

## Programme:

### Conference Opening

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- 08:00-09:00 Registration and Coffee
- 9:00 – 9:15 Opening Remarks – **Dr. Graham Lee**, ACBI President.
- 9:15 – 9:30 Conference Opening – **Mr. Stephen McMahon**, Director of the Irish Patients' Association.

### Session 1: Friday Morning Biochemistry in Pregnancy



Chair: **Dr. Jennifer Brady**, Principal Biochemist, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin.

- 09:30 -10:05 **Update on Pre-eclampsia**  
**Dr. Fergus McCarthy**  
Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, CUH.
- 10:05 -10:40 **Placental Growth Factor**  
**Dr. Deirdre Hayes-Ryan**  
Infant Centre, UCC.
- 10:40-11:10** **Coffee (sponsored by Medical Supply Company) and poster viewing**
- 11:10 -11:40 **Pre-analytical considerations when screening for gestational diabetes**  
**Ms. Ruth O'Kelly**  
Principal Biochemist, Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital, Dublin.
- 11:40 –12:10 **Overview of metabolic complications in Pregnancy - GDM**  
**Ms. Yvonne Moloney**  
Registered Advanced Midwife Practitioner , University Hospital Limerick.
- 12:10 – 12:40 **Risks associated with development of Type II DM in Gestational Diabetes**  
**Dr. Eoin Noctor**  
Consultant Endocrinologist, University Hospital Limerick.
- 12:40 – 14:10** **Lunch (Sponsored by Cruinn Diagnostics) and attended poster session**

### Session 2: Friday Afternoon Obesity: a health crisis



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Chair: **Dr. Sean Costelloe**, Consultant Clinical Biochemist, Cork University Hospital, Cork.

- 14:10-14:45 **Metabolism in bariatric patients**  
**Prof. Francis Finucane**  
Consultant Endocrinologist, Galway University Hospitals and NUI Galway.
- 14:45-15:20 **ELF and FIB-4 scores in NAFLD**  
**Dr. Jennifer Spencer**  
Principal Clinical Scientist, Blood Sciences, Leeds Teaching Hospitals, UK.
- 15:20-15:50** **Coffee (sponsored by Eurofins-Biomnis) and attended poster Session**
- 15:50-16:25 **Multifactorial Liver disease**  
**Prof. Aiden McCormick**  
Consultant Hepatologist, Liver Unit, St Vincent's University Hospital and Newman Clinical Research Professor, University College Dublin.
- 16:25-16:55 **Tumour Markers for Today and Tomorrow**  
**Prof. Joe Duffy**  
Clinical Research Centre, St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin.
- 17:00-17:30 **What's new – Science POD**  
Round off Friday with a glass of wine and an update of key developments in 2018.

### Friday Evening

- 19:30** **Pre-Dinner Drinks Reception**
- 20:00** **Annual ACBI Dinner**

## Saturday

8:30-9:30 ACBI AGM (Career Grade Members only)



### Session 3: Saturday: Gender Dysphoria

Chair: Dr. Paula O'Shea, Consultant Clinical Biochemist, University Hospital Galway.

- 9:45-10:20 **How do you solve a problem like Maria?**  
**Dr. Leslie Perry**  
Consultant Clinical Biochemist, Croydon Health Services NHS Trust, UK.
- 10:20-11:00 **Transgender Medicine in 2018**  
**Dr. Marcia Bell**  
Consultant Endocrinologist, Galway University Hospitals.
- 11:00-11:35 **Holding on to Hope- an experience of gender-transition in Ireland**  
**Vanessa Lacey**  
Transgender Equality Network Ireland.
- 11:35-12:10 **Coffee (Sponsored by Sarstedt Ltd.) and attended Poster Session**

### Session 4: Saturday Patient safety: we can do better

Chair: Ms. Geraldine Collier, Principal Biochemist, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin.

- 12:10-12:45 **Communicating Critical Results**  
**Prof. Deirdre Madden**  
School of Law, University College Cork.
- 12:45-13:20 **Over-testing in Healthcare**  
**Dr. Gerald O'Nolan**  
Department of Economics, University of Limerick.
- 13:20-13:30 **Awards for Best Posters:**  
The Geraldine Robert's medal for the best Basic Science Poster.  
ACBI medal for the best Case Presentation Poster.
- 13:30 **Conference close followed by lunch**

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