

Hospitals Group Northern Ireland Division Study Day

Theme: Communication

(and the importance of communicating effectively with patients and colleagues to maximise impact and promote beneficial outcomes)

Monday 10 November 2025

Dunadry Hotel, Antrim

5.75 hours CPD

08:30 **REGISTRATION and REFRESHMENTS**

MORNING SESSION

09:00 Welcome and opening remarks

09:15 **'Chronic Pain Updates'**

Dr Niranjan Chogle - Consultant in Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine at the Ulster Hospital



Dr. Niranjan Chogle is a Consultant in Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine at the Ulster Hospital, Northern Ireland. He also specialises in Anaesthesia for maxillofacial cancer surgeries. Chogle serves as the Lead Pain Consultant for the Joint Interventional Palliative Pain Service, which provides neurolytic blocks for patients requiring palliative care.

He completed his specialist training in Anaesthesia and Chronic Pain in India, Belfast, and Aberdeen, and has held a consultant post at the Ulster Hospital since 2008. Dr. Chogle has a particular interest in oro-facial pain and the prevention of chronic post-surgical pain.

Aim:

To comprehensively address all aspects of chronic pain, supporting safe and effective clinical care.

Learning Objectives:

Overview of neuromodulation, chronic pain mechanisms and policy shift in pain medications.

Learning Content:

IASP classification of pain; SPPG Guidance- medications; Risk factors for chronic post-surgical pain

10:45 **REFRESHMENTS (Tea and Coffee)**

11:15 **'Welcome to Curaden: Making Prevention and Oral Health a Priority'**



Alan McCartney – Education Manager: Curaden UK & Ireland

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11:35 **'AI: Ally or Adversary'**

Dr Jamie Toole - Consultant in Oral Surgery and Honorary Lecturer



Dr Jamie Toole is an experienced oral surgeon with a career spanning clinical practice, research, and education. After earning his Bachelor in Dental Surgery from Queen's University Belfast in 2009, he completed foundation and specialty training in oral surgery at the Royal Victoria Hospital. In 2016, Dr Toole achieved a PhD from Queen's University Belfast, followed by a Fellowship with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland in 2022. He has served as a Consultant in Oral Surgery and Honorary Lecturer since 2018, combining clinical expertise with teaching undergraduate and postgraduate students. His research includes AI applications in dental education.

Aim:

Introduce AI in dentistry and its role in improving care and dental education.

Learning Objectives:

- Define AI and explain how it works
- Describe key benefits of AI for improving patient outcomes in dental care
- Discuss AI applications enhancing communication and education in dentistry
- Demonstrate an AI-powered virtual patient for dental training purposes.

Learning Content:

- *Introduction to AI in Dentistry:* Overview of artificial intelligence, its training processes, and its potential applications in dental care, with a focus on enhancing patient outcomes
- *AI in Dental Care:* Discussion on how AI can improve patient care
- *Virtual Patient Demonstration:* Showcase of an AI-powered communication skills virtual patient, designed to enhance dental education and patient interaction skills.

12:20 **LUNCH (Hot Food Buffet)**

AFTERNOON SESSION

13:15 DCTs: **Short presentations outlining ongoing and completed projects in NI**

14:15 **'Addiction'**

Oisín McConville - All-Ireland Education Facilitator



Oisín McConville is a legendary Gaelic footballer, All-Ireland winner with Armagh, and six-time All-Ireland Senior Club champion with Crossmaglen Rangers. Despite enjoying a glittering career which is still fondly remembered in his home county and beyond, Oisín developed a gambling addiction which nearly cost him his life. Hitting rock bottom, he spent 13 weeks at a rehabilitation centre in Galway in 2005, the first step on a journey of recovery which has raised the profile of gambling addiction in Ireland.

Aim:

Educate on the dangers of gambling, about the insidious nature of the addiction.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to look for the signs of people in bother, addiction or otherwise.
- Understand about the things we turn to when we are under strain.
- Understand how we can change that narrative and think of ourselves before we turn to these harmful behaviours.

Learning Content:

Sharing his own personal story and about his subsequent work in the addiction field.

15:15 **REFRESHMENTS (Tea, Coffee and Shortbread)**

Dr Alison Livingstone - Consultant Paediatrician, Designated Doctor for Child Protection (NHSCT)



Dr Alison Livingstone was appointed as Consultant Paediatrician in the Northern Health & Social Care Trust (NHSCT) in 1998. Her specialist field is Community Child Health. She was appointed Designated Doctor for Child Protection for the NHSCT in 2009.

She represents Paediatrics on the Northern Area Safeguarding Panel and chairs the Child Protection Special Interest Group (Northern Ireland Regional Group). She is Clinical Lead for paediatrics in the Rowan Sexual Assault Referral Centre and has assisted the Safeguarding Board for NI in policy writing.

Dr Livingstone is the NI Representative on the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Child Protection Standing Committee and in 2023 was awarded an MBE for her services to safeguarding children in Northern Ireland.

Dr Olive Buckley OBE – GP, Forensic Medical Officer (PSNI)



Dr Olive Buckley has been working as a GP in Northern Ireland for 35 years and as Forensic Medical Officer with the PSNI, examining victims of sexual assault for 20 years.

In her role as FMO she also undertakes safeguarding examinations of children where there is a suspicion of physical abuse.

She was one of the key drivers in the establishment of the Rowan Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC). In 2012 she was awarded an OBE for services to victims.

She was Clinical Director and Lead FMO for the first 6 years when the Rowan opened in 2013 and continues to work in the Rowan as a Sexual Offence Examiner (SOE).

She is chairperson of ECHO (Enhancing Care of the Homeless), a Northern Trust initiative set up in 2010 to develop effective responses to the health and care needs of people facing homelessness.

Aim:

Review of medical aspects of safeguarding – signs and symptoms for dental staff to be aware of and the process of referral and medical assessment.

Learning Objectives:

- To be able to recognise various signs and symptoms of possible abuse or neglect in children and adults
- To understand who to refer to if concerns arise
- To have an awareness of the medical assessment which occurs following a referral to statutory agencies.

Learning Content:

Lecture facilitators will review signs and symptoms of physical, sexual abuse and neglect which may arise during dental assessments and how the dental team can assist in the investigation of abuse and neglect.