



Dear alumni,

I hope you all enjoyed your summer and managed to share some relaxing time with friends and family.

Earlier this month, we celebrated the conferring ceremonies of our Physiology and BHLS students and in June and July, important meetings took place regarding the [UCD Ukraine Trauma Project](#), with updates reported to the Oireachtas and Ukrainian Members of Parliament visiting UCD.

I wish you a productive and rewarding remainder of the year. We would like to hear from you with any updates or career highlights and achievements, so please reach out to comms.medicine@ucd.ie if you have something you would like to share.

Very best wishes,



Professor Michael Keane

Head of School

UCD School of Medicine

Alumni News

MGA Clinical Influencers Podcast - Series 4

Episode 3, Series 4, Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain

Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, a UCD Medicine graduate (1991), has been a Consultant in Psychiatry of Later Life at Tallaght University Hospital since 2006. After serving as Clinical Director at Tallaght and St. James's Mental Health Services, she became National Clinical Lead for Integrated Care, Clinical Design, and Innovation in 2020.

[Listen here](#)

UCD Ukraine Trauma Project

Updates Shared with Oireachtas and Ukrainian MPs Visit UCD

The UCD Ukraine Trauma Project, which has trained 400 Ukrainian medical staff and delivered 500 emergency kits since 2022, was highlighted in a recent Oireachtas briefing. Ukrainian MPs also visited UCD, celebrating the project's success in supporting emergency care amid the ongoing war.

[Read more](#)

Spotlight on our Researchers - Dr. Walter Kolch

Dr. Walter Kolch is Director of Systems Biology Ireland (SBI) at University College Dublin. His Digital Twins project is revolutionising cancer treatment by using advanced computer models and artificial intelligence (AI) to create personalised treatment plans for patients.

[Read more](#)

Spotlight on our Researchers - Dr. Eoin Cummins

Dr. Eoin Cummins is a UCD alum from 2002 and an Associate Professor in Physiology at UCD. Dr. Cummins' research investigates the impact of hypoxia and hypercapnia on inflammatory signaling, particularly in lung disease. His work at the Conway Institute, UCD, explores how these gases influence complex cellular responses and signaling pathways.

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Conferring Ceremonies



Celebrating the 2024 Physiology and Biomedical Health and Life Sciences Degree Graduations

We celebrated the conferring ceremonies of our [Physiology](#) and [BHLS students](#) in September. Congratulations to all and we wish you the very best.

UCD Medical Graduates Association (MGA) Gala Reunion



Friday 9 May 2025

Save the date! The next UCD Medical Graduates Association (MGA) Gala Reunion will be held on Friday 9 May 2025, at the UCD Belfield Campus.

This event will celebrate the MB BCh BAO graduating classes from **1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1995, 2000, 2005, and 2015.**

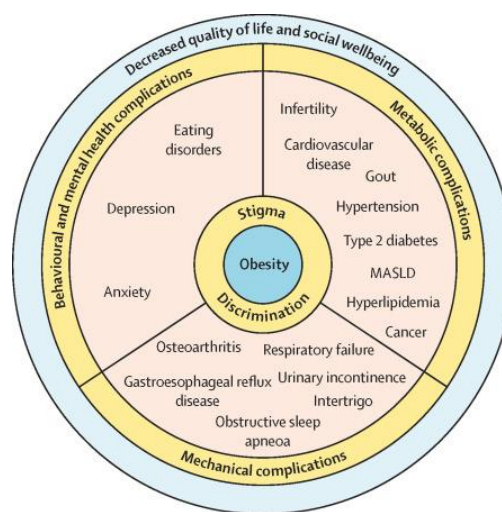
UCD MGA invites you to reconnect with your fellow classmates, reminisce about your time at the School of Medicine, and renew old bonds. The day will feature CPD lectures

delivered by alumni from the participating class years, followed by an evening drinks reception and gala dinner.

We are still seeking class representatives for our **1960 and 1985** graduating classes. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact mga@ucd.ie.

[Find out more](#)

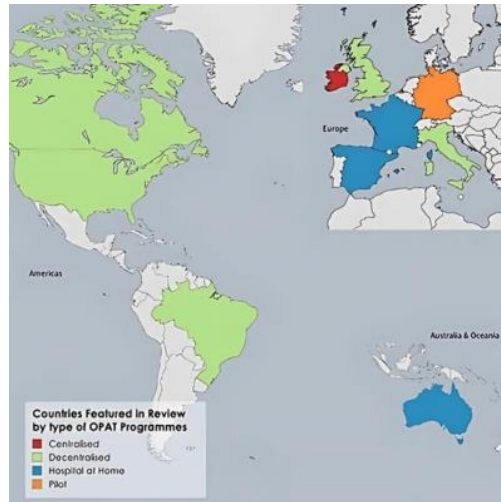
Research News



“Obesity in Adults”: Key Insights from *The Lancet*

Research in *The Lancet* co-authored by UCD's Prof Carel le Roux emphasises shifting obesity treatment from weight loss to lifelong health improvement, advocating for broader use of effective medical and surgical interventions.

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OPAT Across the World: Improving Outpatient Antimicrobial Care

Research led by UCD’s Prof Eavan Muldoon compares global OPAT programs, highlighting variations in delivery and potential improvements. OPAT offers cost-effective, infection-reducing care, with recommendations for standardisation and expanded use worldwide.

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New Clinical Trial in Ireland Reveals Surprising Mechanism of Obesity Drugs like Ozempic

A clinical trial at St Vincent’s Hospital, Dublin, found GLP-1 medications like Ozempic boost metabolic activity significantly, challenging the notion that they solely reduce appetite.

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Enhancing Core Competency: Simulation Training Boosts Skills for Medical Students

Simulation training significantly improves core skills in surgical history-taking and clinical exams for undergraduate medical students, enhancing their confidence and competency in a controlled environment.

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