



THE LYRATH HOTEL, KILKENNY

17th & 18th APRIL 2026

Friday 17TH APRIL

10.00: ACSLM AGM

11.30: Panel Discussion

13.15: Poster Viewing and Lunch

14.15: MLSA AGM

19.00: Drinks Reception and Gala Dinner

Saturday 18TH APRIL

10.30: Scientific Sessions

12.00: Poster Viewing and Lunch

13.00: Scientific Sessions

14.45: Poster Competition Prize Giving

FRIDAY 17TH 11.30-13.15 PANEL DISCUSSION

Prof. Richard Greene	Chief Clinical Information Officer, HSE and Clinical Lead for the EHR
Lindsey Brown	Researcher and Patient Representative, Manchester Academy for Healthcare Scientist Education (MAHSE) & Faculty of Biology, Medicine & Health University of Manchester
Barry McGuinness	Chief Medical Scientist and Laboratory Information Systems Manager, UHW.
Katja Weinmann Bramm	The Danish Experience of the EHR
Miriam Stuanton	Patient Advocate and Co-Founder & Chair, United Cancer Advocates Network (UCAN)

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LabCon Friday 17th April 2026

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11.30-13.15: Panel Discussion

“Making Laboratory Results Available to Patients Through the HSE App”

Moderator:

Noreen Turley, Communication Manager, HSE and host of the HSE podcast

Panellists:

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- ▶ Lindsey Brown, Researcher and Patient Representative, Manchester Academy for Healthcare Scientist Education (MAHSE) & Faculty of Biology, Medicine & Health University of Manchester
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LabCon Saturday 18th April 2026 Scientific Programme

Short Talks from Poster Abstracts at each Session

10.30 – 12.00: Session 1

CELLULAR PATHOLOGY

Exploring Career Paths in Cellular Pathology

Laura Clifford, Chief Medical Scientist, Bon Secours Hospital Tralee and Chair of the Cellular Pathology Advisory Body

Extended Scope of Medical Scientist Practice in Perinatal Pathology

Therese Brosnan, Specialist Medical Scientist, Cork University Hospital

An International Career Path: From Italy to Specialist Medical Scientist

Giusseppe Castriciano, Specialist Medical Scientist, St James’s Hospital

Title TBC

Roisin Wheatley, Laboratory Manager, St Vincent’s University Hospital

Title TBC

Pauline McGrath, Chief Executive Officer, St Vincent’s University Hospital

Panel Discussion

CLINICAL CHEMISTRY

Cystic Fibrosis – the CFTR Modulator Era

Dr Barry Linnane, Paediatric Respiratory Consultant, University Hospital Limerick

Diabetes Diagnosis: Which Test and When?

Dr Michael Lockhart, Consultant Physician in Endocrinology, Diabetes and General Internal Medicine, St Luke’s General Hospital Carlow/Kilkenny

Novel Pathology Testing: A Hybrid Approach to Laboratory-Based Urinary Toxicology

Claudia Russell, Medical Scientist, Tallaght University Hospital

Verification of an Ammonia Assay on the Abbott Alinity C Analyser for the Care of Patients with Metabolic Disorders

Aideen Hoey, Medical Scientist, Cavan General Hospital

HAEMATOLOGY

Exploring Complex Haemoglobinopathy Cases: A Laboratory Perspective

Niamh McCarthy, Senior Medical Scientist, St James’s Hospital

Use of Next Generation Sequencing in Lymphoid Malignancy

Dr Jillian Coll, Haematology Consultant, Galway University Hospital

MANAGEMENT

Maintaining Mental Wellbeing in an Era of Uncertainty

Dr Colman Noctor, Psychotherapist and Mental Health Lecturer, SETU

MedLIS Update

Thomas Walsh, Laboratory Programme Manager

HealthTech and Ireland’s Laboratory Service

Susan Treacy, Chief Executive Officer, HealthTech Ireland



MICROBIOLOGY

Sepsis Update

Dr Michael O'Dwyer, Clinical Lead, National Clinical Programme for Sepsis, St Vincent's University Hospital

Helicobacter pylori: Current Best Practice

Dr Sinéad Smith, Ussher Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical Medicine, Tallaght University Hospital

12.00 – 13.00: Poster Viewing and Lunch:

13.00 – 14.30 : Session 2

BLOOD TRANSFUSION AND TRANSPLANTATION SCIENCE

Diagnostic and Laboratory Challenges in Paediatric Aplastic Anaemia and Neonatal Alloimmune Thrombocytopenia

Shauna Kelly, Senior Medical Scientist, University Hospital Kerry

Ambiguous D Results: Resolution and Patient Care Strategies

Shane Grimsley, Senior Clinical Scientist, IBGRL, NHS Blood and Transplant

Development and Implementation of 'Blood on Board', a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service

Frances Duggan, Senior Medical Scientist, Cork University Hospital

LABORATORY SUSTAINABILITY

From Med lab Bench to Brave Actions on Climate: How Irish Medical Scientists are Leading the Way

Una Fitzgerald, Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, University of Galway

Introducing Greener Laboratory Practices

Gwendolyn Connolly, Senior Medical Scientist, National Maternity Hospital

Bridging Quality and Sustainability: Implementing My Green Lab within an ISO 15189 QMS

Gráinne Brennan, Chief Medical Scientist, St James's Hospital

Implementing My Green Lab Practices in Molecular Pathology

AnneMarie Reilly, Senior Clinical Scientist, Beaumont Hospital

POINT OF CARE TESTING

Delivering POCT for the Management of Chronic Disease in the Community

Mark Butler, Chief Medical Scientist, Cork University Hospital

Human Error in Near Patient Testing: Risks, Realities and Remedies

Nicola Goulding, Point of Care Manager, Bon Secours Hospital Cork

When a blood gas speaks loudly and why a low bicarbonate should never be ignored

Dr Saad Muzzammil, Anaesthetic Registrar, Naas General Hospital and Bernadette Jackson, Point of Care Manager, Naas General Hospital

QUALITY

Introduction to the Quality Advisory Body and Survey Results

Orlaith McDonnell, Quality Manager, Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore

IVDR Declaration – Beaumont's approach

Laura Flynn, Quality Manager, Beaumont Hospital

Third Speaker - TBC

VIROLOGY

Staying Ahead of RSV: Tracking Monoclonal Antibody Resistance Through Genomic Surveillance

Dr Alan Rice, Bioinformatician, National Virus Reference Laboratory

The Evolution of Virus sequencing at the National Virus Reference Laboratory Fevers

Dr Jonathan Dean, Senior Clinical Scientist, National Virus Reference Laboratory

Fevers after Forest Exposure in Frankfurt: Neurological Decline and Diagnostic Uncertainty

Dr Tim McMackin, Diseases Registrar, St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin 4

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