

Agenda – IRNM 17th Annual Conference.
Empowering Research Nurses and Midwives: Fostering Excellence, Advancing Leadership
Thursday 27th November 2025, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences

09.00 - 10.00	REGISTRATION – Refreshments, Networking, Poster Viewing and Meeting Conference Sponsors
10.00 - 10.10	Chair's Welcome - Simone Walsh, Chair and Programme Manager
Session One: The Road to Leadership Chaired by Professor Peter Doran, Director of the UCD Clinical Research Centre, Professor of Clinical Trials at UCD School of Medicine	
10.15 - 10.35	Key Note Address, Ms Jennifer Allison, Matron at NIHR Southampton Clinical Research Facility and Associate Director of Nursing and Midwifery at the National Institute for Health Research, UK
10.35 - 10.55	Professor Josephine Hegarty, Head of School of Nursing & Midwifery, Professor of Nursing, University College Cork
10.55 - 11.15	Dr John O'Neill, Head of Research Policy and Innovation, Department of Health
11.15 - 11.35	Ms Simone Walsh, Chair and Programme Manager, Irish Research Nurses and Midwives Network
11.35 - 11.50	Questions and Answers
11.50 - 12.15	COFFEE BREAK - Poster Viewing, Networking and Meeting Conference Sponsors
Session Two: Uncovering the Hidden Needs of Oncology Patients While Recruited to a Clinical Trial PPI Panel Discussion Facilitated by: Emer Mulvaney, PPI Programme Manager, Cancer Trials Ireland	
12.20 - 12.50	Professor Jarushka Naidoo, Consultant Medical Oncologist Ms Audrey Doyle, CNM2 Oncology Clinical Trials Ms Siobhan Gaynor, Patient Representative Ms Adele O'Connor PhD student (Funded by the Irish Cancer Society)
12.50 - 13.00	Questions and Answers
13.00 - 13.10	Mentorship for Research Nurses and Midwives Ms Lorraine O'Connell, CNM 3, Cancer Clinical Trials Unity, UHL
13.10 - 13.45	LUNCH BREAK – Networking, Poster Viewing and Meeting Conference Sponsors
Session Three: Developing Tomorrow's Leaders in Research Nursing and Midwifery	
13.45 - 13.55	Clinical Research Placement Toolkit for Undergraduate Student Nurses and Midwives Elaine Conway, CNM2, Health Research Institute, UHL
13.55 - 14.10	Eamon Boland, Head of Novartis Corporate Centre Dublin
Session Four: Fostering Excellence Chaired by Amy Nolan, Director of Clinical Affairs, Irish Cancer Society	
14.15 - 15.15	Oral Abstract Presentations (Four)
15.15 - 15.25	Questions and Answers
Session Five: Snapshot of National Research Activity Chaired by Oonagh Ward, Head of Research and Innovation Infrastructures at the Health Research Board	
15.35 - 16.20	Featuring Medical Devices, Paediatrics, Psychedelic Drugs, and Surgical Trials
Session 6: Oral and Poster Prize Giving	
16.20 - 16.30	Mr Eamon Boland, Head Novartis Corporate Centre, Dublin (Prize Sponsor) Dr Bridget Murray, Lecturer, RCSI School of Nursing and Midwifery (Judge) Ms Helen Strapp, Nurse Tutor, RCSI School of Nursing and Midwifery (Judge)
16.30 – 16.40	Close: Simone Walsh, IRNM Chair