

# Overview of Irish Medication Safety Network Activity 2023

International Medication Safety Network  
Annual meeting October 2023

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# Activity of the Irish Medication Safety Network 2023

- Bimonthly meetings of med safety pharmacists in public and private Irish hospitals
- Opportunity for members to share learning, experience and ideas
- Liaison and med safety input and review with national and international colleagues
  - Health Service Executive
  - College of Anaesthetists in Ireland
  - Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency
  - State Claims Agency
  - Health and Information Quality Authority
  - International Med Safety Network special interest groups
  - Northern Ireland Med Safety Colleagues



# Activity of the Irish Med Safety Network 2023

- Updated publications covering:
  - Building a Medication Safety Programme in a Hospital in Ireland: Fundamental Steps
  - Lithium-Prescribing & Monitoring (Best Practice Guidelines and Patient Information)
- Continued success of the medication safety minute
  - @medsafetymin on website formerly called Twitter
  - Updated flipbook available at [heyzine.com/flip-book/9ef7b6a49b.html](https://heyzine.com/flip-book/9ef7b6a49b.html)
- 2023 Annual conference
  - Back in-person; first time outside Dublin
  - “Smarter Technology for a Safer Tomorrow”



## IMSN Conference, Aula Maxima, UCC 2023

*Smarter technology for a safer tomorrow*

### Programme of Events

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

*Chair: Geraldine Creaton, IMSN Deputy Chair & Chief Pharmacist, St John's Hospital, Limerick*

- 09.30 Registration opens & attendee networking
- 10.30 **Welcome** Prof Stephen Byrne, Deputy President & Registrar, University College Cork  
**Opening of Conference** Simon Coveney TD, Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment
- 10.55 **Overview of IMSN activity**  
Niamh O'Hanlon, IMSN Chair & Chief II Pharmacist, St Vincent's University Hospital
- 11.20 **Introduction to the National Pharmacy eHealth Group**  
Prof Tamasine Grimes, IMSN Member, Chair of PeHG  
& Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Trinity College Dublin
- 11.45 **Networking break**
- 12.15 **Outcomes from IMSN Electronic Health Record (EHR) Medication Safety Working Group**  
Eavan Higgins, Chair of IMSN EHR group, EHR Design/Delivery Manager for Children's Health Ireland
- 12.45 **Hospital Medicines Management System (HMMS) & Medication Safety**  
Fionnuala King, Chief Pharmacist, HSE Acute Hospital Drug Management Programme
- 13.15 **Networking Lunch Break**
- 14.00 **National e-Prescribing Project progress**  
Brid Ryan, Chief Pharmacist, HSE Clinical Lead ePharmacy
- 14.30 **Medicines optimisation for older community-dwelling people with multimorbidity**  
Prof Emma Wallace, GP & Professor of General Practice, UCC
- 15.00 **PEARLs medication safety quality improvement initiatives from Irish hospitals**  
4- 5 short presentations with Q&A

