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The committee would like to welcome you all to our end of Summer newsletter.

The committee has had to say goodbye to Kevin McLaughlin RANP MH. Thank you to Kevin for his effort and hard work. We warmly welcome Vincent Melvin RANP MH. Currently, the committee is very busy organizing the conference, clinical webinars, and connecting with the relevant stakeholders for our upcoming projects. The committee are currently seeking a **co-secretary role**, if interested please get in touch with us on iaanmp@gmail.com.

Biographies for each committee member can be viewed here [The IANMP Committee](#)

The committee are delighted to announce that there is representation from the following specialities:-

- Acute Hospitals (Emergency/IU, Orthopaedic, Rheumatology, Cardiology, Cardiothoracic, Diabetes)
- Primary Care
- Midwifery
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Mental Health
- Private

Call for new committee members

As we strive to advance the mission and goals of IANMP in this our 20 th year, we are excited to announce an opportunity for you to get involved and make a difference by joining our committee. We are a passionate team of Nurse and Midwife Practitioners aiming to promote, support and lead advance practice in Ireland.

Are you passionate about driving positive change in the nursing profession, and contributing to the success of IANMP. If you are interested in contributing your time and expertise, drop an email to iaanmp@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming new committee members.

We are trying to represent all areas of advanced practice and on advanced practice in particular seeking Paediatric Representation on our Committee.

Staying connected

Are you looking for more ways to stay connected? If so please engage with IANMP on our social media platforms. Follow us on social media for the latest updates and news.

Stay in the loop and join the conversation by following us today. Feel free to like, comment

and share any of our posts. Likewise please tag us on your posts.

Stay in the loop and join the conversation by following us today:

<https://x.com/iaanmp>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/irish-association-advanced-nurse-midwife-practitioners>

We are in the process of looking for a secure platform for our members to communicate with each other. We have discovered [Doctolib Silo](#) which is a secure healthcare instant messaging app. Drop us an email, you're your number if you are interested in joining the group! Great way to discuss cases and link with each other and different specialities but all for Advanced Practitioners.



Conference 2024



Irish Association of Advanced Nurse and Midwife Practitioners Annual Conference 2024

*'20ye ar-ACh ti dTheiri Aso ti fo Ada c
Nur gan Mid r Pra to s'*

November 11th 2024 at the Midlands Park Hotel Portlaoise

Venue kindly supported supported by:



The Irish Association of Advanced Nurse Midwife Practitioners

"20 years of IAANMP - A Celebration" Monday 11th November 2024

08.30 - 09.00	Registration/ Coffee
Morning Chair	Ms Carmel Hoey incoming chair and lead of the ONMSD and Advanced Network Group
09.00 - 09.10	Welcome Address: Ms Melissa Hammond, Chair IAANMP RANP
09.10 - 09.30	Opening Address Chief Nursing Officer, DoH Kelly Mofflin and President of the NBMI Ms Louise Mc Bride
09.30 - 10.10	First ANP in Ireland's Journey from the beginning - Ms Valerie Small RANP
10.10 - 10.40	Advanced Practice in Ireland, Past, Present & Future - RANPs Ms Paula Mc Breaty /Ms Gabby Dunne/Ms Cora O Connor
10.40 - 11.10	Coffee and Poster Viewing
Mid morning chair	Ms Fiona Colbert IAANMP Co Secretary RANP
11.10 - 11.40	Ms Claire Kearney, cANP, Obesity Management, St Columcille's Hospital
11.40 - 12.00	Bursary Recipient: Ms Yvonne Moloney, RANP Diabetes, ULHG.
12.00 - 12.30	Ms Deirdre McGuone Kiely - RANP Cardiology CEO of Cardiac for Innovation with advanced practice
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
Afternoon Chair	Ms Caroline Fraser IAANMP Vice chair RANP
13.30-14.20	Mr. Asim A. Sheikh Barrister-at-Law, Law Library Medical Legal Aspects of Record Keeping
Discussion chair	Dr Catrina Heffernan FAAN, Chair of ICN NP/APN Practise Network
14.30 - 15.30	Expert Panel Discussion: <i>"Modernising healthcare using an advanced practice model"</i> 1. Current Committee - Ms Melissa Hammond RANP 2. Academia SETU - Dr Emily Lockwood RANP 3. ONMSD Director - Dr Geraldine Shaw 4. NMBI CEO - Ms Carolyn Donohue 5. DON lead Integrated care- Ms Sandra Mc Carthy 6. International links via zoom - A Canadian perspective Dr Michelle Acorn FCAN, FAAN, CEO NPAO
15.30 - 15.50	Recognition awards and Poster winners Second Bernie Carpenter Award winner Ms Kathleen Canavan IAANMP Committee Officer RANP
15.50-16.00	Closing Address & Evaluation Ms Dona Cromar IAANMP Secretary RANP

Preparations are underway for the 2024 conference where the IAANMP will be celebrating our 20th anniversary. The conference will take a different slant on our usual annual conference so its not to be missed.

We hope as many of our members as possible can make it to celebrate the day with us. We have an exciting lineup. The agenda is below but could be subject to slight changes. Registration is now open and free for our members. Follow the link below to register:

<https://iaanmp.com/conference-2024-registration-form/>

We are inviting you to present your **posters** at our conference. So if you have done any research, QIP's, and audits that you would like to showcase, please fill out the form below. The deadline for submission of abstracts is the 21st of October 2024. Follow the link below to submit the poster

<https://iaanmp.com/submit-a-poster/>

Congratulations to Yvonne Moloney Registered Advanced Nurse Practitioner RANP in Diabetes Acute care at UHL who received the 2024 award to attend the Cambridge Insulin PumpCourse in Cambridge University Hospital. We look forward to hearing all about it at our 2024 Annual Conference. As this year is our 20th year anniversary, we have decided to add a second opportunity for our members to apply for our bursary award. The Irish Association of Advanced Nurse Midwife Practitioners (IAANMP) is inviting applications from its membership to apply for this award to the value of €1,000. This bursary is to support members to attend a conference/ seminar, undertake further studies, service innovation, or conduct a research project of their choice. **Closing date 11th October 2024 @5pm.** More info on how to apply follow the link below

<https://iaanmp.com/bursary/>

News from the Association

By Audrey and Kathleen



Dr Emily Lockwood

Research Webinar Series

The association would like to thank Dr. Emily Lockwood for delivering a very invaluable webinar series. This series provided our members with expert guidance on preparing for publication. These recorded webinars are not to be missed and are available to all our members via our website www.iaanmp.com.

Emily has kindly shared her slides for the webinars which will be available in our new resource folder in the members section.

Feedback on the series is hugely welcomed. Please use the link below to submit your evaluation:

[evaluation form](#)



Clinical Webinars return

The IANMP provided clinical webinars this year which covered a wide spectrum of clinical and academic areas of ANP/AMP practice.

Throughout 2024, ANP's and AMP's throughout Ireland shared their lived experiences in clinical/academic practice by presenting online webinars from their areas of expertise. The beauty of the webinars is not only are they valuable educational tools for all practitioners, but they are also platforms to engage and to collaborate efforts between healthcare centres throughout the country, that would not otherwise have opportunities to routinely collaborate and share information with other practitioners and hospitals throughout Ireland.

Since our last newsletter in April 2024, Ms. Sharon Egan RANP General Practice in Balla Co. Mayo provided us with an informative webinar 'ANP lead Obesity Management in General Practice'. This was a comprehensive session on the evolution of obesity management and ever evolving treatment of the obesity disease process and the pathways for the treatment for this cohort of patients. She highlighted various aspects that effect her practice. She also explored the medication management currently available to patients in Ireland and the medications that will potentially be available to her patients in the future.

In May 2004, Ms. Pamela McCann RANP General Practice in Bray Co Wicklow presented 'Chronic Kidney Disease: The Practicalities'. Pam's webinar explored the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of patients with renal insufficiency and the diagnostic warning signs. She

highlighted the red flags in caring for patients with renal insufficiency and those at risk for future renal complications.

In June 2024 a collaborative effort between Ms. Joan Dembo RANP in MRH Portlaoise and Ms. Michelle Barlow RANP in ED Tullamore provided us with a webinar titled 'Alternative Routes for enhancing Patient Access to the ER'. They work as autonomous practitioners who provides a full episode of care for patients which includes carrying out interventions, prescribing medications and discharging. Their role in ED not only reduces waiting times but also improves the overall outcomes and healthcare experience for patients attending with injuries or minor illnesses. Both ANPs works in collaboration with the ED team to deliver a high standard of quality care. The collaboration of these practitioners for this webinar also illustrated digital age interventions with conventional practices within both of their practices.

In Sept 2024, Ms Roisin Lennon RAMP SUH presented a workshop entitled 'AMP Changing Practice Through Simple Healthy Intervention' Roisin provided a comprehensive clinical discussion on how she links in the 6 domains of advanced practice into her everyday practice as an RAMP in Sligo. The IANMP would like to thank all of the webinar and workshop providers this year for the wealth of knowledge they have shared with all our members here on this tremendous platform for all RANP/RAMP & cANP /cAMP members. Anyone that was unable to access the webinars and workshops throughout the year, the recordings are available in the members only area of the IANMP website.

We are looking into a more Robust platform and approach to the clinical webinars currently and will keep our members updated with plans.

The next clinical webinar will be continue with advanced midwifery practice in October- keep an eye on our website and social media for the details. All recordigs of our webinars are available on our members only section on the website.

Website Documents

We are currently updating our documents on our website to reflect the changes in RANP/RANMP registration and requirement for practice by NMBI.



Bord Altranais agus
Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann
Nursing and Midwifery Board
of Ireland

AGM planning

Our AGM this year will not take place during our annual conference as per previous years. We will schedule this important event in December via Zoom. We undertook our first virtual AGM during the pandemic and it worked very well. Please keep an eye on our social media links for date confirmation. All members will receive a link to join the meeting.

If you would like to express interest in becoming a committee member or take on one of our outstanding roles please contact us at IANMP@gmail.com.



AGM

Annual General Meeting

News from our members

By Caroline and Melissa

We asked our members to share some of the work going on nationally within advanced practice. Here is a few submissions we received:

News from Diabetes

May I please submit a small piece for an award that I received from UCC following external review of my research dissertation as part of my MSc Advanced Practice (Nursing/Midwifery). My supervisor at UCC was Dr Emily B Lockwood.

Title of award: UCC School of Nursing and Midwifery Postgraduate Research Award 2024. Ceremony was held at UCC School of Nursing and Midwifery on Sept 6th.

Title of Project: To assess the feasibility and acceptability of a digital educational intervention for 'sick day' medication guidance for adults with Type 2 Diabetes and Chronic Kidney Disease to prevent an Acute Kidney Injury, in the context of Advanced Nursing Practice.

My research was aimed at informing patient education for self-care. I assessed the feasibility and acceptability of developing and introducing a digital educational intervention for 'sick day' medication guidance for adults who have Type 2 Diabetes with Chronic Kidney Disease to prevent an Acute Kidney Injury, in the context of Advanced Nursing Practice. Using a mixed methods sequential design, I explored co-developing an educational video explaining 'sick day' medication guidance with my patients via focus groups and assessed its effect at increasing both patient knowledge and confidence to self-care via questionnaires. I found a statistically significant improvement in both knowledge about sick days and confidence in

'sick day' medication self-management, between pre- and post-intervention ($p < 0.001$), consecutively.

Leona Guinan | cANP Diabetes –Integrated Care. Diabetes Day Centre, TippUH, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary



News from General Practice



RANP in GP, Dara Maguire and hopefully create a bit of awareness about the role. In Ireland, this is the first of its kind in general practice, its a well established role in EDs throughout the country but not in GPs. A summary of the results are below:

Patient Satisfaction Survey on ANP Service in General Practice

Introduction:

Patient satisfaction is a key component of healthcare delivery, reflecting the quality of services provided by healthcare providers. John Street Surgery implemented an Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) service to enhance patient care and access to medical services in March 2023, just over one year ago. This study aims to assess patient satisfaction with the ANP service at John Street Surgery.

Objectives:

The main objectives of this study are to evaluate patient satisfaction with ANP appointments compared to traditional doctor appointments, assess preferences for future appointments with ANPs, and gather feedback on the quality of care given and pricing of the ANP service.

Background:

The use of Advanced Nurse Practitioners in primary care settings has become increasingly popular, aiming to improve healthcare access, efficiency, and patient outcomes. There is only approximately 20 Registered ANPs working in General Practice throughout Ireland and several more working as Candidate ANPs. Understanding patient perspectives on ANP services is crucial for enhancing patient-centred care and assessing the effectiveness of the service. The ANP service in this practice is the first known practice, in the country, to offer a Minor Illness Service from an ANP.

Results:

A total of 115 responses were received and reviewed. Overall, the majority of patients (96.52%) were happy to take an appointment with an ANP instead of a doctor. A high percentage (97.39%) reported being willing to have a review appointment with an ANP again. Additionally, a significant proportion (88.60%) perceived that the ANP provided as good a service as the General Practitioner (GP). However, a smaller percentage (15.89%) believed that the ANP provided a better service than the doctor. Most patients (94.44%) considered the service to be priced correctly.

The ease of getting an appointment with the ANP was rated positively, with 43.36% finding it easy and 33.63% finding it neither easy nor difficult. Furthermore, a large majority of patients (68.70%) expressed being very satisfied with the assessment received from the ANP.

Discussion:

The results highlight the overall positive perception of the ANP service among patients at John Street Surgery. Patients showed high satisfaction rates with ANP appointments, indicating a willingness to receive care from ANPs in the future. The findings also suggest that ANPs are perceived to provide quality care comparable to GPs, indicating the effectiveness of integrating ANPs into primary care settings.

News from Emergency



The poster is for an ANP Forum CPD Day focused on Hand Injuries. It features illustrations of medical equipment like a stethoscope and a wheelchair. The text includes the event title, speakers (ANPs, Consultants, NCHD's and Occupational Therapists), the date (24 January, 2025 starting 9 am), and the venue (TALLAGHT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL). It also provides a booking link and contact information for presenting a case.

You are invited to our
**ANP Forum
CPD Day
Hand Injuries**

Lectures from ANPs, Consultants,
NCHD's and Occupational Therapists

24 January, 2025 starting 9 am

*VENUE
TALLAGHT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/anp-cpd-hand-injury-study-day-tickets-1011294728757>

Contact pamela.obrien@svuh.ie if interested in presenting a case

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/anp-cpd-hand-injury-study-day-tickets-1011294728757>

ICN Nurse Practitioner /Advanced Practice Nurse Network

The IAANMP are delighted to announce the recent appointment of our chairperson Melissa Hammond onto the practice subgroup of the

ICN Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nurse Network.

The ICN Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nurse Network (NP/APN Network) was established more than 20 years ago as an official ICN affiliate group to facilitate communication around common professional interests on APNs. The network is continually evolving to better represent APNs from all global WHO regions.

The aims and objectives of the NP/APN Network are as follows :-

- Providing relevant and timely information about practice, education, role development, research, policy and regulatory developments
- Enabling an international forum for sharing and exchange of knowledge, expertise and experience
- Supporting nurses and country representatives who are developing, implementing, expanding and evaluating APN roles and practice
- Creating and disseminating relevant resources that are pertinent to APNs across diverse practice settings
- Building evidence informed data, collaboration and research agendas

The NP/APN Network:

- Disseminates ICN information to members
 - Identifies and monitors key nursing and APN issues as they develop
 - Shares expertise through the international APN with diverse skills, focus and education and serves as a resource
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- Provides the largest ICN International APN conference biennially for the sharing of knowledge, expertise and experience that includes networking opportunities from expert APN clinicians, educators, leaders and policy makers
 - Participates in implementing and dissemination APN focused research

Melissa's wealth of knowledge and clinical expertise and experience will contribute greatly to the aims and objectives of the network. It will give Melissa the opportunity to collaborate with other nurses working at advanced practice on a global level. Finally, it will provide the IAANMP with a voice on an international platform.

HIHI Clinical Innovation Award 2024 Opening September 9th 2024

What: Enterprise Ireland and Health Innovation Hub Ireland (HIHI) have launched the Clinical Innovation Award 2024. This Award is designed to support all healthcare professionals in Ireland to explore the commercial feasibility of their innovative ideas with the potential to transform the way medical care is delivered in Ireland and abroad.

Who: The Clinical Innovation Award is open to all healthcare professionals in public hospitals, third level institutions, and non-profit research organisations. Lead applicants must be employed and have ongoing clinical commitments in the Irish Health Service.

Prizes: Three applicants will receive a €15,000 Enterprise Ireland Commercialisation Feasibility Fund to investigate the commercial feasibility of their innovative idea

Requirement: Applications **MUST** be supported by an academic institution. HIHI can provide assistance in making these connections.



Do you have an idea for a new medical device or health technology?

Here is your opportunity to test the market for your idea, link in with clinical and technical experts, and have a significant impact on patients, healthcare staff, and the future of healthcare.

What is the Award?

The winners of the award will receive a €15,000 Enterprise Ireland Commercialisation Fund Feasibility Grant to investigate the commercial feasibility of their innovative idea in Ireland and international markets.

A favourable commercial feasibility report increases the likelihood of further investment and development to bring the product to reality.

Winners may also have an opportunity to engage with the Clinical Entrepreneur Programme in the NHS.

Who is eligible?

All healthcare professionals in public hospitals, third level institutions and non-profit research organisations.

Academics and researchers in third level institutions working or partnering with a healthcare professional.

Lead applicants must be employed and have ongoing clinical commitments in the Irish health service.

Applicants must identify the associated academic institution for their hospital or healthcare centre.

How can I apply?

Step 1 (optional)

Complete the HIHI Expression of Interest Form and we will get back to you to answer any queries and guide you through the process.

[Expression of Interest Form](#)

Step 2

Download the HIHI CIA Application Form. Ensure you engage with your affiliated academic institution. HIHI can help make these connections.

[Application Form](#)

Step 3

Fill out the online submission form and upload completed Application Form on or before 5pm on 4th October 2024.

[Online Submission Form](#)



If you have an idea for a new medical device or health technology that can benefit healthcare contact us today.



Galway: geraldine.oflynn@universityofgalway.ie
Cork: michael.twomey@ucc.ie
Dublin: jmoran5@tcd.ie

MHANPI News

After months of hard work by the committee, the official MHANPI launch day was successfully celebrated on the 14th June in the Ashling Hotel in Dublin. Joanne Flood opened the event with Anne Caprani and Sinead Frain. MHANPI had the pleasure of Anne Brennan (Director in MNPDU North Dublin) and Sheila Cahalane (ONMSD, National Lead for Advanced Practice), present at the conference. Their presentations highlighted how advanced practice in Mental Health and Intellectual Disability services has grown rapidly over recent years. The MHANPI logo was unveiled during the launch. The MHANPI logo was produced and created by Cathy Doyle (Recovery College), and the result was a thoughtful piece of art that reflects the advanced practice work we are all striving towards. The day continued with a number of clinical snap shots from ANP's around the country.



Co-produced MHANPI logo

MHANPI at the 13th International Council of Nurses Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nurse Network Conference

MHANPI members presented and attended the 13th International Council of Nurses Nurse Practitioner / Advanced Practice Nurse Network Conference in Aberdeen in Scotland.

It successfully showcased advanced nursing practice to the world. For more, please see [@MHANPIreland](#) on X.

First MHANPI Newsletter

MHANPI published their first newsletter in August 2024. The association plans to publish the newsletter regularly going forward. Please email

mentalhealthadvancednursepract@gmail.com for a copy of the current MHANPI newsletter which includes the Launch Agenda, information about the guest speakers' presentations, the Clinical Snapshots presentations and the poster presentations. The next newsletter is due to be published in early 2025, so please get in touch if you would like to submit anything for inclusion in the next newsletter, such as profiling your Advanced nursing role/research/audits/quality improvement projects. IAANMP Would like to congratulate them on a great piece of work with this and look forward to more editions. We will continue to support and promote all advanced practice subcommittees around Ireland.



Cathy Doyle (Recovery College) receiving a presentation from MHANPI following the unveiling of the official MHANPI co-produced logo.

INMP Advanced Practice section

The next inmo advanced practice session meeting is 22nd of November at 1pm and ask

People to contact jean.carroll@inmo.ie to join section and be added to mailing list.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our 20 year anniversary conference

Final message frm the committee

The IAANMP would like to wish Goodluck to all the Fanastic ANP conferences happening around the country:



OSPIDÉAL SAN SEAMAS
ST JAMES'S HOSPITAL

Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóidí, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin

ANP Conference 2024
St James's Hospital and the School of Nursing & Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin

"ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE: UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT AND VALUE OF OUR ANP'S"

Save the Date: **15th of November 2024**

Location: Durkan Theatre, Trinity Centre, St James's Hospital
Call for poster submissions: TBA
Keynote Speaker: Ms Rachel Kenna, Chief Nursing Officer, DOH
CEU points pending

The IAANMP Committee

St James's Hospitals ANP Conference is taking place on the 15th November 2024. The theme is 'Advanced Nursing Practice: understanding the impact and value of our ANPs'.

RANP/CANP SAOLTA WEST forum are celebrating their ANP conference on Wednesday the 13th November Ellison Hotel Castlebar.

For any of our members that are in smaller subcommittee group or ANP/AMP forums, please get in touch with us via email so we can help promote the work you are doing.