



The All-Ireland Cancer Network (AllCaN) Oesophageal Symposium 2025 Programme

Date: Monday 20th October 2025

Venue: Riddel Hall, Queen's University Belfast, 185 Stranmillis Rd, Belfast BT9 5EE, United Kingdom.

09:30 AM - 10:00 AM – Registration (including Tea & Coffee)

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM - Introduction and Welcome

Speaker: Prof. Helen Coleman, AllCaN Oesophageal Co-Lead.

10:15 AM - 12:50 PM – Session 1: Prevention and Intervention

Chairs: Dr Dan Middleton (AllCaN Oesophageal Principal Investigator) and Prof. Juliette Hussey (AllCaN Oesophageal Co-Lead).

Prevention

- **10:15 AM - 10:25 AM:** Overview of Prevention work package by Prof. Helen Coleman, AllCaN Oesophageal Co-Lead. Prof. Coleman will also introduce the audience to *Slido* (an easy-to-use Q&A platform).
- **10:25 AM - 10:35 AM:** Dr Victoria Child, AllCaN Oesophageal Postdoctoral Fellow.
Title: *All-Ireland comparisons of Oesophageal cancer (OC) and Barrett's oesophagus (BO) intelligence.*
- **10:35 AM - 10:45 AM:** Prof. Helen Reid, AllCaN Oesophageal Collaborator.
Title: *Capsule Sponge: An easy pill to swallow for Primary Care?*
- **10:45 AM - 10:55 AM:** Ms. Kelly Tang, AllCaN Oesophageal PhD Candidate.
Title: *Exploring the Link Between Antibiotic Use and Oesophageal Cancer Risk: Initial Insights from a Population-Based Case-Control Study.*
- **10:55 AM - 11:05 AM:** Dr Ashleigh Russell, AllCaN Oesophageal Principal Investigator.

Title: *Age Inequalities in Oesophageal Adenocarcinoma on the Island of Ireland: A Mixed Methods Project.*

- **11:05 AM - 11:15 AM:** Ms. Rachel McMenemy, AllCaN Oesophageal MPH Candidate.

Title: *Environmental exposures and oesophageal cancer incidence on the island of Ireland: identifying novel prevention opportunities.*

- **11:15 AM - 11:30 AM: Rapid Roundtable Research.** Join your table in a discussion on how to advance future Prevention research. Capture your ideas and questions on Post-its and place them on the Prevention Idea Board.
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11:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Coffee Break, Networking & Poster Discussion

The poster session provides a valuable forum to exchange ideas and foster collaboration; we encourage you to spend time viewing the posters and interacting with the presenters.

Intervention

- **12:00 PM - 12:05 PM:** Overview of Intervention work package by Prof. Juliette Hussey (AllCaN Oesophageal Co-Lead).

- **12:05 PM - 12:15 PM:** Ms. Diana Cooke, AllCaN Oesophageal PhD Candidate.

Title: *Developing Lifestyle Interventions in Barrett's Oesophagus.*

- **12:15 PM - 12:20 PM:** Ms. Sedina O'Kane, AllCaN Oesophageal PhD Candidate.

Title: *Exploring the mental health needs of patients living with Barrett's Oesophagus.*

- **12:20 PM - 12:25 PM:** Prof. Juliette Hussey, AllCaN Oesophageal Co-Lead.

Title: *An update on the Rehabilitation Strategies in Esophagogastric cancer (RESTORE) Trial.*

- **12:25 PM - 12:40 PM: Rapid Roundtable Research.** Join your table in a discussion on how to advance future Intervention research. Capture your ideas and questions on Post-its and place them on the Intervention Idea Board.
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12:40 PM - 1:50 PM - Lunch Break, Networking and Poster Discussion

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1:50 PM - 3:10 PM – Session 2: Targeted Diagnostics and Novel Therapeutics

Chairs: Dr Stephaine Craig & Prof. Joanne Lysaght (AllCaN Oesophageal Principal Investigators).

Targeted Diagnostics

- **1:50 PM - 1:55 PM:** Overview of Targeted Diagnostics work package by Dr Stephaine Craig, AllCaN Oesophageal Principal Investigator.
- **1:55 PM - 2:05 PM:** Mr. Richard Murray, AllCaN Oesophageal PhD Candidate.
Title: *Malignant Potential of Barrett's Oesophagus: Morphomolecular Pathology Insights Using Multiomic Approaches.*
- **2:05 PM – 2:15 PM:** Prof. Helen Roche, AllCaN Oesophageal Principal Investigator.
Title: *The impact of cellular metabolic pathway manipulation on inflammatory-driven Barrett's Oesophagus (BO)-to-Oesophageal cancer (OAC) transitioning, and the potential role for the HDL proteome as a non-invasive immune-metabolic biomarker of disease progression.*
- **2:15 PM - 2:30 PM: Rapid Roundtable Research.** Join your table in a discussion on how to advance future Targeted Diagnostics research. Capture your ideas and questions on Post-its and place them on the Targeted Diagnostics Idea Board.

Novel Therapeutics

- **2:30 PM - 2:35 PM:** Overview of Novel Therapeutics work package by Prof. Joanne Lysaght, AllCaN Oesophageal Lead.
- **2:35 PM - 2:45 PM:** Ms. Lorraine Smith, AllCaN Oesophageal PhD Candidate.
Title: *Interrogating the response of the Barrett's Oesophagus tissue microenvironment to electroporation.*
- **2:45 PM - 2:55 PM:** Mr. Sam Cahill, AllCaN Oesophageal Research MSc Candidate.
Title: *Determine the role of intrinsic immune checkpoint signalling in the progression of pre-malignant BO to OAC: expanding the target cohort for immune checkpoint inhibition.*
- **2:55 PM - 3:10 PM: Rapid Roundtable Research.** Join your table in a discussion on how to advance future Novel Therapeutics research. Capture your ideas and questions on Post-its and place them on the Novel Therapeutics Idea Board.

3:10 PM – 3:35 PM - Coffee Break, Networking & Poster Discussion

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3:35 PM - 5:00 PM – Session 3: Guest Speaker and Open Symposium Discussion

Chair: Prof. Helen Coleman, AllCaN Oesophageal Co-Lead.

- **3:35 PM - 4:05 PM: Prof. Massimiliano Di Pietro**, Principal Research Associate, Honorary Consultant Gastroenterologist, Early Cancer Institute, University of Cambridge.
Title: *Barrett's oesophagus: time to stop surveillance or switch gear?*

4:05 PM - 4:45 PM: Symposium Discussion – Charting the Course for AllCaN Oesophageal: Are We Asking the Right Clinical Questions?

Chairs: Prof. Helen Roche and Prof. Juliette Hussey.

Title: *Academic & PPI Panel Discussion in Prevention, Intervention, Targeted Diagnostics & Novel Therapeutics.*

Panel: Ms. Carmel Doyle (CEO Oesophageal Cancer Fund), Mr Feargal Delaney (AllCaN Oesophageal PPI representative), Mr Johnny King (AllCaN Oesophageal PPI representative), Mr Mark Kelly (AllCaN Oesophageal PPI representative), Dr Debra Higgins (OncoAssure), Dr Frances Drummond (Head of Research, Breakthrough Cancer Research), Dr Damian McManus (Senior Lecturer and Consultant Pathologist, QUB).

4:45 PM - 5:00 PM: Final Words

Speaker: Prof. Jacintha O'Sullivan, AllCaN Oesophageal Lead.

5:00 PM: End of AllCaN Oesophageal Symposium 2025

Each session will allow for interactive discussions, providing an opportunity for participants to engage with the speakers. The AllCaN Oesophageal Symposium primarily aims to foster collaboration and innovation in Barrett's oesophagus and oesophageal cancer research across the island of Ireland.