

IRISH INSTITUTE OF CLINICAL NEUROSCIENCE NEUROLOGY UPDATE MEETING 2026

Date: 25th September 2026

Venue: CityNorth Hotel, Gormanston, Co Dublin, K32 W562

Time	Programme	Speaker
08:30 - 08:55	Registration	
08:55 - 09:00	Welcome and introduction	Dr Tudor Munteanu Consultant Neurologist Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda
Session 1: Functional Neurological Disorder Chair: Dr Aoife Laffan, Consultant Neurologist, St James University Hospital		
09:00 - 09:30	Functional Neurological Disorder: pathophysiology and anatomical localization	Dr Kara O'Connell Consultant Psychiatrist Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda
09:30 - 09:50	FND diagnosis and management for GPs and GIM physicians	Dr Hongying Chen Neurology SpR
09:50 - 10:10	Neuropsychological interventions in FND	Dr Diane Gillan Principal Clinical Neuropsychologist Beaumont Hospital
10:10 - 10:15	FND questions	
Session 2: Epilepsy Chair: Prof Norman Delanty, Consultant Neurologist, Beaumont Hospital		
10:15 - 10:45	Pathophysiological mechanisms of seizure generation in the epilepsies	Prof Peter Widdess-Walsh Consultant Neurologist Beaumont Hospital
10:45 - 11:05	The diagnosis and management of epilepsy for GPs and GIM physicians	Dr Emma Dolan Epilepsy Fellow Beaumont Hospital
11:05 - 11:25	Clinical updates on the epilepsies	Dr Michael Kinney Consultant Neurologist Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
11:25 - 11:30	Epilepsy questions	
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee break	

Guest Speaker: Dr Lina Nashef, Consultant Neurologist King's College Hospital, London

12:00 - 13:00	What's in a name? Are ILAE criteria for diagnosing Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome easily applicable in adult patients in this era of novel but restricted treatments?
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13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
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Session 3: Parkinsonism| Chair: Prof Richard Walsh, Consultant Neurologist Mater Misericordiae University Hospital

14:00 - 14:30	Parkinson's disease: a review of the pathophysiology	Prof Anhar Hassan Consultant Neurologist Mater Misericordiae University Hospital
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14:30 - 14:50	The diagnosis and management of idiopathic Parkinson's disease for GPs and GIM Physicians	Dr Asya Tacheva Neurology SpR
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14:50 - 15:10	Novel biomarkers in Parkinsonism	Dr Diana Olszewska Consultant Neurologist Cork University Hospital
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15:10 - 15:15	Parkinsonism - questions
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15:15 - 15:45	Coffee break
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Session 4: Migraine and related disorders | Chair: Dr Thomas Peukert, Consultant Neurologist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

15:45 - 16:15	Migraine – an update on pathophysiology	Dr Damien Ferguson Consultant Neurologist, St James University Hospital
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16:15 - 16:35	Migraine management in the GP practice	Dr David Burke GP - special interest migraine Tallaght University Hospital
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16:35 - 16:55	Migraine, Obesity and IHH: Emerging Connections	Dr Alina Buture Consultant Neurologist Mater Misericordiae University Hospital
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16:55 - 17:00	Migraine - Questions
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17:00 - 17:05	Close of meeting	Dr Tudor Munteanu
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