# Recommended Reading



### Irish College of GPs Library

Welcome to the July/August issue of Recommended Reading.

Every month, the library scan resources of interest to General Practice and recommends reports and research articles from reputable sources. Previously published issues are available on our website <a href="https://www.irishcollegeofgps.ie/Home/Clinical-Hub/Publications-and-Journals/Evidence-Based-Resources">https://www.irishcollegeofgps.ie/Home/Clinical-Hub/Publications-and-Journals/Evidence-Based-Resources</a>. We welcome any feedback or comments which can be emailed directly to <a href="mailto:library@icgp.ie">library@icgp.ie</a>.

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### College News & Publications



#### Forum July/August 2025

The power of pride: An LGBTQI doctor's story

#### Strengthening the future of GP Care (July 2025)

Irish College of GPs publishes a set of 5 priorities to ensure General Practice is at the frontline of Irish healthcare.

#### GP Works: Dr. Nuala O'Connor (July 2025)

In the latest episode, Dr Nuala O'Connor, the College's President, emphasises the importance of patient advocacy and leadership at local, regional, and national levels.

#### Recent contributions to medical literature by Irish College of GP's affiliated researchers:

- 1. How do General Practice trainees experience the transition from hospital to General Practice? *Education for Primary Care*, 2025 Jul 7:1-11.
  - College Affiliation: Cork General Practice Training Scheme
  - & Read Article
- 2. Trends in the use of video consultation in general practice during COVID-19.

BMC Primary Care, 2025 Jul 2;26(1):205.

College Researchers: Dr Andrée Rochfort & Prof Claire Collins

**Property** Read Article



# Infection prevention and control (IPC) for primary care settings in Ireland: a guide for general practice, HSE AMRIC, July 2025, Version 2.



Good IPC is the responsibility of all health and social care professionals which includes all clinical, administrative and support staff working in general practice settings. This IPC guide aims to support staff working in general practice settings to implement standard and transmission-based precautions in practice.

## GPs In the News: What's making headlines?

- Ø Drivetime, RTE Radio 1, 30 Jun 2025 How many areas of the country could be at risk of having no doctor - we get the experience of Rural GP's Donegal and Clare
- The Pat Kenny Show, NewsTalk, 30 Jun 2025
  GP retirements could cause 'GP blackspots' across the country
- Irish Examiner, 16 Jul 2025
  Do we need a new model for GP care?
- Irish Medical Times, 18 Jul 2025
   Rural Ireland has 40 per cent fewer GPs compared to urban areas ICGP
- The Journal, 20 Jul 2025
  There's a lot of chat right now about quitting hormonal contraception. What's going on?
- Morning Ireland, RTE Radio 1, 24 Jul 2024
  Adult dies with listeria as FSAI investigates outbreak
- **⊗** Echo Live, 31 Jul 2025

  Cork GP says normal working day is now 'around 12 hours'

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### • Latest from the Department of Health

Press Release, 21 Jul 2025

<u>Ministers for Health publish independent evaluation of the National</u>
<u>Drugs Strategy</u>



# Key Health Reports



#### Medical Workforce Intelligence Report

The Medical Council have launched new research on the medical workforce in 2024 via three reports.

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### Aighlights:

- ✓ A substantial cohort of GPs nearing retirement is set to leave practice soon.
- ✓ GP-to-population ratios are low, especially in rural areas, leaving many without access.
- ✓ Workload is heavy and increasingly regulated, pushing many beyond sustainable limits.
- ✓ Patient needs are increasing in complexity, shifting more work into community care.

✓ International recruitment helps fill gaps, but long-term retention requires structural and policy change.



### Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM) Round-up

#### June/July 2025 Therapeutics Today

This monthly newsletter is produced by the National Medicines Information Centre (NMIC) who are based in St James's Hospital. Evidence-based information is provided to prescribers to promote the safe, effective and efficient use of medicines



### Spotlight on Irish Articles

1. Dr AI will see you now: could artificial intelligence replace general practitioners? Cronin & Travers, Irish Journal of Medical Science. 2025 Jul 21.



2. Chronic care provision in general practices and association with patient level outcomes.

Prior & al., BMC Medicine, 2025 Jul 7;23(1):403.



3. Impact of eliciting treatment priorities on analgesic prescribing in older patients with high levels of polypharmacy.

McCarthy at al., Family Practice, 2025 Jun 4;42(4):cmaf056.



### Spotlight on Research Articles

1. Impact of online patient access to clinical notes on quality of care.

Yoshimura et al, BMJ Quality & Safety. 2025 Jul 7:bmjqs-2024-018363.



2. Interventions to address potentially inappropriate prescribing for older primary care patients

Persaud & al., JAMA network open, 2025 Jun 2;8(6):e2517965.



3. What patients want from access to UK general practice.

Atherton at al., British Journal of General Practice, 2025 Jul 31;75(757):e526-e532.



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### Top Tip from the Library - Recommended Resource



- ✓ Ranked one of the best clinical decision support tools for health professionals worldwide.
- BMJ Best Practice Provides step-by-step guidance on diagnosis, treatment and prevention.
  - ✓ Free access in the Republic of Ireland funded by the HSE Health Library Ireland.







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