



UCD Health Systems Research Showcase

On the 24th October 2018 the UCD Health Systems Research Group hosted its first research showcase event in the UCD Charles Institute, Belfield, Dublin 4. The purpose of the Showcase was to present the range of current Health Systems research projects to our health services and other partners, and to offer an opportunity for discussion of future research areas and collaborations. Please read below brief summaries about selected projects and explore [UCD Health Systems Group's website](#) for more information on relevant research activities.

1. [Promoting Public and Patient Involvement in Health and Social Care Research and Practice \(PPI Ignite\)](#)

The UCD Public and Patient (PPI) Ignite Connect is actively embedding PPI in health and social care research. We are working across UCD with our 10 partner organisations including the (Ireland East Hospital Group to enable seldom heard population groups including people who are homeless and those with a disability to identify and co-design health and social care research as well as be involved in education. The UCD PPI ignite team are hosting a Winter School on the 17th of January 2019. Sessions will include embedding a human rights perspective on health and social care, co-production, community voices and activism. Further details and registrations are available at <https://ucdppiignite2019.eventbrite.ie> .

2. [Collective Leadership and Safety Cultures \(Co-Lead\)](#)

Collective Leadership and Safety Cultures (Co-Lead) is a five-year research programme that is co-designing and evaluating the impact of a collective leadership intervention on team performance, staff engagement and safety culture in healthcare settings. Collective leadership is not the role of a formal leader, but the interaction of team members to lead the team by sharing leadership roles and responsibilities, where team members have the expertise to do so. The overall aim of the research is to enhance quality and safety cultures through supporting the development and training of teams in collective leadership. Further information about the Co-Lead research programme is available on our web site: www.ucd.ie/collectiveleadership

3. [Children's Unscheduled Primary and emergency care in Ireland: Decision making, trends, outcomes and parental perspectives \(CUPID\)](#)

The CUPID project is a collaboration between University College Dublin, Maynooth University, Cork University Hospital and the HSE Quality Improvement Division. It is funded by the Health Research Board and the National Children's Hospital Foundation. The project aims to investigate how the introduction of free GP care for under 6s has impacted on access to and utilisation of GP care and Emergency Departments (ED) across Ireland. We also want to better understand what parents and families want for their child's healthcare. We will be interviewing parents to determine how they would like to see children's health services improve to better

meet their needs, and GPs to find out what influences their decision making when referring children to the ED. The lessons learned from this research will be shared with policy makers to help them make decisions that improve healthcare and health outcomes for children in Ireland.

4. Promoting Assisted Decision Making in Acute Care Settings (PADMACS)

The Promoting Assisted Decision-Making in Acute Care Settings (PADMACS) project aims to develop an educational tool which will promote understanding of Assisted Decision-Making among healthcare professionals working in an acute care setting and encourage their adoption of this understanding into their care planning with older people. The work is directly linked to the implementation of the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act of 2015. Through its four interconnected work packages (Rapid realist review, Qualitative narrative exploration, Participatory co-design and Implementation process diagnostic evaluation), the PADMACS project will provide impactful insight and outcomes promoting the rights and the autonomy of people about treatment choices.

5. Speaking up About Safety (SUAS)

This project is funded by the Health Research Board and the Medical Council. The aim of the project is to inform healthcare staff about safety policies and encourage them to speak up when they witness something that might or has compromised safety. We do this through the use of a serious boardgame, PlayDecide: Patient Safety, which has been co-designed to capture the experiences of patients and staff when safety has been compromised. This has proved a very popular tool to raise awareness and encourage discussions amongst staff. For further information on the project and the game (which is available to download free of charge) see our website. www.patientsafetydiscussions.ie

6. Systematic Approach to improving care for Frail Older Patients (SAFE)

The Systematic Approach to Improving Care for Frail Older Patients (SAFE) study is co-designing a frail older person pathway in St Vincent's university hospital and develop an implementation model for incorporating these pathways in the Irish setting. The project is funded by the health research board and the principal investigator is Dr Marie Therese Cooney.