

9TH TRIALS METHODOLOGY SYMPOSIUM IRELAND

Trials That Matter:
Pragmatism, inclusion
and informativeness in
health research

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Time	Title/Topic	Presenter
09.00	Welcome (Tea/Coffee)	
09.10	Welcome from the College of Medicine and Health and UCC	Prof. Helen Whelton University College Cork
09.20	Welcome address	Dr Teresa Maguire Health Research Board
09.30	Designing trials with a pragmatic or explanatory intention	Prof. Merrick Zwarenstein Western University, Canada
09.50	Design and delivery of a pragmatic drug trial in emergency medicine settings	Prof. Siobhan Creanor University of Exeter, UK
10.10	From sidelines to centre field: public and patient involvement in the Enhancing Men's Awareness of Testicular Diseases (E-MAT) Trial in GAA Clubs	Dr Mohamad Saab University College Cork & Mr Alan O'Connor St. Finbarr's National Hurling & Football Club, Cork
10.30	Q & A	Chair: Dr Karen Matvienko-Sikar University College Cork
10.55	Break (Tea/Coffee)	
	PhD Presentations	
11.15	Digital technology for clinical trials: Predicting outcome using digital technology for interstitial lung disease (PRODIGY-ILD)	Emer Gunne University College Dublin
11.20	Engagement and retention of PPI in clinical trials	Katarina Medved University College Cork
11.25	Methodological Guidance for Incorporating Lived Experience in the Early Stages of Core Outcome Set Development: A Scoping Review.	Marci Livingston University of Limerick
11.30	Biobanks at the bedside: Enabling inclusive, informative trials through real-world sample collection and data linkage	Dr Anna Michalska-Falkowska Medical University of Bialystok, Poland
11.40	Innovations in trial delivery	Mr Reamonn Madden Novartis, Ireland
12.05	Data integration and use of AI	Dr Hans Constandt FAQIR Institute, Belgium
12.25	Why and how to be pragmatic in pandemic preparedness	Prof. Karine Lacombe Sorbonne Université, France
12.45	Q & A	Chair: Prof. Declan Devane University of Galway
13.10	Lunch	
14.20	Enabling pragmatism - making trials more informative and inclusive	Prof. Shaun Treweek University of Aberdeen, UK and Uppsala University, Sweden
14.40	Pragmatic randomised controlled trials: strengthening the concept through a robust international collaborative network: PRIME-9	Prof. Elmır Omerovic University of Gothenburg, Sweden
15.00	Improving mental health in the workplace: outcomes and learnings from a cluster RCT in 11 countries	Prof. Ella Arensman University College Cork
15.20	Q & A	Chair: Prof. Merrick Zwarenstein Western University, Canada
15.45	Closing Address	Prof. Frances Shiely University College Cork