

**Pan-Ireland Ophthalmology Day (POD)
Friday 9th October 2026, Assembly Buildings
10th Anniversary**

08.45 - 09.15: Registration and tea/coffee, poster viewing, networking and visit sponsors

09.15 - 09.20: **Welcome, Tunde Peto, Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology, QUB**

09.20 - 09.35: **Opening of 10th Pan-Ireland Ophthalmology Day 2026**
Mr Mohamed Elalfy, President of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists

09.35 - 11.20: **Celebrating success on the Island of Ireland**

A research journey in children's eye care: from spectacle adherence to myopia management

Dr Emma McConnell, Research fellow, QUB, NI

Are we done with fluorescein angiography for AMD management in the era of OCTA?
Professor Usha Chakravarthy, QUB, NI

Patient selection for the Scharioth Macular Lens: Does a contact simulator help?
Professor Julie Silvestri, BHSC, NI

Glaucoma – an inflammatory disease?
Professor Colin Willoughby, UU, NI

Seeing brain degeneration through looking into the eye
Professor Imre Lengyel, QUB, NI

What happens when some elements of low-risk hospital eye care moves to community optometry?
Professor Barbara Ryan, Cardiff University, UK

Optic Disc Features in Non-arteritic Anterior Ischemic Optic Neuropathy: Spatial Organization and Structure-Function Associations, Brian Woods, University of Galway, RoI

Corticosteroids in Acanthamoeba keratitis: A multi-centre cohort study and systematic review, Richard Farnan, RoI

11.20 - 11.40: Tea and coffee break, poster viewing, networking and visiting sponsors

11.40 - 12.20: **A bit of history and the James Magill and James A Craig Awards**

Belfast was blessed with 'Bad Eyes'!
Mr Tim Horgan, University Hospital Kerry, RoI

2025 Winner of James Magill Scholarship presentation: Precision targets for DME: PTX3 control of RPE–photoreceptor crosstalk, Varun Pathak, QUB, NI

James Magill 2026 Winner announced

James A Craig best presentation award: Winner announced

James A Craig award Basic Science and Translational Ophthalmology Presentations:

Characterising and investigating clearance dynamics of the ocular lymphatic system in mouse models of Type 2 Diabetes and Alzheimer's Disease, Tara Cullen, QUB

Controlled Liposome Fabrication via Microfluidics for Timolol Delivery in Glaucoma Treatment, Pierpaolo Palermo, QUB

Baseline Retinal Vascular Alterations Associated with Amyloid and APOE ε4 Status in the Deep and Frequent Phenotyping Study, Kate Carlin, QUB

AI-Driven Microbiome Profiling for Predicting Ocular Infection Severity, Niamh Johnston, QUB

12.20 - 13.10: Lunch, poster viewing, networking and visiting sponsors

13.10 - 13.25: James A Craig Award clinical presentation:

An Audit of Waiting Times and Attendance Patterns at Manchester Royal Eye Emergency Department, Avaniika Saaish, QUB

Delays to paediatric cataract surgical treatment in Blantyre, Malawi - An Audit, Aoife Quah, QUB

Neurological Deterioration in Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Following Rapid Weight Loss: Ocular Implications and the Need for Multidisciplinary Care, Christy Kuriakose, QUB

Immunohistochemical Characterisation of Ocular Pathology in Pseudoxanthoma Elasticum (PXE), Swati Mulchandani, QUB

13.25 - 14.05: Women in Vision Ireland Award Session

Harnessing Zebrafish Retinal Regeneration to Identify Therapeutic Targets for Vision Restoration, Tess McCann, UCD, RoI

Non-Mydriatic Fundus Imaging in Diabetic Retinopathy Screening: A Pilot Evaluation of Technical Failure and Attendance Outcomes, Eesha Wahid, South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital, Cork, RoI

Retinal and Choroidal Imaging Measures Associated with Plasma Alzheimer's Disease (AD) Biomarkers in Cognitively Healthy Older Adults, Aoife Hunter, UU, NI

When a Negative Biopsy Does Not Exclude Disease: The Diagnostic Limitations of Direct Immunofluorescence in Ocular Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid, RuthAnne Shannon, University of Limerick, RoI

Improving Contacts: Reducing unsuccessful Medical Contact Lens fits at BHSCT Contact Lens Clinic, Tricia Douglas, BHSCT, NI

14.05 - 14.15: Opening of the afternoon session: Mr Gerry Fahy – President of the Irish College of Ophthalmologists and Professor Ian Bruce – Pro-Vice Chancellor (MHLS), QUB

14.15 - 15.50: Case presentations and trainee research presentations: The latest in clinical cases and research from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland

Tuberculous Retinal Vasculitis – A Case Report and Literature Review, Joseph Keenan, RoI

When Histology Can Wait: A Deceptive Keratoacanthoma-like Lesion Dervla Dorrian, NI

Bilateral Optic Disc Swelling Associated with Lithium Therapy: A Case Report of Suspected Tissue Level Neurotoxicity at Therapeutic Serum Concentration, Sara Ahmed, RoI

A Moving Target: Diagnosing an Unusual Vitreous Opacity. Parvesh Konda, NI

Optic Nerve Hypoplasia and Retinal Abnormalities in an Infant with Alobar Holoprosencephaly, Aniela Krezel, RoI

Left Chronic Indeterminate Melanocytic Lesion (CIML): When a 'Shingles' Referral Revealed a Red-Flag Retinal Lesion, Yuseph Mohamed, NI

A case of ocular trauma following tennis ball injury, Enda McGonigle, RoI

A Diagnostic Dilemma: Choroidal Macrovascular in the Context of Prior Tuberculosis, S Noori, NI

A Rare Encounter of Primary Malignant Melanoma of the Orbit: A Case Report Emily Greenan, RoI

Strep Pneumoniae Panophthalmitis, Helen Breen, NI

Real world efficacy of Faricimab in retinal vein occlusion: A retrospective evaluation of patients undergoing treatment at Belfast trust hospitals. Lucy Elvidge, NI

Two-Year Corneal Stability Following Topical Insulin in Peripheral Corneal Thinning: Multimodal Imaging Follow-up, Marisa Arcos Lopez, Spain

Evaluation of OCT Biomarkers as Predictors of Diabetic Macular Oedema Prognosis Willian Rong, NI

15.50 - 16.00: Awards ceremony and closing

Save the date *POD 2027: Friday, the 15 October 2027*
We look forward to welcoming you next year!

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