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Tuesday, 21 November from 13.00 - 14.00

Using QI to Improve Stroke Care

About the session

- Hear about the power of clinical audit and integration of Quality Improvement.
- Learn about the importance of swallow screening in stroke care and the application of evidence in practice.
- Gain an insight into Quality improvement in practice to improve stroke care.
- Take away tips and tricks in implementing QI.



Joan McCormack

Cardiovascular Programme Audit Manager, National Office of Clinical Audit

Joan McCormack is a RGN who qualified in 1992 from Kings College Hospital London. She worked in Beaumont Hospital as the CNM2 on the neurology ward in for 12 years and CNS in Stroke for 5 years.

Joan left Beaumont hospital in 2014 to project manage the 2nd Irish National Audit of Stroke Care with the HSE and the Irish Heart Foundation. She then became the Programme Manager for the National Clinical Programme for Stroke. Joan is now the Cardiovascular Programme Audit Manager in the National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA) managing both the Irish National Audit of Stroke (INAS) and the Irish Heart Attack Audit (IHAA).



Fiona Connaughton

Interim Nurse Lead for the National Programme for Stroke

Formerly the Clinical Nurse Specialist for Stroke in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda. Fiona has near 30 years' experience working in the Nursing Profession. She has worked in a variety

of roles including Clinical Nurse Manager and Clinical Placement Coordinator. Fiona has a keen interest in Simulation, both as a learning modality, and for use in Quality Improvement Initiatives.



Margaret Carney

Clinical Nurse Specialist in stroke care

Margaret Carney is a Clinical Nurse Specialist in stroke care in Sligo University hospital and Stroke Early Supported Discharge. Her team also consists of Dr. Paula Hickey Consultant Geriatrician and Stroke lead in Sligo

University Hospital, Cliona Finnerty Speech and Language therapist and Dorothy Nolan Shaw Speech and Language therapist.



Julie Keane

Joint HSCP Lead National Clinical Programme for Stroke.

Julie is the joint Health and Social Care Professional Lead for the National Clinical Programme for Stroke and works clinically in Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin as a Clinical Specialist Speech and Language

Therapist in Stroke. She also guest lectures in Clinical Speech and Language Studies in Trinity College Dublin. Julie has over thirteen years' experience working clinically in stroke care. She is passionate about providing a person-centered, quality and evidence-based service to stroke patients. She is currently leading on a national Quality Improvement project targeting improving swallow screening rates for acute stroke patients and is delighted to share the learnings from this project.

Co-hosts



Dr. Maureen Flynn, Director of Nursing, QPS Connect Lead with the National Quality and Patient Safety Directorate and ONMSD



Dr. Dervla Hogan, Programme Manager, QPS Improvement, HSE National Quality and Patient Safety Directorate

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