Fergal Cummins - Emergency Medical Airway Registry in Ireland (EMARI)

09.45 - 10.35 Session 2: Consent, Ethics and Professional Practice

Prof. Barry Lyons - Ethics in Consent: Balancing Autonomy, Risk and System Pressures

Dr. Andrew McLeod - New Developments and Guidelines in Consent for Anaesthesia

10.35 - 10.45 KP Moore Competition Elevator Pitch 1

10.45 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11.15- 11.25 KP Moore Competition Elevator Pitch 2

11.25 - 12.15 Session 3: Artificial Intelligence and the Digital Dimension in Anaesthesiology

Dr. Ciara Mitchell - Optimising the Digital Dimension in Pre-Operative Assessment

Dr. Joe Harris - Artificial Intelligence in Anaesthesia

12.15 - 13.00 Winter Scientific Lecture

Prof. Catherine Quinlan - AI and Medical Education

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13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 14.45 Keynote Lecture: AI, Technology and the Future of Simulation
Prof. Dara Byrne

15.00 - 16.00 KP Moore Trainee Competition
Shortlisted trainee presentations with judging and audience engagement

16.00 - 16.25 Safety Innovations

Dr. Farwa Zaidi - Silent Operating Theatre

Dr. Donall O'Cronin – Spinal Gowns

Dr Gillian De Loughry – Airway Assistant Training

Prof. Crina Burlacu - The Østergard Declaration

16.25 - 16.30 Prize Giving and Conference Closing