

IHCA

IRISH HOSPITAL
CONSULTANTS
ASSOCIATION

Annual Conference 2026

09:00–09:30

Registration & Welcome Coffee & Pastries

09:30–09:50

Conference Opening
Prof Gabrielle Colleran, IHCA President

SESSION 1 : Medical Negligence, Risk & Reform

09:50–10:10

The Hon. Mr Justice David Barnville, President of the High Court

10:10–10:50

Panel Discussion
Medical Negligence, Risk and the Consultant Experience

- The Hon. Mr Justice David Barnville
- Senator Tom Clonan (Ind)
- Prof Gabrielle Colleran, IHCA President
- Eavanna FitzGerald BL, Barrister and Founder of The Expert Witness Site

Moderated by Bryan Dobson

10:50–11:15

Coffee Break & Networking

SESSION 2 : Designing Ireland's Ideal Health System

11:15–11:30

Anne O'Connor, CEO, HSE

11:30–11:45

Jennifer Kearney, CEO, Cork University Hospital

11:45–12:00

Niall Conroy, Acting Chief Economist and Head of Secretariat,
Irish Fiscal Advisory Council

12:00–12:15

Dr Niamh Humphries, Senior Lecturer and Head of Research,
RCSI Graduate School of Healthcare Management

12:15–13:00

Panel Discussion:
Designing Ireland's Ideal Health System by 2040
Moderated by Bryan Dobson

13:00–14:00

Buffet Lunch

Breakout Lunch Session 1	Breakout Lunch Session 2
Balint Group	Private Practice Issues
Red Park Suite	Jack Nicklaus Suite
Light Lunch Provided	

SESSION 3 : Leadership in Humanitarian and Community Care

14:00–14:15

Prof Jean O'Sullivan, Consultant in Emergency Medicine and
Clinical Professor at Trinity College Dublin

14:15–14:30

Mr Morgan McMonagle, Vascular, Trauma and Humanitarian
Surgeon

14:30–14:45

Panel Discussion:
Consultant Leadership in Humanitarian and Community Care
Moderated by Bryan Dobson

14:45–15:00

A Conversation on AI in Healthcare with Mary Seery Kearney, BL
& Prof Gabrielle Colleran

15:00–15:10

Interlude

SESSION 4 : Consultant Innovation in Practice

15:10–15:25

Dr Bairbre McNicholas, Consultant Intensivist and Nephrologist,
University Hospital Galway

15:25–15:40

Trevor Vaugh, Public Sector Design Lead, Department of Public
Expenditure Infrastructure Public Service Reform and Digitalisation

15:40–15:55

Prof Donal Sexton, Consultant Nephrologist and Kidney Transplant Physician
at St James's Hospital and Clinical Associate Professor with
Trinity College Dublin

15:55–16:10

Prof Laura Gleeson, Associate Professor in Clinical Medicine, Trinity College
Dublin, and Consultant Respiratory Physician, St James's Hospital

16:10–16:35

Panel Discussion

16:35–16:50

President's Awards

17:00

Conference Concludes

Mount Juliet Estate,
Saturday 17th October 2026