



IAPC August Newsletter

Welcome to the IAPC August Newsletter.

With September just around the corner, there is plenty happening across IAPC and the wider palliative care community.

In this issue, we're looking ahead to **Palliative Care Week**, highlighting the opening of abstract submissions for the IAPC 26th Education & Research Seminar 2027, and sharing details of our upcoming Palliative Nursing Conference. Palliative Care Week begins this Sunday, 6th September, running until 12th September.

With events taking place across Ireland, the week provides an opportunity to raise awareness, share experiences and highlight the importance of palliative care for patients, families and communities.

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Follow **IAPC on X** for the latest updates and announcements.

We're also now on **Bluesky** — follow our newly established account and stay connected with IAPC and the wider palliative care community.

Thank you for your continued engagement with The IAPC. We look forward to sharing more news, opportunities and member updates with you throughout the autumn.

Abstract Submissions Now Open

'New Frontiers, New Possibilities: Transforming Palliative Care Together'

The call for abstracts is now open for the **IAPC 26th Education & Research Seminar**, taking place on **4th February 2027 at The Gibson Hotel, Dublin**.

We're looking for research, innovation, new approaches and ideas that can help shape the future of palliative care.

Abstracts are welcomed from across the multidisciplinary community, including:

- Research
- Clinical practice
- Education
- Service development
- Policy
- Other areas contributing to the development of palliative care

Key dates

Submission deadline: 5pm, 2nd October 2025

Seminar: 4th February 2027

Venue: The Gibson Hotel, Dublin

Late submissions will not be accepted

Plenary Speaker: Professor Sonja McIlfatrick



We are pleased to welcome **Professor Sonja McIlfatrick** as our plenary speaker.

Professor McIlfatrick is an internationally recognised expert in nursing and palliative care, with more than 20 years' experience across clinical practice, education and research. She has published more than 200 research outputs, secured over £4 million in research funding and held senior academic and international positions, including Board membership of the

She has received numerous honours for her contribution to nursing, palliative care and public health, including an MBE in 2022.

[Submit Your Abstracts Today](#)

IAPC Nursing Conference 2026

Join us for the inaugural IAPC Nursing Conference, a new event designed to bring together palliative care nursing professionals from across Ireland to share knowledge, showcase innovation and learn from one another.

A key feature of the Forum will be a Showcase of Practice, highlighting poster presentations and abstracts from nurses across the country. We invite you to share examples of quality improvement projects, service developments, research, education initiatives or innovative models of care. Whether your work has recently been completed, is currently underway or is in the planning stages, we'd love to provide an opportunity for you to showcase it and inspire colleagues from across the profession. Alongside the showcase, the programme will include keynote speakers, expert sessions on person-centred nursing, anticipatory medications and advance care planning, as well as opportunities to network and exchange ideas with colleagues from across Ireland.

Date: Tuesday, 24th November 2026

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Ashling Hotel, Dublin

[Register Here Today](#)

Events

Palliative Care Week 2026

6th–12th September 2026

the island of Ireland.

The programme includes events for healthcare professionals, patients, families, carers and members of the public, providing opportunities to learn more about palliative care and available supports.

[View the Palliative Care Week 2026 Events Programme](#)

SAVE THE DATE

ALL-IRELAND CLINICAL AI CONGRESS & AI TECH EXPO

What every healthcare professional needs to know about AI today!

DATE
Saturday, 12th Sept 2026

VENUE
O'Reilly Hall, UCD Dublin

ACCREDITATION
CME / CPD pending

REGISTRATION
Complimentary

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- General Practitioners
- Registered Nurses
- Hospital Clinicians
- Digital Health Leaders
- Pharmacists
- Medical Academics

O'REILLY HALL - UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Register now at [AIClinicalCongress.com](https://aiclinicalcongress.com)

IRELAND'S CLINICAL AI MOMENT

Ireland's health system is currently entering a significant period of digital transformation, with the HSE's national AI strategy, the One Health Record programme, and increasing real-world clinical AI deployment all converging at once.

This Congress is designed not just to debate AI in the abstract, but to help clinicians and healthcare leaders see it, understand it, use it, and leave with the means to deploy it safely and responsibly.

All Island Palliative Care Practice Conference 2026

Registration is now open for the All Island Palliative Care Practice Conference, which takes place on Tuesday, 8 September 2026 at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry. Organised by the All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care (AIHPC), this year's conference is themed **"Palliative Care – It's Not What You Think"** and will explore developments in practice, education, quality improvement, research and lived

Irish Hospice Foundation Forum on End of Life 2026

The Irish Hospice Foundation Forum on End of Life 2026 takes place on Thursday, 24 September at Croke Park, Dublin.

This year's theme, *Every Death Matters: Dying, Death and Bereavement in a Changing Ireland – Emerging Narratives*, will explore evolving perspectives on end-of-life care, bereavement and the changing needs of Irish society. The conference will bring together healthcare professionals, researchers, community organisations and others

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AIHPC has issued a call for abstracts for oral presentations, lightning talks and posters.

Abstract submission deadline: Friday, 24 July 2026.

Registration is now open.

Upcoming Webinar: Assisted Dying in the UK

Public Policy Exchange will host a webinar on Assisted Dying in the UK: Law Reform, Safeguarding and End-of-Life Choice on Thursday, 3 September 2026.

The webinar will examine recent legislative developments, ethical and clinical considerations, international experience, and the implications for palliative care, hospice services and healthcare professionals. It may be of interest to those working in palliative and end-of-life care.

[Register Here](#)

Specialist Palliative Care Information Webinar

6 October 2026

A 60-minute online webinar will take place on 6 October for physiotherapists, occupational therapists and students interested in working in specialist palliative care. The session will explore the holistic nature of rehabilitative palliative care and will include a patient experience video and audience Q&A.

[Register Here](#)

Dates for the Diary

September 2026

6th–12th September — [Palliative Care Week 2026](#)

9th September — [Hospice UK Transition Conference](#), Manchester

9th–11th September — [European Grief Conference 2026](#), focusing on bereavement, grief and loss.

14th–18th September — [International Association for Communication in Healthcare Conference](#). The call for abstracts is currently open.

16th September — *From Assessment to Action: Simulating PCOC in MDT Practice*, Milford Care Centre. The session is aimed at clinical staff using PCOC in daily practice. [Further information](#).

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IAPC 26th Annual Education and Research Seminar

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS OPEN

'New Frontiers, New Possibilities: Transforming Palliative Care Together'

4th February 2027, The Gibson Hotel Dublin

The Irish Association of Palliative Care's Annual Education and Research Seminar in February 2027 is seeking abstract applications for submission.

All applicants are invited to register at the link below. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Submission Deadline: 2nd October 2026

Submit your abstracts here:
<https://iapcseminar2027.exordo.com/>

Irish Association for Palliative Care



IAPC Nursing Forum Presents

'Stronger Together: Palliative Nursing Across Ireland'

Driving Innovation, Quality Improvement and Shared Learning

This inaugural IAPC event will bring together palliative care nursing professionals for a focused day of education, reflection, and shared learning. The programme will feature keynote presentations and expert sessions on person-centred nursing, anticipatory medications, and advance care planning. Delegates will also have the opportunity to explore quality improvement initiatives and service innovations from across the sector.

When: 9:30am, Tuesday
24th November

Where: Ashling Hotel,
Dublin. D083P8N

Further information can be found on our website iapc.ie or by emailing comms@iapc.ie

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