



**Diagnostic Laboratory Haematology and  
Transfusion Session Programme  
Friday 9th October 2026, Radisson Hotel, Cork**

*Organised by the **Haematology Advisory Body** and the **Transfusion and Transplantation Advisory Body** of the  
**Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine***

**13:30 — 14:00****Tea and Coffee | Networking****Session A****Chairs: Dr James Harte and Dr Norma Reidy**

| Time                 | Topic                                                                                                  | Speaker                                                                                                       |
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| <b>14:00 — 14:25</b> | <b>NATIONAL TRANSFUSION ADVISORY GROUP UPDATE</b>                                                      | <b>Dr Sorcha Ní Loingsigh</b><br>Consultant Haematologist,<br>Irish Blood Transfusion Service, Cork           |
| <b>14:25 — 14:50</b> | <b>CAR-T THERAPY: THE ROLE OF MEDICAL SCIENCE</b>                                                      | <b>Dr Nicola Gardiner</b><br>Chief Medical Scientist,<br>Cryobiology Laboratory Stem Cell<br>Facility, Dublin |
| <b>14:50 — 15:10</b> | <b>SCALE-UP AND SCALE-OUT OF CAR-T CELL<br/>MANUFACTURING TO ENHANCE PATIENT ACCESS AND<br/>SAFETY</b> | <b>Dr Lisa O'Flynn</b><br>Head of Process and Analytical<br>Development, Avectus                              |
| <b>15:10 — 15:30</b> | <b>BLOOD, BIOLOGY AND BEYOND: THE LABORATORY<br/>CHALLENGES OF HAEMOSTASIS IN WOMEN</b>                | <b>Prof Maeve Crowley</b><br>Consultant Haematology,<br>Cork University Hospital, Cork                        |
| <b>15:30 — 16:00</b> | <b>Tea and Coffee   Poster Viewing</b>                                                                 |                                                                                                               |

**Session B****Chairs: Dr James Harte and Dr Norma Reidy**

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| <b>16:00 — 16:15</b> | <b>STREAMLINING THE REPORTING OF NEUTROPENIC BLOOD<br/>FILMS USING DIGITAL MORPHOLOGY AND SYSMEX XN<br/>ANALYSER FLAGS</b>                     | <b>Ms Ailín McMahon,</b><br>University Hospital Limerick              |
| <b>16:15 — 16:30</b> | <b>PATIENT BLOOD MANAGEMENT: A RETROSPECTIVE AUDIT<br/>ON PREOPERATIVE ANAEMIA AND BLOOD TRANSFUSION<br/>AMONG CARDIAC SURGERY PATIENTS</b>    | <b>Mr Liam Mortell,</b><br>Cork University Hospital                   |
| <b>16:30 — 16:45</b> | <b>IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HAEMOSCREEN IN AN<br/>ONCOLOGY HAEMATOLOGY DAY UNIT: A METHOD<br/>COMPARISON WITH THE SYSMEX-XN</b>                   | <b>Ms Rue McNamara,</b><br>Mater Misericordiae University<br>Hospital |
| <b>16:45 — 17:00</b> | <b>REBALANCING HAEMOSTASIS BUT UNBALANCING THE<br/>ASSAY? INVESTIGATING THE IMPACT OF CONCIZUMAB AND<br/>MARSTACIMAB ON LABORATORY TESTING</b> | <b>Ms Caitlin Duffy,</b><br>Cork University Hospital                  |
| <b>17:00</b>         | <b>Close of Session</b>                                                                                                                        |                                                                       |