

Cavan General was the venue for the first IIRRT CPD event of 2013 and it was a very interesting day. It was a mixed event, which included a wide range of topics. The diversity of the topics added extra interest and enthusiasm to this study day. There was a great attendance of 40 Radiographers and great support from the local surrounding hospitals such as Sligo, Navan, Beaumont, Drogheda and Monaghan. This was definitely a well-supported regional event. The feedback from the evaluation forms from this study day was extremely positive and encouraging and helpful . This study day was endorsed and funded for the IIRRT and Cavan general hospital were very appreciative of this support.

The first presentation was from the IIRRT CPD Officer. This was an update on the IIRRT CPD model and the new electronic method of recording CPD, which is available to all IIRRT members. This is called ‘My Rad CPD’. There was a wide range of topics on the day including the presentation by Pauline Flood on the appearance of an ectopic pregnancy on US. “To US and FNA thyroid nodules or not?” was another interesting presentation given by Dr Val Gough. This included the presentation of benign and malignant changes associated with thyroid nodules. Deirdre Reilly gave a presentation on the radiographic presentation of pelvic fractures and the age groups these fractures occur in. Rosella Culleton gave a presentation on forensic radiography, which was extremely broad and covered many aspects. This presentation reminded all the participants that any radiograph may potentially be used in a forensic investigation in the future. Angela Keane discussed the DEXA scanning service in CGH and the importance of diagnosing osteoporosis early.

After lunch, Lorna Comiskey resumed with a presentation on the role of CT in the diagnosis and management of the acute stroke patient with an emphasis on the significance of thrombolytic therapy.  Dominic Gormley then presented his research on the legal and professional risk associated with the patient interactive process in MRI and the importance of effective verbal communication.  Finally, Todd Flaherty concluded the day with an overview of the National PACS system with an emphasis on how the system works within the North East.

Thank you to all the Radiographers and the Radiologist who presented at the Cavan study day and made it an extremely informative update for all the participants on many aspects of Radiography. Thank you to the CPD representative of Cavan general   Lorna Comiskey and to the RSM Phyl Smyth.

* IIRRT Commitement to CPD - Sinead O'Sullivan IIRRT CPD Officer
* PACS : Consideration of a National System - Todd Flaherty PACS Manager
* Forensic Radiography - Rosella Culleton , Maria Burns, Radiographers
* DEXA Scanning in CGH - Angie Keane Radiographer
* Thyroid Nodules : to biopsy or not? Dr Val Gough Consultant Radiologist
* CT Imaging of Acute Stroke - Lorna Comiskey, Janine Beagan, Radiographers
* Professional and Legal Risk associated with a patient interactive process : an MR perspective - Dominic Gormley MRI Clinical Specialist
* Ectopic Pregnancy in Ultrasound : A Case Study - Pauline Flood Senior Radiographer
* Radiographic presentation of pelvic fractures – deirdre Reilly Radiographer

**SPEAKERS ON THE DAY**

**CAVAN STUDY DAY**

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Cavan General Hospital