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In this newsletter bulletin we look back at the Emergency Medicine Programme conference that took place on 10th Feb in Dublin Castle. Thank you to all of you who showed up or tuned in via the live broadcast. It was great to hear contributions from around the country about achievements and improvements in the quality of care for the 1.2m patients that attend our EDs every year.

The coming months will see a number of initiative launches, namely the launch of the Irish Children's Triage System, the roll-out of the Ambulance Handover protocol and the re-invigoration of Clinical Microsystems following the appointment of a Clinical Microsystems Facilitator.

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Irish Children's Triage System (ICTS)

In June, the Emergency Medicine Programme (EMP) will formally launch the Irish Children's Triage System (ICTS). The development of the ICTS was prompted by the triage experiences of front-line ED nurses and doctors caring for children and advanced by the Emergency Nursing Interest Group (ENIG) and Working Group of the EMP as a safety and quality improvement initiative.

The triage of children in EDs is an established standard of care in international and national practice. However, the triage of children can be difficult compared to adults and additional triage parameters are recommended in ICTS to reflect age-related physiological differences, children's presenting signs and symptoms, significant paediatric co-morbidities and common Paediatric Emergency Medicine diagnoses.

The ICTS supports safer, more effective, timely ED care and reflects the importance of child and family experiences of emergency care. The ICTS makes a very



significant contribution to the suite of clinical tools developed by the EMP to drive improvement in the safety, quality and value of emergency care in Ireland. The official launch of Irish Children's Triage System is planned for the 16th of June and will be featured at the Social Media and Critical Care Conference (SMACC) on the same day.

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Advanced Nurse Practitioner Forum: Celebration of 20 years of Advanced Nurse Practice in St James's Hospital

The EMP Advanced Nurse Practitioner Forum study day took place on 28th April 2016 in St James's Hospital, Dublin. The seminar entitled "Advanced Nursing Practice: History, Innovation and Future Challenges," focussed on the seminal contribution of the Advanced Nurse Practitioner framework to the Irish Health Service. Speaking at the Forum, Prof Patrick Plunkett, Medical Director and Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at St James's Hospital said: "The Advanced Nurse Practitioners initiative originally commenced in 1996 as a programme to support routine patient presentations, but has since grown to become a rewarding career of excellence for professional nurses who can now extend their practice to any specialist area of their choice."

Over the past twenty years, Emergency Advanced Nurse Practitioners have provided care for almost 100,000 patients in St James's Hospital and today, there are 184 ANPs practicing at a national level within the Irish Health Service spanning a range of specialties. Seventy eight of these positions operate within Emergency Departments and Injury Units.

Other speakers at the forum included: Dr Mary Doolan, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland; Ms Christine Sheehan, RANP Critical Care Unit, Galway University Hospital, Mr Joe Coolahan, RANP ED, Kerry University Hospital and Mr Wayne Thompson, RANP ED, Wexford General Hospital.



Celebration of 20 years of Advanced Nurse Practice in St James's Hospital

L-R Ms Essie Smullen, CNM1, Ms Patricia Smith, ANP, Ms Nina Mc Cawley, ANP Ms Gabrielle Dunne, ANP Ms Margaret Keenan, ANP Ms Peta Taaffe, Retired Chief Nursing Officer, Department of Health, Ms Valerie Small, ANP, Ms Sandra Delamere, ANP, Ms Olivia Smith, ANP, Ms Deirdre Mc Guone ANP

EVENTS

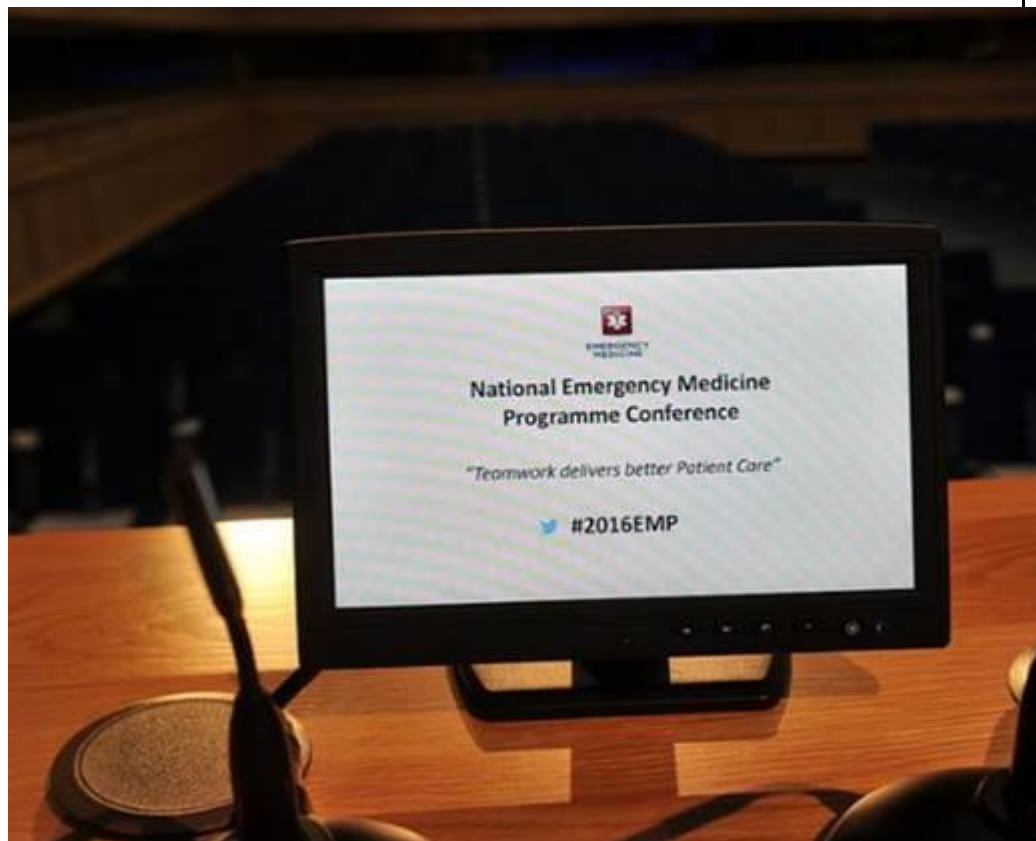
The National Emergency Medicine Programme Conference was held in Dublin Castle on the 10th February 2016 with the theme of “Teamwork delivers better Patient Care”.

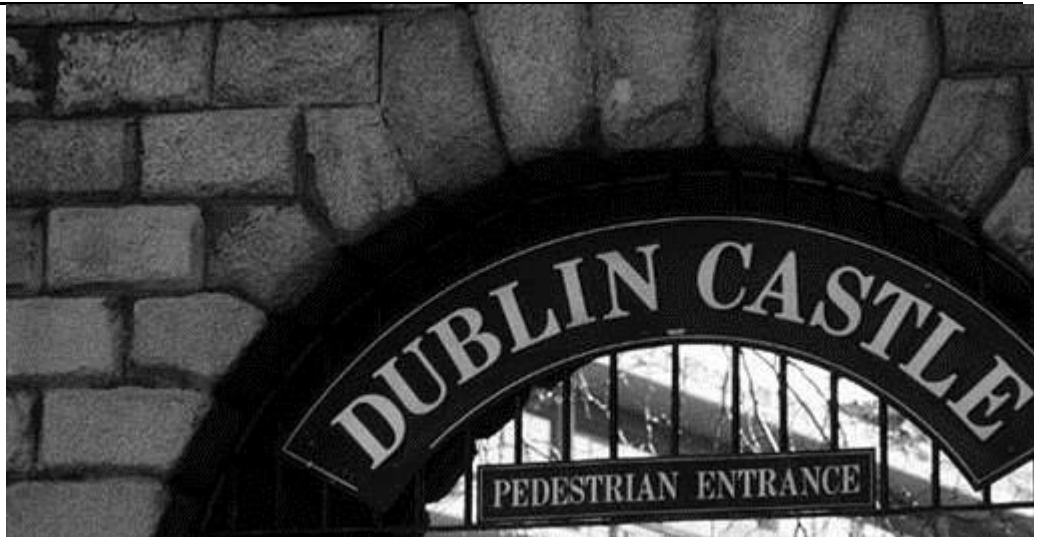
The Conference was a great success with over 180 attendees and 26 Speakers on the day. Slides, posters, photos and all information including videos of the conference itself can be found on EMNOW:

<http://emnow.ie/emp/emp-conference-2016/>

We would like to thank everyone that attended on the day and those who viewed the conference via the live web-stream

Some of the photos from the day are below:







ED Workforce Planning Framework Launch

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Upcoming Events relating to Emergency Medicine

The following events may be of interest to those working in the field of Emergency Medicine:

- **The Social Media and Critical Care Conference (SMACC)** will take place from the 13th June to the 16th June 2016 in the Dublin Convention Centre: <http://www.smacc.net.au/>
- The third annual **EMS Gathering** will be held in Killarney on 9th/10th June: <http://emsgathering.org/>

If you work in an emergency setting and would like to share an upcoming event with the EM community, please e-mail emp@rcsi.ie