

7th Transatlantic Wound Science & Podiatric Medicine / All Ireland Podiatry Conference

October 2nd-4th 2025

The Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway

Thursday October 2nd 2025

Diabetic Foot Masterclass: Advanced Strategies for Prevention and Management

Join leading international experts for an in-depth Diabetic Foot Masterclass, designed for healthcare professionals dedicated to improving outcomes in diabetic foot care. This comprehensive course covers the latest evidence-based practices in prevention, early diagnosis, and advanced wound management, including the use of smart technologies to promote limb preservation. Ideal for podiatrists, endocrinologists, nurses, and wound care specialists seeking to enhance their clinical skills and make a meaningful impact in diabetic foot health.

		Chair:
17.00-17.10	Opening Address	Professor Martin O' Donnell, Dean of the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, University of Galway, Ireland.
17.10-17.30	The burden of Pain in Diabetes-Related Foot Disease.	Professor Caroline McIntosh, Head of the School of Health Sciences/ Established Professor of Podiatric Medicine, University of Galway, Ireland.
17.30-18.00	Why Guidelines; are they helpful or a hindrance? An update on the IWGDF	Professor Fran Game, Clinical Director of R&D, Royal Derby Hospital, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS FT. Co-Director Derby Clinical Trials Support Unit. Hon Professor, University of Nottingham. Clinical Director - NHS England Regional Clinical Diabetes Network, Midlands. Clinical Lead- National Diabetes Footcare Audit, England and Wales. Chair, Editorial Board, International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot. Vice President, D-Foot International. UK.
18.00-18.20	The Evolving Field of Mobile Applications: A Smarter Approach to Diabetic Foot Ulcer Management	Professor Cynthia Formosa, Head, Podiatry Department, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Malta. Malta.
18.20-18.50	The Menace of Diabetic Gangrene Continues	Dr. Robert G Frykberg DPM, MPH. Clinical Professor and Residency Director Department of Orthopaedics, UT Health San Antonio Division of Podiatry, Texas, US. Honorary Professor in Podiatric Medicine, University of Galway. US.

18.50-19.10	iFoot technology, a new concept in automated offloading in the diabetic foot	Professor Alfred Gatt, Podiatry Department, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Malta. Malta.
19.10-19.45	Q & A with the Panel	

Friday October 3rd 2025

Anatomy Workshop

EARLY BIRD WORKSHOP

8.00-10.00

Anatomy Workshop:

The workshop is an exciting opportunity to see, up close and personal, a range of surgical procedures on cadaver specimens. This is a golden opportunity to experience surgical anatomy, in a state-of-the-art anatomy dissection laboratory, with highly respected international surgeons.

LOCATION

Gross Anatomy Laboratory, University of Galway (*Transport provided, the bus will leave the hotel at 07.45).

SPEAKERS

Dr. Mike Trepal

Dr. Susan Rice

Dr Kevin Jules

*By pre-booking only. Limited Places. Book early!

MAIN PROGRAMME- DAY 1

Friday 3rd October

Theme: WOUND SCIENCE

8.00-8.45 Conference Registration & Exhibition

INTRODUCTION

8.50-9.00 Opening Address

Chair: Professor Caroline McIntosh

Professor Caroline McIntosh, Head of the School of Health Sciences/ Established Professor of Podiatric Medicine, University of Galway, Ireland.

SESSION 1

9.00-9.20 Emotional and psychosocial factors affecting individuals with diabetes-related foot ulcers

Ms. Michelle Hanlon Psychologist and PhD Candidate, School of Psychology, University of Galway. Ireland.

9.20-9.40 Reducing the impact of diabetic foot ulcers (REDUCE): An effectiveness and cost-effectiveness Randomised Controlled Trial

Professor Fran Game, Clinical Director of R&D, Royal Derby Hospital, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS FT. Co-Director Derby Clinical Trials Support Unit. Hon Professor, University of Nottingham. Clinical Director - NHS England Regional Clinical Diabetes Network, Midlands. Clinical Lead- National Diabetes Footcare Audit, England and Wales. Chair, Editorial Board, International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot. Vice President, D-Foot International. UK.

9.40-10.00 Skin Tears in the Elderly

Lenora fitzgerald, RANP Tissue Viability Service, RNP, Waterford Older Person Services.

10.00-10.15 **Q & A**

SESSION 2

Vascular Disease

Chair: Dr. Pauline Wilson

10.15-10.40 Using WIFI wound classification for all foot wounds, within podiatry, nursing and vascular teams, to help identify or exclude chronic limb threatening ischaemia

Mr. Martin Fox, Vascular Podiatrist Manchester Local Care Organisation (NHS), Manchester, UK.

10.40-11.00 What your feet can say about your heart

Dr. Michael Trepal DPM FACFAS Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor, Surgery, New York College of Podiatric Medicine, New York, US.

11.00-11.10 **Q & A**

11.10-11.40 **Coffee Break & Exhibition**

SESSION 3

Platinum Sponsor AOTI

Chair: Dr. Michael Trepal

11.40-12.10 Driving DFUs and VLU's into remission with multi-modality

Dr. Mike Griffiths, CEO, President and Co-Founder of AOTI.

TWO2 therapy: Latest clinical evidence & growing payer coverage

SESSION 4

12.10-12.30

Charcot Foot: Principles and Practice

Chair: Ms. Susan Sheehan

Dr. Robert G Frykberg DPM, MPH. Clinical Professor and Residency Director Department of Orthopaedics, UT Health San Antonio Division of Podiatry, Texas, US. Honorary Professor in Podiatric Medicine, University of Galway. US.

12.30-12.50

A clinical signs and symptoms tool to predict presence of biofilm in chronic wounds

Mr. John D. Ivory MSc PhD Candidate, DFD PRIMO programme School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Galway, Ireland.

12.50-13.20

Diabetic Foot Infections

Dr. Edgar Peters, Associate Professor Medical Specialist, AMS - Rehabilitation & Development Affiliatie VUMedical Specialist, Internal medicine, Amsterdam UMC, Netherlands.

13.20-13.30

Q & A

13.30-14.30

Lunch & Exhibition

14.30-15.30

Workshop A- The Biomechanics of Offloading Wounds. Inishturk Suite.

Ms. Emily Haworth. Advanced Podiatrist in NHS (Diabetes, Vascular and MSK) & Prof. Paul Chadwick Visiting Professor Birmingham City University. Consultant Podiatrist.

Workshop B- Chronic limb threatening ischaemia – how to assess and triage, within 10 minutes, in the busy lower limb clinic - Demonstration of a brief foot to femoral arterial assessment and case-based discussions. Inisheer Suite

Mr. Martin Fox, Vascular Podiatrist Manchester Local Care Organisation (NHS), Manchester, UK.

Workshop C- Debridement and Dressings. Inishmaan Suite

Dr. Matthew G. Garoufalos, DPM, FASPS, DABPM, CWS, FFPM RCPS (Glasgow), FRSM

15.30-16.00

Coffee Break & Exhibition

SESSION 5

16.00-16.40

Bill & Pam's Story

Chair: Dr. Susan Rice

Mrs Andrea Gledhill, Consultant Podiatric Surgeon at Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in the UK, &

Professor Paul Chadwick, Visiting Professor, Birmingham City University. Consultant Podiatrist

16.40-17.10

Surgical approaches for the prevention of DFU and management of non-healing DFU

Dr. John Steinberg Professor, Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington DC.

17.10-17.20

Q & A

17.20-17.30

Close of Day

11.10-11.40	Coffee Break	
SESSION 4		Chair: Dr. Pauline Wilson
11.40-12.10	Supporting Lifelong Movement for girls and women: the role of Podiatry, Sport and Pilates	Ms Marie Hegarty, Podiatrist, MA Health Promotion, Mat and Reformer Pilates Instructor, Bons Secours Hospital, Momentum Foot and Ankle Specialists
	Dermatology	
12.10-12.30	Seeing the Light - How dermoscopy can help with lesion recognition	Dr Ivan Bristow, Visiting Professor & Director, Primary Care Dermatology Society, UK
12.30-12.50	Best foot forward: podiatrists' insight and awareness of melanoma of the foot	Dr. Michelle Murphy, Consultant Dermatologist, Cork University Hospital, Cork, Ireland.
12.50-13.10	Melanonychia: Is it Dangerous? When to be concerned	Dr. Michael Trepal DPM FACFAS Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor, Surgery, New York College of Podiatric Medicine, New York, US.
13.10-13.25	Q & A	
13.30-14.30	Lunch & Exhibition	
Workshops		
14.30-15.30	Workshop A- "Atypical Calf Pain in a Professional Soccer Player: Integrating Point-of-Care Ultrasound with Clinical and Mechanical Reasoning". Inishturk Suite	Mr. Adam McIlwaine, Lecturer in Podiatric Medicine, University of Galway.
	Workshop B- Rehabilitation Principles to Guide Exercise Prescription. Inishmaan Suite	Ms. Emma O' Callaghan, Lecturer in Podiatric Medicine, University of Galway.
SESSION 5	Technologies in Practice	Chair: Prof. Caroline McIntosh
15.50-16.10	Innovations in 3D Printed Custom-made Foot Orthoses	Ms. Sarah O' Connell, Lecturer in Podiatric Medicine, University of Galway.
16.10-16.30	How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Embrace Technology	Michael Stephenson, Podiatrist/ Private Practitioner
16.30	Close of Conference and Prize Giving	Professor Caroline McIntosh, Head of the School of Health Sciences/ Established Professor of Podiatric Medicine, University of Galway, Ireland.

