


OPTIMISING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION IN CLINICAL TRIALS

O'REILLY HALL, UCD
09:30, 26TH MAY 2026

Registration, speaker and further event
information available at:
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Registration 09:00 – 09:30	 O'Reilly Hall University College Dublin
Welcome:	Prof. Rachel Crowley, Consultant Endocrinologist and Lead Rare Disease–Clinical Trial Network 09:30
Keynote 1:	Title: Optimising Recruitment and retention in Clinical Trials Speaker: Dr. Adwoa Parker, Associate Professor, University of York 09:40
Break:	Atrium, O'Reilly Hall 11:00
Session 1:	Recruitment and Retention in Clinical Trials in Ireland – lessons learned from the Clinical Trial Networks 11:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An Infectious Diseases Perspective, Prof. Jane O'Halloran, ID-CTNI• A Rare Disease Perspective, Prof. Rachel Crowley, RD-CTN• Practical Steps for Inclusive Involvement, Dr. Cassy Dinius, HRCI and RDCTN
Panel:	Dr. Cassy Dinius, Prof. Jane O'Halloran, Prof. Rachel Crowley, Dr. Adwoa Parker, Catherine Arundel, Mary Vasseghi (PPI contributor, RD CTN) 12:15
Lunch:	Atrium, O'Reilly Hall 13:00
Keynote 2:	Title: Investigating strategies to optimise trial recruitment – an overview of Studies Within a Trial (SWATS). Speaker: Catherine Arundel, Senior Research Fellow and CTU Assistant Director, University of York 14:00
Session 2:	Embedding recruitment and retention in SWATS in Clinical Trials in Ireland 14:45 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The effect of a site visit on recruitment: A study within the ADCAR Trial. Prof. Valerie Smith, UCD• Protocols and resources for prioritised recruitment and retention SWATs – the PRESS project. Prof. Frances Shiely, UCC• Embedding recruitment-focused SWATs in a feasibility trial in multiple sclerosis rehabilitation. Dr. Sinéad Hynes, UoG
Panel:	Prof. Valerie Smith, Prof. Frances Shiely, Dr. Sineád Hynes and Dr. Adwoa Parker 15:30
Close:	Prof. Peter Doran, Director UCD Clinical Research Centre, UCD 15:50

