

# Event Programme

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Trials Methodology Symposium 2026



09:20–09:25 Opening Address – *Ms. Oonagh Ward, Head of Research and Innovation Infrastructures · Health Research Board*

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

09:25–10:00 The Future of Platform Trials: global trends, efficiencies, and emergent trial designs — *Prof. John Marshall*

### Session 1: Lessons From Global Clinical Trials

10:00–10:20 Barriers and solutions to international platform trials — *Dr. Danny McAuley*

10:20–10:40 Selected methodological considerations from platform trials — *Dr. Neill Adhikari*

10:40–11:00 Health economics of international platform trials — *Dr. Lisa Higgins*

11:00–12:00 Panel discussion

12:00–13:00 Lunch

### Session 2: Spotlight on Early Career Researchers (ECR)

13:00–13:15 The PANTHER trial early career researcher programme — *Dr. Kiran Reddy*

13:15–13:30 STERO-CARE — *Dr. Peter McGuigan*

13:30–14:10 HRB-TMRN PhD Scholar presentations

- The Kids Trial: Children shaping trials and the future - *Dr. Simone LePage,*
- Retention strategies for clinical Trials - *Dr. Ellen Murphy*
- Sustainability in clinical trials - *Dylan Keegan*

14:10–14:40 Panel Discussion

14:40–15:00 Break

### Session 3: Operationalising International / Complex Design Trials

15:00–15:15 Rethinking informed consent for an ICU Platform Trial: Lessons from a SWAT — *Dr. Heather O'Grady*

15:15–15:30 Patient and Public Involvement in Platform Trials — *Dr. Leanne Hays*

15:30–15:45 Data coordination, funding, regulation in platform trials — *Mr. Paul Mouncey*

15:45–16:00 Panel Discussion

### Session 4: Collaboration With Global Partners

16:00–16:15 Research collaborations across Asia and Africa - *Dr Madiha Hashmi (ISARIC)*

16:15–16:30 Built from the South: Infrastructure, Funding and Collaboration in Brazilian Critical Care Research — *Dr. Israel Maia*

16:30–16:45 Curiosity, Humility & Democracy - Experiences of International Collaboration in Clinical Trials — *Dr. Timo Tolppa*

16:45–17:00 Panel Discussion

### Closing Remarks

17:00–17:15 Reflection on key messages - *Prof. Declan Devane*

## MAKING GLOBAL CARE LOCAL: INNOVATIONS & COLLABORATION IN CLINICAL TRIALS