



IRISH GENERAL
PRACTICE NURSES
EDUCATIONAL
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday 9th October 2026 & Saturday 10th October 2026

Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath

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| 11:30 - 13:00 | Registration, Refreshments, Viewing of Sponsor Stands |
| 13:00 - 13:10 | Welcome Address by Sharon Kinsella, IGPNEA National Chairperson |
| 13:10 - 13:50 | Dr. Tom Barrett, Senior Medical Officer, HSE National Immunisation Office, and Dr Chantal Migone, MB, BCh, BAO, MPH, DTM&H speaking on:
<i>"Update on the Irish Childhood Immunisation Programme."</i> |
| 13:50 - 14:30 | Dr. Rachael Comer, Education and Training Manager, Screening Training Unit, CervicalCheck, speaking on:
<i>"Equity in Action: Improving Participation in Cervical Screening"</i> |
| 14:30 - 15:10 | Refreshments, Viewing of Sponsor Stands |
| 15:10 - 15:50 | Mary Devane, MSc, RGN, RM, RPHN, Professional Officer, NMBI, speaking on:
<i>"Regulation in Practice: Professional Competence for GP Nurses."</i> |
| 15:50 - 16:30 | Prof Muhammad Tariq, Adj Associate Clinical Professor at UCD, Consultant Paediatrician, MRHP, speaking on:
<i>"Journey of Allergic Child: from birth to five years of age"</i> |
| 19:00 - 19:30 | Drinks Reception |
| 19:30 - Late | Gala Dinner and Awards |



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08:30 - 09:30 Registration, Refreshments, Viewing of Sponsor Stands

09:00 - 09:30 National Executive Committee Meeting, (NEC Reps only, please)

09:30 - 09:40 Welcome Address by Sharon Kinsella, IGPNEA National Chairperson

09:40 - 10:20 Nessa Fallon, CNS Bone Health, Bone Health Service,
St James' Hospital, speaking on:
"Managing Bone Health"

10:20 - 11:00 Edel Carey, RGN, RNP, RANP, MSc, FFNMRC SI, Older Adult Care,
HSE, speaking on:
*"Beyond the evidence: Féileacán Bán, rethinking community
dementia care."*

11:00 - 11:40 Refreshments, Viewing of Sponsor Stands

11:40 - 13:15 Collaborative Session: Emma Murphy, BA (Hons), PGDip, MIACP,
Eating Disorder Specialist Psychotherapist (NCFED UK), speaking
on:
*"The Intersection of Weight Management and Emotional/Binge
Eating - Psychology Matters!"*
and
Dr. Dan McCartney BSc/Dip Diet, MSc, PhD, MINDI, SRD, speaking
on:
*"Nutritional Intervention for Chronic Disease in General Practice -
current trends and future directions."*

13:15 - 13:25 Close of Conference