

PALMSoc

Preanalytics And Laboratory Medicine Society

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Mission and Vision



The laboratory plays a vital role in screening for disease, diagnosis, risk assessment, treatment selection, monitoring of therapy, prognosis and other aspects of clinical decision making. Laboratory Medicine in Ireland has developed a very high standard of service and provides a very effective service to clinical users. Not all areas of the total testing process are under the direct provision of laboratories and the area of preanalytics has proven to be very error prone.

The mission of the PALMSoc is to enhance patient care and improve outcomes by promoting and improving the scientific, professional and clinical aspects of the preanalytical phase in Laboratory Medicine at a National level.

*Enhance
patient care*

Who Are We?

The PALM Society (PALMSoc) is a collection of interested scientists, biochemists, nurses, doctors, medical laboratory aides, phlebotomists, administrative staff, etc. from all health disciplines. The founding members of the Steering Committee include: Dr Ann Leonard (TUH), Dr Gerard Boran (TUH) and Dr Paula O'Shea (GUH), others to be confirmed.

The idea for the society developed from the inaugural PALM Study day in September 2018. The society has the full support of ACSLM, ACBI, RCPI, IEQAS and MedLIS.

We want your support! We are currently developing a mailing list and we want to include as many people as possible. Can you tell your colleagues who may be interested? Details are overleaf.

Getting IT Right First Time –GIRFT EVERYTIME!



Terms of Reference

- To promote the importance of the quality of the preanalytical phase of Laboratory Medicine
- To develop a national community of all stakeholders interested in the preanalytic phase
- To define the best practices and provide recommendations for some critical activities in the preanalytical phase
- To develop and organise study days, workshops, webinars or training courses on preanalytical phase issues

What do we want?



We will be looking for additional members to join our steering committee over the coming months. We are also looking to establish a number of working groups and we will be looking for enthusiastic and eager participants from all disciplines in the Laboratory and clinics.

Objectives

The team have decided to set out a number of objectives for 2019:

- Establish PALMSoc steering committee
- Hold a PALM Study Day
- Establish a working group to complete a survey on sample labelling practices and review National Guidelines on Sample Labelling
- Confirm national coding on sample labelling

Date for your Diary

PALM STUDY DAY September 20th 2019

We hope you will come to the next study day and share some of the work you have been doing in the area of preanalytics! We are looking for interesting case presentations (approx. 10 mins) or project presentations. Please don't be shy! We will have a call out for presenters and topics on our next communication scheduled for June.



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If you wish to be included on our email list drop us an email!