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A Voice for Palliative Care in Ireland



Irish Association for Palliative Care

November Newsletter 2023

Welcome to our November newsletter!

November was a month of significant accomplishments and notable moments for our association, marking a period of growth, collaboration, and impactful contributions to the field of palliative care. From the insightful discussions led by our esteemed plenary speaker, Rebecca Tiberini, during the Annual General Meeting, to the publication of our comprehensive Annual Report, every step we've taken reinforces our commitment to excellence in palliative care.

Moreover, our active engagement in the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Assisted Dying has not only showcased our dedication to meaningful discourse but has also contributed to shaping critical conversations on this important subject.





On November 21st, Dr. Hannah Linane and Dr. Una Molloy presented at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on assisted dying.

The meeting offered an invaluable opportunity to voice the concerns of the IAPC, which remains dedicated to upholding the principles of patient safety, dignity, and compassion. As advocates for the vulnerable, the IAPC emphasizes the importance of ensuring that any future decisions made by the Oireachtas reflect these fundamental values in Ireland.

During the meeting, there was an enriching exchange of ideas and perspectives, allowing for a comprehensive examination of the proposed assisted dying bill. The IAPC appreciates the commitment of the Oireachtas Joint Committee in fostering an open and inclusive dialogue on this critical matter.

The IAPC will continue to recommend a focus on increasing services and access to palliative care throughout Ireland as a paramount measure to address end-of-life concerns. Palliative care plays a pivotal role in enhancing the quality of life for individuals facing serious illness, ensuring that their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs are met with the utmost care and support.

As the Oireachtas Joint Committee continues its deliberations on the assisted dying bill, the IAPC remains committed to actively engaging with stakeholders to promote policies that safeguard the well-being of patients and uphold the principles of dignity and compassion.



Our Annual General Meeting and Lecture Series held on November 23rd was a huge success. A key highlight was the inspiring keynote address delivered by Rebecca Tiberini, whose provided us with a practical and though-provoking lecture on Rehabilitative Palliative Care, something which is certain to become a bigger part of the Palliative Care discourse going forward. Thank you to all who participated.

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Alongside our AGM, the IAPC official release of our Annual Report,has gone live. This comprehensive document encapsulates the milestones, challenges, and triumphs that have defined our year. For those eager to delve into the details, please feel free to reach out to us at <u>admin@iapc.ie</u>, and we will share the document with you.

Finally, our new Website is on track to go live on schedule in January 2024. This has been a huge undertaking and we cannot wait to share the final result. As we reflect on these achievements, we extend our gratitude to our members for their unwavering support and look forward to continuing our journey together in advancing the standards of palliative care in Ireland.

Association for Paediatric Palliative Medicine The Association of Paediatric Palliative Care has introduced a revamped formulary for Paediatric Palliative Care prescribing, combining fresh perspectives with the core purpose of supporting prescribers. The updated formulary now includes Medicines for Children leaflets where relevant and expanded clinical indications for certain medications. Check out the new resources from The Association of Paediatric Palliative Care to enhance your prescribing practice and better support children in palliative care.

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12th Annual Palliative Care Research Network Symposium

The 12th Annual Palliative Care Research Network Symposium on December 7, 2023, at the Ashling Hotel Dublin. This event, supported by the Health Research Board, Health and Social Care R&D Division, Public Health Agency, and the HSE, offers a unique opportunity for knowledge sharing and networking among stakeholders, researchers, clinicians, policymakers, and health professionals interested in palliative and end-of-life care in Ireland. This year's focus is on 'Implementation of Research for Evidence-Based Practice,' featuring distinguished speakers such as Prof Andrew Davies and Dr Mark Pearson.

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Dates for your Diary:

6th December: Family Carers Ireland, Partnership in Practice: Family Carers Ireland Research Conference 2023, Aisling Hotel, Dublin. Register <u>here</u>.

7th December: 12th Annual Palliative Care Research Network Symposium, The Ashling Hotel Dublin.



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