

AGENDA

NOCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

From Audit to Action: A Culture of Improvement

10th FEBRUARY 2026, RCSI, 26 YORK STREET, DUBLIN 2

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| TIME | SPEAKER | PRESENTATION | MORNING |
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| 9.30 - 9.35 | Collette Tully , Executive Director, NOCA | Welcome to NOCA 2026 | |
| 9.35 - 9.45 | Jennifer Murnane O'Connor TD , Minister of State for Public Health, Wellbeing and the National Drugs Strategy | Opening Address | |
| 9.45 - 10.00 | Louise Brent , Head of Audit Management, NOCA Michael Madigan , Patient & Public Interest Representative, Audit Impact Committee | NOCA Impact Report 2026 | |
| 10.00 - 10.20 | Professor Ronan Margey , Clinical Lead, Irish Heart Attack Audit | LAUNCH: Irish Heart Attack Audit National Report 2024 | |
| 10.20 - 10.35 | Paula Connor , Patient & Public Interest Representative, Irish Heart Attack Audit | Patient Perspective | |
| 10.35 - 11.00 | PANEL DISCUSSION Collette Tully, Executive Director, NOCA Louise Brent, Head of Audit Management, NOCA Professor Ronan Margey, Clinical Lead, Irish Heart Attack Audit Paula Connor, PPI Representative, Irish Heart Attack Audit Professor Joseph Galvin, Clinical Co-Lead, National Heart Programme | VISIT SLIDO.COM AND ENTER EVENT CODE NOCA2026 TO ASK OUR PANELISTS A QUESTION | |

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| 11.30 - 11.40 | Emer Doyle , Principal Officer, Health Information Policy Unit, Department of Health | Ireland – Getting Ready for the European Health Data Space | |
| 11.40 - 11.50 | NOCA Quality Improvement Champion Award 2026 Carol Doherty , Respiratory Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Letterkenny University Hospital | Rebreathing new life into oxygen therapy | |
| 11.50 - 12.00 | NOCA Quality Improvement Champion Award 2026 Princy Kuriak , Clinical Skills Facilitator (Deteriorating Patient) Practice Development Our Lady of Lourdes' Hospital, Louth Hospitals, Drogheda | Improving Sepsis Management in the Emergency Department, Louth Hospitals – An Organisational Quality Improvement Initiative | |
| 12.00 - 12.10 | NOCA Quality Improvement Champion Award 2026 Dr Muhammad Sikandar Tahir Paediatric Registrar, Mayo University Hospital | Reducing Unnecessary SCBU Admissions Through a Midwifery-Centred Transitional Care Observation Pathway for Term and Near-Term Infants with Mild Respiratory Distress in a Level 1 Maternity Hospital | |
| 12.10 - 12.20 | NOCA Quality Improvement Champion Award 2026 Kayla Murphy , CNM2, Clinical Operations Manager Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin | Probing for Change: Making Emergency Care Greener | |
| 12.20 - 12.30 | NOCA Quality Improvement Champion Award 2026 Edel O'Toole , Clinical Specialist Radiation Therapist, Radiation Safety Officer, University Hospital Galway | Audit of additional Cone beam imaging in pelvic radiotherapy and QIP to use Pelvic floor exercises to reduce improving efficiency, safety and patient experience on treatment | |
| 12.30 - 12.40 | NOCA Quality Improvement Champion Award 2026 Karena Hayes , Clinical Nurse Specialist in Stroke, Cork University Hospital | Time is Brain: Reducing time to CT for Acute Stroke Patients in Cork University Hospital | |
| 12.40 - 13.10 | PANEL DISCUSSION - FROM AUDIT TO ACTION: WHAT REALLY DRIVES IMPROVEMENT? Professor Michael Barrett, Chair, National Paediatric Mortality Register Governance Committee Professor Rory Dwyer, Clinical Lead, Irish National ICU Audit Professor Joseph Harbison, Clinical Lead, Irish National Audit of Stroke Associate Professor Martina Healy, Clinical Lead, Irish Paediatric Critical Care Audit Dr Michael Lucey, Clinical Lead, Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration Ireland | VISIT SLIDO.COM AND ENTER EVENT CODE NOCA2026 TO ASK OUR PANELISTS A QUESTION | |

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| 14.20 - 14.35 | Recorded contribution from Christine and Matt Hurley , with live introduction by Dr Seán O'Dowd , Clinical Lead, HSE National Dementia Services | Patient & Family Perspective: Living with Dementia | |
| 14.35 - 15.00 | KEYNOTE: Professor Emma Vardy , Clinical Co-Lead, National Audit of Dementia, UK | From data to practice – A spotlight on dementia | |
| 15.00 - 15.20 | Dr Mary Browne , Consultant in Public Health Medicine, HSE National Health Service Improvement Team, Public Health Dr Graham Hughes , Clinical Lead, National Clinical Programme for Older People, HSE | Co-Designing What Matters - Ageing Well Together: An Older Adult Health and Wellbeing Profile | |
| 15.20 - 15.40 | Michael Comyn , Managing Director, The Time Signal Ltd. | From Data to Doing: Unlocking the Immunity to Change | |
| 15.40 - 16.00 | PANEL DISCUSSION Professor Emma Vardy, Clinical Co-Lead, National Audit of Dementia, UK Dr Mary Browne, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, HSE National Health Service Improvement Team, Public Health Dr Graham Hughes, Clinical Lead, National Clinical Programme for Older People, HSE Michael Comyn, Managing Director, The Time Signal Ltd. Professor Antoinette O'Connor, Clinical Lead, Irish Dementia Registry | VISIT SLIDO.COM AND ENTER EVENT CODE NOCA2026 TO ASK OUR PANELISTS A QUESTION | |
| 16.00 - 16.15 | Dr Brian Creedon , Clinical Director, NOCA | Presentation of NOCA Quality Improvement Champion Award 2026 & Closing Address | |

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