



SEMINAR 2026

RADISSON HOTEL, ATHLONE
OCTOBER 8+9

13 CPD
Hours

WELCOME

As President Elect of the HSE Dental Surgeons Group, it is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to you to this year's Annual Seminar. The event returns to the Midlands this year, and we are delighted to be back in The Radisson Blu, Athlone, on October 8 and 9, 2026.

This year we have an interesting and varied programme, with renowned speakers on various dental and non-dental topics of relevance to those working in the public dental service, with the return of the Friday afternoon practical workshops.

Once again, we welcome the involvement of our dental trade colleagues on Thursday at our trade show. Their presence and sponsorship of the Seminar allows us to put together such a varied programme of speakers and we thank them for their ongoing support.

As ever, the social side of the Annual Seminar is paramount to a successful few days! It is an ideal opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet up with new ones, and link up with dental colleagues. The Thursday evening dinner is the perfect opportunity to make these connections; more details will follow.

This year's HSE Seminar is one not to be missed for all those employed in the HSE Dental Service.

We look forward to welcoming you to Athlone in October.



Dr Feleena Tiedt
President Elect

REGISTRATION

	EARLY BIRD	AFTER OCTOBER 5
IDA MEMBERS		
Full seminar	€210	€240
One day	€170	€200
Dental team member		
Full seminar	€170	
One day	€100	
NON-IDA MEMBER		
Full seminar	€420	€480
One day	€340	€400
Thursday dinner	€60	
Venue and details TBC		

To register, log on to www.dentist.ie and choose 'Book CPD' from the menu bar.

ACCOMMODATION – RADISSON BLU HOTEL, ATHLONE



All reservations must be made directly with the Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone.

Overnight rate is €135 per single room per night and €155 per twin/double room per night. Bookings can be made by calling the hotel directly on +353 90 644 2600 or emailing reservations.athlone@radissonblu.com.

CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be received in writing either by email or by post to IDA House, Unit 2 Leopardstown Office Park, Sandyford, Dublin 18. Cancellations received 29 days or more prior to the course/event will be entitled to a 100% refund. Cancellations received between 15 days and 28 days (inclusive) prior to the course/event will receive a 75% refund. For cancellations received between one day and 14 days (inclusive) prior to the course/event, no refund will be given. Failure to attend the course/event on the day will constitute late cancellation and no refund will be given. Substitutions are welcome at any time. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the programme may change and the IDA reserves the right to cancel the event or alter the venue and/or speakers.

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY		
9.00am	REGISTRATION	
9.20am	WELCOME	
9.30am – 10.30am	ChildSmile: Scotland's global flagship for child dental health	Prof. Peter Mossey
10.30am – 11.00am	TEA/COFFEE BREAK AND TRADE SHOW	
11.00am – 11.30am	Introduction to nitrous oxide for inhalation sedation	Dr Cal McCarthy
11.30am – 12.15pm	The Lynn Clinic: making every contact count to reduce oral health inequalities	Drs Rosarii McCafferty and Elinor Jenkins
12.15pm – 1.00pm	Treatment planning for well children	Dr Kirsten FitzGerald
1.00pm – 2.00pm	LUNCH	
2.00pm – 2.45pm	Cleft lip and palate care: everybody's business?	Prof. Peter Mossey
2.45pm – 3.30pm	Top tips for dental record keeping and report writing	Dr Noel Kavanagh
3.30pm – 4.15pm	TEA/COFFEE BREAK AND TRADE SHOW	
4.15pm – 5.15pm	Team culture – intentional or accidental?	Dr Brid Hendron

FRIDAY		
9.30am – 10.30am	“Say Cheeeeeese” – management of molar incisor hypomineralisation	Dr Hannah Walsh
10.30am – 11.30am	Treatment planning for the medically complex child	Dr Kate Kenny
11.30am – 12.00pm	TEA/COFFEE	
12.00pm – 12.45pm	Dental extractions: when to start and when to stop!	Dr Mary Clarke
12.45pm – 1.45pm	LUNCH	

WORKSHOPS 1.45pm – 4.00pm		
All delegates will have the chance to attend all three workshops over the afternoon.		
Workshop 1	Common medical emergencies	Eric Donovan of Rapid Response First Aid Training
Workshop 2	It's the little things – everyday tools in paediatric dentistry	Dr Charlotte McCarra
Workshop 3	The Hall crown technique	Dr Hannah Walsh

SPEAKERS



Prof. Peter Mossey

Professor of Craniofacial Development & Hon. Consultant in Orthodontics, University of Dundee

ChildSmile: Scotland's global flagship for child dental health

Cleft lip and palate care: everybody's business?



Dr Cal McCarthy

BDS, MFDS, MS, Diplomate of American Board of Pediatric Dentistry

Introduction to nitrous oxide for inhalation sedation

- Modality of function;
- indications and contraindications for use; and,
- pathways for learning.



Dr Mary Clarke

Specialist Oral Surgeon, DDUH & Lecturer in Conscious Sedation, TCD

Dental extractions: when to start and when to stop!

- What factors influence starting or not starting a dental extraction?;
- hints on making life easier;
- what if the dental extraction does not go to plan?; and,
- afterwards, what do we need to look out for?



Dr Kirsten FitzGerald

Consultant Paediatric Dental Surgeon, CHI at Crumlin & DDUH

Treatment planning for well children

- Diagnosis;
- treatment options; and,
- shared decision-making.

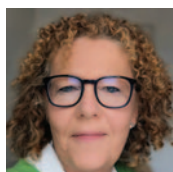


Dr Noel Kavanagh

Dentolegal Consultant at Denal Protection

Top tips for dental record keeping and report writing

What an appropriate dental record needs to contain, what's often missing, and practical tips to improve record keeping. Plus requests for dental reports, the different types, and tips on writing a report.

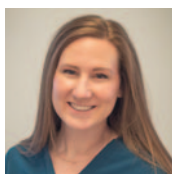


Dr Brid Hendron

BA, BDentSc, DIPChYP, FDTed, FFMLM

Team culture – intentional or accidental?

How culture emerges in dental teams, how leadership, communication and relationships shape patient experience and staff well-being, and strategies to strengthen connection across diverse HSE settings.



Dr Hannah Walsh

BDS BSc MFDS F(PaedDent) RCSEng. Specialist in Paediatric Dentistry, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

“Say Cheeeeeese” – management of MIH

Current guidelines and evidence-based approaches to care of patients with molar incisor hypomineralisation (MIH), distinguishing MIH, understanding treatment options and strategies for everyday practice.

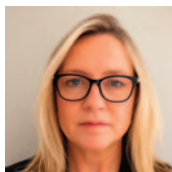


Dr Kate Kenny

Associate Professor & Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry

Treatment planning for the medically complex child

- Diagnosis and treatment options; and,
- shared decision-making.



Drs Rosarii McCafferty and Elinor Jenkins

Principal Dental Surgeon, HSE (Dr Rosarii McCafferty)

Consultant Paediatrician with a Special Interest in Community Child Health (Dr Elinor Jenkins).

The Lynn Clinic: making every contact count to reduce oral health inequalities

- Social determinants of oral health and their impact on inequalities;
- the importance of cross-sectoral collaboration;
- the role of local, regional, and national stakeholders in planning and delivering community-based oral health initiatives; and,
- evidence-based strategies to improve oral health outcomes.

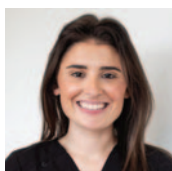


Workshop 1

Eric Donovan *Managing Director of Rapid Response First Aid Training*

Common medical emergencies

Basic life support, administration of emergency medicines, and stabilising a patient while waiting for more advanced medical care.

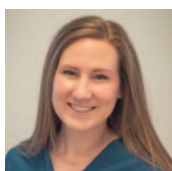


Workshop 2

Dr Charlotte McCarra *Practice limited to paediatric dentistry*

It's the little things – everyday tools in paediatric dentistry

- Everyday tools in paediatric/special care dentistry; and,
- how these tools are applied in the clinical setting.



Workshop 3

Dr Hannah Walsh *BDS BSc MFDS F(PaedDent) RCSEng. Specialist in Paediatric Dentistry, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

The Hall crown technique