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# From Bench to Boardroom: Governance Strategies for Health Tech Leaders

## BIOINNOVATE Symposium 2025

EVENT PROGRAMME

Thursday 5th June 2025  
1:00pm-5pm

Registration and Networking 1pm-1:30pm

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University of Galway

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### AGENDA

1:30-  
2:15pm

#### WHY?

Value of a good  
chairperson

Practical tips to  
build and manage  
your board

2:30 -  
3:15PM

#### HOW?

Best practice  
for you and your  
directors



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## WHY?

## SPEAKERS

- Value of a good chairperson
- Practical tips to build and manage your board



**Dr Elizabeth McGloughlin**  
Co-founder, Tympany Medical

Dr Elizabeth (Liz) McGloughlin is the co-founder of start-up Tympany Medical, a med-tech company based in Galway, which develops endoscopes for the ENT market, specifically sinus surgery. With experience in medicine, anaesthesia, and critical care, she has a deep understanding of the clinical needs and challenges in the ENT field, and how to translate them into innovative solutions. Liz and the team have built a significant funding record, patent portfolio and product pipeline for Tympany medical, with team members in disciplines including Optical Physics, Biomedical Engineering and Miniaturised Electronics.



**Marie Gavin**  
Partner, RDJ Galway

Marie is a Partner, practising as part of the firm's Corporate and Commercial team. She has extensive experience advising corporate and institutional clients on corporate transactions and company law. On the transaction side, Marie has advised companies and both private and venture capital investors on investment projects and equity fundraising. She has extensive experience in advising the research performing community on collaborative research generally to include advices on appropriate contractual frameworks for the establishment of research centres and advices on multi-lateral collaborative research projects taking into account state aid considerations and funding party requirements. Marie also regularly advises industry parties on knowledge transfer transactions to include IP licensing arrangements, patent assignments and participation in research consortia generally.



**Paul Gilson**  
Medical Device Entrepreneur

Paul is a seasoned medical device entrepreneur who has raised over €150 million in VC and corporate funding across the UK, US, EU, and Ireland. He co-founded and exited three start-ups, including Novate Medical (acquired by BTG), Veryan Medical (acquired by Otsuka), and MedNova (acquired by Abbott). He chaired Embo Medical, acquired by C.R. Bard. Formerly R&D Director at Bard Cardiology, he led multiple cardiovascular innovations. Paul now serves on the boards of several MedTech start-ups including Bluedrop, Selio Medical, Ostoform, InVera Medical, Kite Medical, and Proverum. He brings extensive experience in innovation, leadership, and successful exits.



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## HOW?

- Best practice for you and your directors

## SPEAKERS



**Caroline Spillane, CDir**  
Chief Executive Officer, IoD Ireland

Caroline has held several senior leadership roles including most recently as Director General of Engineers Ireland, the all-Ireland professional body for engineers, CEO of the Medical Council of Ireland, the independent statutory regulator of over 20,000 medical practitioners and Assistant National Director of the Health Services Executive.

Caroline is an experienced Non-Executive Director serving as a board member of the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA), ESB Networks and Irish Manufacturing Research. She is also a member of the 30% Club, a campaign which is led by a group of business Chairpersons and CEOs taking action to increase gender diversity on boards and senior management teams.



**Lorna Smyth**  
EMEA Solution Engineering Manager, Diligent

Lorna Smyth is the EMEA Solution Engineering Manager at Diligent, a leading provider of SaaS solutions for governance, risk and compliance. With over a decade of experience in the technology sector, she has held roles at Hewlett-Packard, DXC Technology, Colgate-Palmolive, and SmartBear. At Diligent, Lorna collaborates with C-suite executives, board members, legal counsels, and company secretaries to implement scalable governance frameworks that support organizational growth and resilience. Lorna is an advocate for Women in IT volunteering her time with the ITAG's Digital Women's Forum and working with universities and schools to educate students about the tech industry and possible career options.



**Ruairí Cosgrove**  
Director, Entity Governance and Compliance Department, PwC

Ruairí heads up the Entity Governance and Compliance Department and is the Vice-President of the Chartered Governance Institute UK&I and former President of the Chartered Governance Institute, Irish Region. Ruairí has over 20 years' experience in the provision of all forms of governance services. Ruairí advises on corporate governance and provides induction and training courses for directors. Ruairí speaks at internal and external conferences and lectures on the Law Society Company Secretarial Law and Practice course.



## **BioInnovate** End of Year Symposium 2025

### **AGENDA**

3:30pm  
-5 pm

#### **Introduction**

Mr Jonathan McCrea  
& Professor Martin  
O'Halloran

**Panel Discussion:**  
Empowering  
Innovation: Shaping  
the next generation  
of HealthTech  
professionals

**BioInnovate Pitches:**  
Presentations on  
three needs-based  
innovations followed  
by questions from  
the audience

## Empowering Innovation: Shaping the next generation of HealthTech professionals

### SPEAKERS



**Frank White,**  
R&D Director, Medtronic

- Completed "Strategic Innovation for Senior Executives" (2024)
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**Caroline Higgins,**  
R&D Project Manager, Vervan Medical

- Completed "BioInnovate 101: Essentials of Health Technology Innovation" (2025)
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**Sean Shanley,**  
Senior R&D Functional Manager & technical Lead within Structural  
Heart, Boston Scientific

- Completed "BioInnovate 10-day Intrapreneurship" (2025)
  - Completed "Strategic Innovation for Senior Executives" (2024)
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**Camille O'Malley,**  
Industry Training Manager, BioInnovate

- Co-Founder & CTO Xtremedy Medical
- BioInnovate Alumnus (2018/2019)

# HYPERTENSION TEAM

## Hypertension Clinical Champions



**Prof. Faisal Sharif**  
Consultant Interventional Cardiologist,  
Galway University Hospitals



**Prof. Conall Dennedy**  
Consultant Endocrinologist,  
Galway University Hospital

## Hypertension Team Members



**Paul Davey**  
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**Dr. Aine Rose Rafferty**  
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# INTERVENTIONAL ONCOLOGY TEAM

## Interventional Oncology Clinical Champions



**Dr. Michael McCarthy**  
Consultant Medical Oncologist  
Galway University Hospital



**Dr. Declan Sheppard**  
Consultant Radiologist, and Clinical Director  
of Radiology, Galway University Hospital

## Interventional Oncology Team Members



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# NEPHROLOGY TEAM

## Nephrology Clinical Champions



**Dr. Conor Judge**  
Consultant Nephrologist,  
Galway University Hospital



**Dr. Ciara Magee**  
Consultant Nephrologist,  
Beaumont Hospital, Dublin



**Prof. Donal Reddan**  
Consultant Nephrologist,  
Galway University Hospital



**Dr. Colm Magee**  
Consultant Nephrologist  
at Beaumont Hospital,  
Dublin and Rotunda  
Hospital

## Nephrology Team Members



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# INDUSTRY TRAINEES

CONGRATULATIONS  
CLASS OF 2025!

Alison McDonagh	Medtronic
Connor Gilmore	Medtronic
Lara Frampton	Medtronic
Samuel Opashi	Medtronic
Blain Prendergast	Medtronic
Leanne Ruane	Medtronic
Maeve McWalter	Medtronic
Shane Phillips	Medtronic
Conor Reddin	Medtronic
Ewa Klusak	Boston Scientific
Sean Shanley	Boston Scientific
Richie Kiely	Boston Scientific
Orla McGee	Boston Scientific
Daire Grant	Boston Scientific
Adam Doherty	Boston Scientific
Marina Bandeira	Boston Scientific
Roisin Clancy	Boston Scientific
Celia Faria	Boston Scientific
Fiona Gannon	Boston Scientific
David Giles	Boston Scientific
Colin Greene	Boston Scientific



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# UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



## **BioInnovate 101:** Essentials of Health Technology Innovation (3 days)

**Now open for March 2026**  
Broad range of disciplines  
from clinical, R&D, Marketing,  
Software and Quality.



**Register  
for 2026**



## **Strategic Innovation for Senior Executives** (3 days)

**Now recruiting for  
21-23 Oct 2025**



**Register  
here**

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