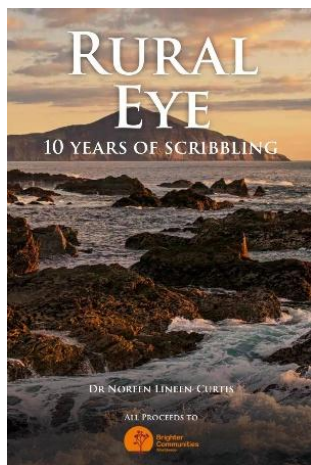


Friday 2nd October

- 15.00 Check in
Mulranny Park Hotel
- 18.00 Dinner at Leisure
- 19.30 Rural Standing
Committee, ICGP



Book Launch for Charity

Saturday 3rd October 2026

07.00 – 10.30 - Breakfast in the Restaurant
08.30 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Conference Timekeeper – Dr Billy O’Connell
FIRST SESSION – Chairperson - Dr Catherine Donnelly, Vice-Chair, RIDD
09.00 A Simple Solution to the Common Cold – it’s been right under our noses Dr Scott Walkin, Mayo GP and clinical lead for AMRIC, ICGP
09.20 Rheumatology Updates for General Practice Dr Caoilfhionn Connolly, Consultant Rheumatologist, Western Rheumatology, Galway Clinic
09.40 Hope for the Future – a Polish experience Dr Pat Harrold & Dr Danny O’Connor
10.00 Palliative Care in Rural Practice Dr Ita Hartnett, Palliative Care Consultant, Galway & Mayo
10.20 GI Update Dr Ramona Mc Loughlin, Consultant Gastroenterologist, UCHG
10.40 Respiratory Review Dr Sinead Walsh, Respiratory Consultant, Galway
11.00 Tea/Coffee OFFICIAL OPENING OF 39th PHARMA EXHIBITION
SECOND SESSION – Chairperson; Dr Noreen Lineen-Curtis, GP, Co Mayo
11.30 Therapeutic Updates from the NMIC Grainne O’Malley, Chief Pharmacist, NMIC, St James’ Dublin
11.50 Planetary Health Dr John Allman, GP Dublin, Irish Doctors for the Environment
12.10 Mind Yourself Dr Paula Martin, GP, Co Roscommon
12.30 Keynote: ‘The Critical Role of the Rural GP and Global Health Security’ Dr. Mike Ryan, Former Executive Director WHO, Epidemiologist
13.00 Lunch in the Nephin Restaurant
THIRD SESSION - Chairperson – Dr Aonghus Flavin, Chairperson RIDD, GP Roundstone, Co Galway
14.00 GP Pension Update IMO Financial Services
14.20 Cardiology Updates in General Practice Dr Gordon pate, Consultant Cardiologist, UCHG
14.40 Medicolegal Update Deirdre Duffy, Medisec
15.00 ICGP Update – speaker TBC
15.20 Update of University of Galway Graduate Entry Medicine Programme (GEMS) Professor Robert Scully, Professor of Rural & Remote Rural Health, University of Galway
15.40 GP Co-Ops – an Update Dr Ken Egan, Ballindine, Co Mayo
16.00 Rural Locums – the Lifeline we need Prof Liam Glynn, GP Ballyvaughan, Co Clare and Prof of GP, UL
16.30 Let’s Get Real on Supporting Dispensing Prof Peter Hayes, GP Co Limerick and lecturer in UL
17.00 Irish Rural Practice – an IMO Update
17.30 General Discussion – The Future of Irish Rural Practice
18.00 End of Session – Closing Comments
20.00 Gala Dinner (informal) with presentation of Lifetime President Award

Sunday 4th October 2026

08.00 – 11.00 Breakfast
FOURTH SESSION Chairperson – Dr Alma Judge, GP Wicklow
10.00 Retiring Gracefully Dr Paddy Lineen, Achill
10.20 Doctor or Patient? Dr Sarah Fitzgibbon, GP Cork, Founder of WIMIN
10.40 Mobile X-Ray for GP and Community- a step forward Niamh Brennan MMD
11.00 Musculoskeletal Update & Practical Tips Dr Nathan Wall, GP Wicklow, ICGP MSK Lead
11.20 Presidential Address Dr Velma Harkins, President ICGP
11.40 Dermatology Pearls Dr Janet Brady-Wall, GP Wicklow
12.00 Extending the continuum of Rural GP care – 4 dedicated sub-acute senior beds & Introduction to Retrospective study of GP-led sub-acute management of avoidable admissions in Mayo LTRC centre Dr Jerry Cowley & Dr Frances Lonergan, Ayrshire, Scotland
12.30 Closing Remarks
13.00 Lunch in the Nephin Restaurant

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10.5 CPD points approved

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