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Radiation Oncology Safety Course:

4-7 September, Dublin, Ireland

This course will be a great opportunity to interact with international experts in the quality and safety field. Join Geoff Delaney (Australia), a radiation oncologist who has pioneered incident reporting and learning locally and nationally and has long experience in improving the patient experience; and Todd Pawlicki (USA), who has held a range of leadership positions and has been instrumental in the development of the radiation oncology incident learning system. Regular publications have shared their findings globally. Professor Pawlicki is the president of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine and currently engaged in defining the radiotherapy medical physicist of the future. Other experts present will be: Petra Reijnders, who has led the development and management of The Netherlands' prevention, recovery and information system for monitoring and analysis in radiotherapy, which is a system for incident and near-incident analysis and quality audit; and Dirk Verellen (Belgium), who is highly respected in innovation, quality and safety in radiotherapy and has been the ESTRO treasurer for the past several years. In addition, we will have presentations from Aileen Flavin (Ireland), who was working as a clinical lead when a cyber-attack brought down the public health service in Ireland, and Margaret Murphy (Ireland), who has pioneered the importance of communication with patients to prevent catastrophic outcomes. Ms Murphy will speak on behalf of her son, who died due to miscommunication. She has become an internationally recognised patient representative who lectures to a wide range of health professionals.

This workshop is supported by ESTRO and will cover the concepts of risk and risk management. The lessons learned from past incidents and the clinical consequences of incidents will be the focus subject on day 1. On day 2, the focus will be on incident reporting as a support to learning, and the impact and management of cyber-attacks will be discussed. Day 3 is about methodologies that are available to analyse risk. On the final day, we will discuss patient perspectives on incidents and the issue of whistle-blowing, and we will introduce the International Commission on Radiation Protection task group 109's principles on the ethics of radiation protection.

This workshop will accommodate limited numbers in order to facilitate interaction and discussion throughout the four days. A couple of social events will be included, which will provide a taste of Irish culture. We look forward to meeting you in Dublin. To register and see a detailed programme, follow the link below:

Radiation Oncology Safety Course Tickets, Mon 4 Sep 2023 at 09:00 | Eventbrite



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