Draft Programme for the Inaugural
Pre-Analytics in Laboratory Medicine (P.A.L.M.) Study Day
Friday 21st September 2018
Trinity Lecture Theatre, Trinity Centre for Health Sciences, Tallaght University Hospital

09:15 – 09:55  REGISTRATION - Breakfast, Tea and Coffee
09:55  Registration
Chair: Dr Shari Srinivasan, Consultant Chemical Pathologist, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin
Discussant: Professor Martin Crook, Visiting Professor in Clinical Biochemistry, TCD

10:00 – 10:30  Pre-analytical Factors in determining Paediatric Reference Ranges: The Celtic Ranges Study
Dr Gerard Boran, Consultant Chemical Pathologist, Tallaght University Hospital

10:30 – 10:45  Phlebotomy – The process that matters most?
Ms Deborah Ennis, Quality Co-ordinator, Phlebotomy Department, Tallaght University Hospital

10:45 – 11:15  BREAK – Presentation of Margaret Sinnott Medal

11:15 – 12:00  The Pre-analytical phase – role for EQAS program
Professor Ana-Maria Simundic, Specialist in Laboratory Medicine, University Hospital Sveti Duh, Zagreb
President-Elect of European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM), EFLM WG-Preamanalytical phase, Chair

12:00 – 12:30  Establishing Quality Indicators in the pre-analytical phase – An Irish Hospital experience
Dr Ann Leonard, Research Fellow, TCD

12:30 – 12:45  The hidden cost of Pre-analytic Errors: Interactive workshop
Stephen Sheridan & Deirdre Palmer, Medical Laboratory Aides, Tallaght University Hospital

12:45 – 13:00  Haemolysis – where are we at?
Michael Kelly, Chief Medical Scientist, Clinical Chemistry Department, Tallaght University Hospital

13:00 – 13:45  LUNCH

13:45  Afternoon Session
Chair: Dr. Gerard Boran, Consultant Chemical Pathologist, Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin.
Discussant: Professor Martin Crook, Visiting Professor in Clinical Biochemistry, TCD

14:00 – 14:45  Pre-analytical phase – Current trends from a European perspective EFLM update
Professor Giuseppe Lippi, Laboratory Director, Verona University Hospital, Italy
Secretary of European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM)

14:45 – 15:00  National Preanalytics Survey 2018 - Use of Quality Indicators for Pre-analytical phase in Ireland
Ms. Anne Kane – Scheme Manager, IEQAS

15:00 – 15:15  Interactive Workshop on Turnaround Time (T.A.T.): How long does it take?
Donna Conway, Quality Manager, Tallaght University Hospital
Sandra Hartigan, Clinical Facilitator ED, Tallaght University Hospital
Fiona O’Donoghue CNM, ED Admitted Patients, Tallaght University Hospital

15:15 – 16:00  Selection of Interactive Pre-analytical cases
Discussants: Professor Giuseppe Lippi, Professor Ana-Maria Simundic
Demand Management of Haematinic requests: Deirdre Geoghegan, Naas General Hospital
A Point of Care Haemoglobin (Hb) - Fact or Fiction?: Bernadette Jackson, POC Manager, Naas General Hospital
Drug interference: Michael Kelly, Tallaght University Hospital
Demand Management of Sweat Test: Caroline Murray, Tallaght University Hospital
Microbiology: Anna-Rose Prior, Tallaght University Hospital

16:00  Close of meeting

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