



*Facilitating a collaborative approach to arthritis and rheumatic disease research*  
02 Nov 2018, UCD Dublin

**9.00-9.30      Registration**

**9.30-10      Grainne O'Leary (CEO Arthritis Ireland)**

*Opening of Conference*

**10-11.30      *Session 1: Bench to Bedside Research.***

- Chairs Gerry Wilson (UCD Centre for Arthritis Research) and Wendy Costello (iCAN Ireland)

**10-10.30      Oliver Fitzgerald (Consultant Rheumatologist)**

*Clinical Trial Research*

**10.30- 11      Denis Shields (Clinical Bioinformatics)**

*Computational Biology in Health Research*

**11-11:10      Daire O'Leary (Paediatric Rheumatology)**

*Investigating rare rheumatic disease in Children*

**11:10-11:20      Stephanie Merrigan (Centre for Arthritis Research)**

*Investigating novel molecules in RA*

**11:20-11:30      Hugh Giffney (Veterinary Medicine)**

*Teaching an old dog new tricks: can nanodelivery of Methotrexate improve efficiency?*

-----11.30-11.50 Coffee Break & exhibition viewing-----



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### **11.50-1.30 Session 2: Allied Health Research**

- Chairs Deirdre Hurley (UCD Physiotherapy) and John Sherwin (Patient Insight Partner)

**11.50-12.20     Brona Fullen (Pain Research)**

*Impact of rehabilitation on quality of life*

**12.20-12.50     Suzanne Guerin (Psychology)**

*How knowledge transfer and exchange activities can support the ability of research to have an impact in practice*

**12.50-1pm        Susie Donnelly (Sociology)**

*Self-management in Rheumatoid Arthritis*

**1-1.10            TBC**

**1.10-1.30        Simon Stones (Patient Advocate & University of Leeds)**

*Patient and public involvement in research.*

-----Lunch, Networking and Exhibition viewing 1.30-2.30-----

*Patient Journey Maps, visual representations the individual patient experience through the health care pathway, from our Patient Insight Partners will be exhibited.*



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### **2.30-4.30 Workshops (run concurrently)**

#### **Workshop 1 (for Researchers\*): Involving Patients in Research.**

**Chris Macdonald (Patient Involvement Officer) and Maureen Grossman (Patient Insight Partner)**  
**Arthritis Research UK (ARUK).** \*Limited Spaces.

#### **Workshop 2 (for Patients and Public): Introduction to the Research Cycle**

**An introduction to research, demystifying the research cycle and how you can get involved.**

#### **Workshop 3: Communications**

**Designed and delivered by patient insight partners, this workshop aims to improve communications between researchers and the public.**

-----4.30-4.45 Coffee Break and Networking-----

### **4.45-5.45 Keynote Address**

**Stephen Simpson, Director of Research at Arthritis Research UK (ARUK)**

*Director of Research at Arthritis Research UK (ARUK) and former director of Life Sciences at SFI. Dr. Simpson understands both the Irish research funding and policy landscape and has developed research strategy, policy and supports through ARUK with the aim of maximizing impact for people with arthritis as rapidly as possible.*

### **5.45- 6.00 Closing Remarks**

**Gerry Wilson, Chair of Rheumatology, UCD**