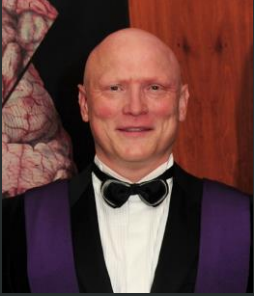


NCP Respiratory Team

Clinical Lead: Dr Stanley Miller



Adult Resp GP Lead: Dr Shane Mc Keogh



HSCP Lead : Olga Riley



Welcome to the April Update from NCP Respiratory!

Message from Clinical lead

I hope that you all had an enjoyable time over Easter. We are delighted to welcome our new HSCP Lead Olga Riley to our NCP Respiratory Team this month!

Thank you for all the ongoing great work being done implementing the Integrated Models of Care! Throughout the rest of this year NCP Respiratory will continue to visit you all in person. We purposely meet all Integrated Teams within a particular CHO together, as it provides an excellent opportunity for shared learning and support. We also learn from you! - NCP Respiratory is eager to embrace and encourage any local innovations and initiatives if they complement the new Models of Care. We will let you know about our visit to CHO2 on 27th April in next month's newsletter and we look forward to visiting CHO3 at the end of May.

World Asthma Day is on 2nd May. Continuing our Patient Advocacy Groups feature, this month we hear from the Asthma Society of Ireland who celebrate their 50th Anniversary this year.

Many thanks to Susan for putting together this month's update.

Dr Stanley Miller
National Clinical Lead Respiratory

HSCP Update

Olga Riley has joined the National Clinical Programme for Respiratory as Interim HSCP Lead, where she will work with the National Clinical Lead, Programme Manager and Respiratory GP Lead to plan and deliver required outputs. Olga will provide support and advice in relation to the implementation of the National Models of Care for COPD and Asthma.

Olga's substantive post is as a Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist in Pulmonary Rehabilitation in Wexford, a role which she took up in Jan 2022. She worked as a Senior Physiotherapist in Respiratory Integrated Care in Wexford from 2017-2022, prior to which she held Acting Senior and Staff Grade roles in HSE Wexford Physiotherapy Services. Post-graduation from Trinity College Dublin, Olga completed all core staff grade rotations in St. James's Hospital Dublin.

"I am really looking forward to working with you all over the coming year and aim to provide assistance to respiratory teams nationally, in implementing integrated pathways of services for chronic disease in your local areas."

Please feel free to contact Olga directly on olga.riley@hse.ie

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Websites:

COPD

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/copd/>

Asthma

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/asthma/>

Integrated Chronic Disease

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/icp/chronic-disease/>



2023 is an exciting year for the Asthma Society of Ireland, when we mark our 50th anniversary and announce a fresh leadership team with the recent appointment of , Paul Keogh as Chairperson and Eilis Ní Chaithnía to the position of CEO.

Paul brings a wealth of experience to the role of Chair, having served in senior leadership positions in both the private and NFP sectors. He currently sits on the board of a number of family businesses as well as educational boards, charities, chamber of commerce and Sunderland Football Club. He was also Chair of the Hermitage Medical Centre.

Eilis Ní Chaithnía joined the Asthma Society of Ireland in 2019 where she was Deputy CEO and led our research and advocacy portfolio before being appointed as Interim CEO after the departure of Sarah O'Connor in September of 2022. Eilis has almost 20 year experience in campaigning, policy and advocacy following a brief stint in journalism.

This year, to mark our **50th anniversary**, we are placing asthma patients and their voice at the heart of Asthma Awareness Week (2-7th May) with the theme of 'Asthma Care for All'. We will highlight patients' and parents' experiences of asthma care in Ireland across the week, culminating in a webinar on 4th May highlighting patients' stories of asthma care. You can register for the webinar on [asthma.ie](https://www.asthma.ie) .

During the year the Asthma Society will mark our 50th birthday with the a number of events, including launching of our Severe Asthma research and advocacy programme, chaired by NCPRI's Professor Stanley Miller, and running our flagship 'Take a Breath' community fundraising campaign. Keep an eye on our e-zine, our website and our social media for more information.

If someone you care for has any asthma-related questions, please signpost them to our Asthma Adviceline at 1800 44 54 64 or our WhatsApp messaging service at 086 059 0132 where they can chat with our expert nurses to learn more about Asthma Self-Management.

Advanced Practice Respiratory Event RCSI Dublin 21st & 22nd April

The Chartered Physios in Respiratory Care (CPRC) organised the inaugural Advanced Practice Respiratory Training event in Dublin with national and international speakers on both days. The course was sold out with 102 participants attending Friday and Saturday. All attendees were Senior or Clinical Specialist grade. The conference opened with a welcome speech from the incoming ISCP CEO Dr Marie O 'Mir. Marie informed the delegates about the appointment of Fiona Steede a physiotherapist as Chief HSCP lead at the department of health. She spoke about launch of physio career pathways from the ISCP and specifically the vision for an Advanced Practice therapy grade for physios and HSCPS in Ireland within the next few years.

The course welcomed international presenters such as Consultant Physiotherapist Lynn McDonnell from the Royal Free in London who provided a deep dive into oxygen physiology, applications, hyperoxia, testing and supporting evidence. Dr Daniel Langer Associate professor at the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences Leuven, Belgium presented on peripheral and respiratory muscle training.



On Friday the day started with an advanced review of anatomy & physiology with Joanne Dowds, Clinical Specialist from St James, followed by Ciara Hanrahan, Lecturer at the School of Physiotherapy, University College Cork who gave an evidenced based update of airway clearance and reminded us of the importance of patient choice and preference for adherence to techniques.

The day progressed with Dr Kooball Respiratory Consultant from Tallaght Hospital providing content on the interpretation of x-rays and CT's. Craig McDonnell Physiologist from Tallaght delivered an update on asthma testing and new practices in PFTs.

Upcoming events:

- World Asthma Day 2nd May
- Asthma awareness week 2-7th May with webinar 4th May
- International Nurses Day 12th May
- European Mental Health Week 22nd - 28th May
- World No Tobacco Day 31st May

The organising committee was compiled of Kate Plunkett Clinical Specialist Longford/Westmeath Hub, Sarah Cunneen Clinical Specialist Tipperary Hub, Eimear Griffin Clinical Specialist Ballinasloe Hub, Elaine Cribbin Clinical Specialist Peamount Hospital, Ciara Dolan Clinical Specialist Galway University Hospital, Aisling Hennesy Clinical Specialist Blackrock Hospital, Dublin. NCP Respiratory provided support to the CPRC event with 40 bursaries for attendance.



Resources

- Check out the ICPCD & NCP Respiratory resources on the ECC hub on <https://www.hseland.ie>

