

## **Traffic Medicine 5 CPD Online Course**

The National Office for Traffic Medicine are delighted to host a 5 CPD points (RCPI accredited) webinar on Traffic Medicine on the 16th of May 2025. This CPD course is aimed at health professionals who are involved in assessing a person's fitness to drive including but not confined to; medical practitioners (general practitioners (GPs) and other specialists), optometrists, occupational therapists, psychologists, physiotherapists, substance misuse/dependence counsellors. The course will cover updates on neurological disorders, diabetes, visual disorders, dementia, alcohol and drugs and driving. It will also provide an overview of on and off-road driving assessment, along with a public health perspective on medical fitness to drive. Please find agenda attached. We hope that you will find this day very informative, and it will provide you the opportunity to engage with experts in their fields.

<b>Agenda</b>	
<b>9:30</b>	<b><i>Introduction to Medical fitness to Drive</i></b>
	Prof Desmond O'Neill
<b>10:00</b>	<b><i>On and Off-Road Driving Assessment</i></b>
	Dr Tadhg Stapleton
<b>10:45</b>	Q&A
<b>11:00</b>	Break
<b>11:15</b>	<b><i>Neurological Disorders and Driving</i></b>
	Dr Karen O'Connell
<b>11:35</b>	<b><i>Diabetes and Driving</i></b>
	Dr Hannah Forde
<b>11:55</b>	Q&A
<b>12:15</b>	Lunch Break
<b>13:15</b>	<b><i>Visual Disorders and Driving</i></b>
	Dr Mary Jo Ryan
<b>13:35</b>	<b><i>Dementia and Driving</i></b>
	Prof Des O'Neil
<b>13:55</b>	Q&A
<b>14:10</b>	<b><i>Public Health Perspective</i></b>
	Dr Michael Hanrahan
<b>14:30</b>	<b><i>Alcohol and Drugs and Driving</i></b>
	Prof. Denis Cusack
<b>14:50</b>	Q&A
<b>15:15</b>	Event Close

## Speaker Biographies

### Dr Hannah Forde

Dr Hannah Forde is a Consultant Endocrinologist working in Beaumont Hospital. She studied medicine at the National University of Ireland, Galway and graduated in 2010. She completed her basic specialist training in General Internal Medicine at University Hospital Galway and was awarded Membership of the Royal College of Physicians (MRCPI) in 2013. She then undertook clinical and laboratory research investigating the pleiotropic role of the biomarker “TRAIL” in cardiovascular disease and was awarded her PhD by Royal College of Surgeons Ireland in 2018. She completed specialist training in Endocrinology and Diabetes Mellitus and General Internal Medicine in Ireland and was awarded her Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Specialist Training (CSCST) in 2020. She subsequently completed a sub-specialty fellowship in type 1 diabetes and diabetes technology in Leicester General hospital under the supervision of Prof. Pratik Choudhary. Her areas of interest include the management of complex type 1 diabetes and virtual healthcare. She currently represents the Irish Endocrine Society as member of the National Office for traffic Medicine working group.



## Professor Denis A. Cusack

Professor Denis Cusack FRCPI, FFLM, FRSM, FCLM, FCIArb, BL qualified as a medical doctor from University College Dublin, Ireland and trained in postgraduate clinical medicine in General Internal Medicine & Diabetes / Endocrinology in hospitals in Ireland and Boston, USA. He then qualified as Barrister-at-Law from the Kings Inns, Dublin and practised in the Courts as Barrister, particularly in the area of medical and healthcare law. He also continued in clinical practice in Internal Medicine and developed and continued his medical specialty practice and training in Forensic and Legal Medicine. He is Director (Head) of the Medical Bureau of Road Safety, the national forensic intoxicant laboratory for Ireland and has served in the Coroner Service of Ireland as Coroner/Senior Coroner for the District of Kildare in Ireland (1995-2022), Deputy Coroner for Dublin City (1992-1996) and currently as Deputy Coroner for County Clare (2023- ). He was Lecturer and then Full Professor of Forensic & Legal Medicine at the School of Medicine, University College Dublin 1992 to 2017 and at Penang Medical College, Malaysia 2000 to 2017. He is Full Professor Emeritus of Forensic & Legal Medicine at UCD in postgraduate teaching and research and Honorary Professor Forensic & Legal Medicine at RCSI & UCD RUMC, Malaysia (2024-2025).

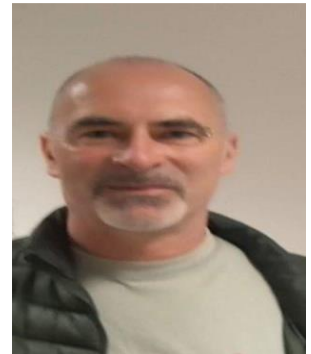


He currently serves as Vice-President of the International Academy of Legal Medicine and is the Immediate Past- President of the European Council of Legal Medicine. He serves on a number of expert committees on Road Safety and Forensic Medicine including the International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety, the Road Safety Transformation Partnership Board, the National Office for Traffic Medicine and Medical Fitness to Drive Working Group at Trinity College Dublin and on the Medical Advisory Panel on Alcohol and Drugs for the DVLA in the United Kingdom. He is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board at the International Criminal Court. He is Founding Consultant Editor of the Medico-Legal Journal of Ireland; a Past President of the Coroners Society of Ireland; and Past President of the Medico-Legal Society of Ireland. He continues on the Councils of both of those bodies. He is a reviewer for a number of international forensic and other medical journals. His specialist and research interests and publications include forensic medicine, intoxicated driving, road traffic medicine, forensic death investigation, medico-legal issues in healthcare practice and medical ethics and professionalism.

**Full profile** available on <https://people.ucd.ie/denis.cusack> and <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Denis-Cusack>

## Assistant Professor Tadhg Stapleton

Dr Stapleton is an Associate Professor in Occupational Therapy at Trinity College Dublin. He has published several research papers on the clinical off-road phase of assessment of fitness to drive and provided training for therapists in addressing driving within their practice. He continues to work in collaboration with several clinical sites in Ireland and Scotland on developing pathways for addressing driving. He is a founding member of the ICHaT group of international occupational therapy researchers in driving and community mobility and is work group leader on the EU COST Action Building Opportunities for Participation and Accessibility through Lifelong Community Mobility (BOPALiM CA 23101). He has been a long standing and active contributor to the National Office for Traffic Medicine and currently a member of their working group.



## Dr Mary Jo Ryan

Dr Ryan MB BChBAO DO RCPSI graduated from university College Galway with a degree in medicine in 1991. After a couple of years in general Medicine she worked on the medical ophthalmology Training scheme in the Eye and Ear hospital Dublin for four years. On achieving her specialist registration in medical ophthalmology, she pursued a career as a private medical ophthalmologist in Wexford town. Dr Ryan has also worked with the diabetic retinal screen programme as a program ophthalmologist for three years. She is currently a member of the Irish College of Ophthalmologists and represents the organisation on the National Office for Traffic Medicine working group.



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## Dr Michael Hanrahan

Dr Michael Hanrahan is a Specialist Registrar in Public Health Medicine with the Health Service Executive in Ireland. He is a medical graduate from University College Cork, where he also completed his Masters in Public Health. Michael is currently undertaking Higher Specialist Training in Public Health Medicine with the Royal College of Physicians. Dr Hanrahan is new to Traffic Medicine but has a keen interest in epidemiology and public health, particularly in matters concerning alcohol and substance misuse and the social determinants of health. He will provide a talk on the public health perspective of traffic medicine, focusing on evidence related to promoting safe mobility and reducing the burden of traffic-related injury and illness. He is currently the Public Health representative on the National Office for Traffic Medicine working group.



## Dr Karen O'Connell

Dr Karen O'Connell is a consultant neurologist at Tallaght University Hospital and Clinical Senior Lecturer in TCD. Dr O'Connell is the representative of the Irish Institute of Clinical Neuroscience on the Working Group of the National Office for Traffic Medicine.



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