

**Association of Clinical Biochemists in Ireland**  
**Annual Conference, 2010 Programme**  
15-16 October 2010

9.15 am: **Opening Comments:** Orla Maguire, President of ACBI

9.30 am: **Official Opening Address:** Mary Harney, Minister for Health

**Session 1: Cancer Screening**

**Chairperson: Dr Peadar McGing**, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital

10.00 - 10.40 am: **Cancer Screening in Ireland.**  
Mr Tony O'Brien,  
Director, National Cancer Screening Service  
Dublin.

10.40 - 11.00 am: **Coffee and poster presentation viewing**  
**Authors of posters 1 – 9 in attendance**

11.00 - 11.40 am: **Use of Biomarkers in Screening for Cancer.**  
Professor Joe Duffy  
Dept of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine,  
St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin and  
School of Medicine and Medical Science, University College,  
Dublin.

11.40 - 12.20 pm: **Colorectal Cancer Screening in Ireland.**  
Professor Colm O'Morain  
Chair of Medicine, Trinity College Dublin and  
Adelaide and Meath Hospital, Tallaght, Dublin.

12.20: **Launch of 2010 Version of ACBI Guidelines on Use of Tumour Markers**

12.30 - 2.00 pm: **Lunch and poster presentation viewing**  
**Authors of posters 10 – 20 in attendance 1.15pm to 2.00pm**

**Session 2: Laboratory Efficiency** *Sponsored by Abbott Diagnostics*

**Chairperson: Margaret McDonnell**, Consultant Biochemist, Royal Victoria Hospital.

2.00 - 2.40 pm: **Blood Sciences Laboratories**  
Dr Steve Smith,  
Dept of Biochemistry & Haematology,  
University Hospitals & Warwickshire NHS Trust, Coventry.

2.40 - 3.20 pm: **Demand Management in the Clinical Laboratory**  
Dr Stuart Smellie,  
Darlington Memorial Hospital,  
County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.

3.20 - 3.40 pm: **Coffee**

3.40 - 4.20 pm: **Lean Healthcare**  
Mr Ed Kearney,  
Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother Hospital, Kent.

4.30 - 5.00 pm: **ACBI Annual General Meeting**

7.00 pm: **Reception and Conference Dinner**  
Hilton Hotel, Charlemont Place, Dublin 2.

**Saturday 16 October 2010**

**Session 3: Bone Disease**

**Chairperson: Dr Mark Kilbane**, St. Vincent's University Hospital

- 10.00 - 10.40 am: **Laboratory Investigation of Bone Status**  
Dr Jennifer Brady,  
Dept of Biochemistry,  
Mater Hospital, Dublin.
- 10.40 - 11.00 am: **Coffee and poster presentation viewing**  
**Authors of posters 21 – 28 in attendance**
- 11.00 - 11.40 am: **Vitamin D in Infancy and the Long Term Implications of Deficiency**  
Dr Eleanor Molloy,  
National Maternity Hospital, Dublin.
- 11.40 - 12.20 am: **Diagnosis and management of osteoporosis: A primer for biochemists**  
Dr John Carey,  
University College Hospital, Galway.
- 12.20 - 12.30 pm: **Labs are Vital**  
Mr. Patrick Quigley,  
St. James's Hospital, Dublin.
- 12.30 - 2.00 pm: Lunch**

**Session 4: Obesity**

**Chairperson: Mr. Roland Reece**, St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin.

- 2.00 - 2.40 pm: **Obesity as a global problem**  
Professor Donal O'Shea,  
St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin.
- 2.40 - 3.20 pm: **Immunological dysfunction in diabetes**  
Dr Andy Hogan,  
St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin
- 3.20 - 3.30 pm: **Presentation of Geraldine Roberts Medal**
- 3.30 - 4.10 pm: **Obesity update: mechanisms of disease**  
Dr Vivion Crowley,  
St James's Hospital, Dublin.
- 4.10 pm: **Closing reception**