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## **2016 Annual Scientific Meeting promises to be the best ever**

Next week's Irish Association for Emergency Medicine's 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting has a particular focus on the care of the older patient and is set to be its best ever ASM. Older patients are attending Emergency Departments (EDs) in Ireland and around the world in ever increasing numbers. They have specific care needs which need to be addressed in an appropriate environment. The meeting will feature presentations by national and international experts on the care of the older person, including Dr Christopher Carpenter from the USA, Professor Rose Anne Kenny from St James's Hospital, Dublin and a number of Emergency Medicine speakers from the UK and Ireland who have a particular interest in the care of the older patient, including Dr Rosa McNamara and Dr Jay Banerjee from Leicester Royal Infirmary.

The meeting takes place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 at Clontarf Castle Hotel, Dublin and will be officially opened by the Minister for Health, Mr Simon Harris TD at 11am. The meeting will conclude late on Friday afternoon with the 2016 Leo Vella Lecture which will be delivered by Professor Patrick K Plunkett, recently retired Consultant in Emergency Medicine from St James's Hospital, Dublin.

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016, pre-conference workshops will be held, dealing with Minor Injuries Management; the ED Care of Older Persons and Thoracic Ultrasound. There will also be an Advanced Cardiac Life Support Provider Course for Consultants held as a pre-conference workshop. There are still places available on all the pre-conference workshops and those interested should visit [www.iaem2016.org](http://www.iaem2016.org) which has links to the final meeting programme and an opportunity to register for a pre-hospital workshop or the meeting itself.

In addition to the specific focus on the care of the older person, there will also be sessions on Pre-Hospital Care; Paediatric Emergency Medicine and general Adult Emergency Medicine. There are also particular sessions for Emergency Department Nursing Staff as well as a variety of research presentations.

The Association looks forwards to as many members as possible of the Irish Emergency Medicine community coming together at Clontarf Castle Hotel for what promises to be an excellent academic programme and a very enjoyable social event.

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