



# **CervicalCheck**

## **Screening Training Unit**

### **Schedule of Learning Events**

#### **June to December 2023**



**Fanad Lighthouse, Donegal, Ireland.**

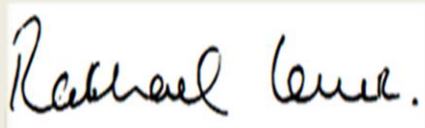
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## Foreword

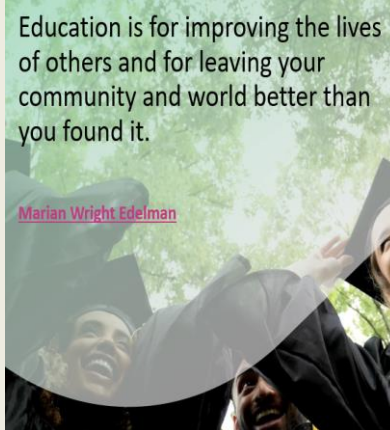
On behalf of the Screening Training Unit (STU) team and the CervicalCheck programme, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the schedule of learning events for the period of June to December 2023. The purpose of this document is to present the prospectus of cervical screening education programmes and the schedule of webinars offered by the CervicalCheck STU. I hope you find the cervical screening education course that suits your needs and enjoy the many webinars on related cervical screening topics.

Cervical screening education is critical for the provision of a quality-assured cervical screening programme. All sampletakers should complete an accredited cervical screening education programme and, as per the national contract for delivery of a cervical screening service, all sampletakers must complete at least one clinical update every three years. Currently, we have three standalone clinical updates on the National Screening Service online eLearning portal ([NSSresources.ie](https://nssresources.ie)). All new sampletakers must complete CervicalCheck in Practice (CCIP) to register as a CervicalCheck sampletaker. There are several supporting documents and educational presentations on the CervicalCheck website [Health professionals \(cervicalcheck.ie\)](https://healthprofessionals.cervicalcheck.ie)

Cervical screening education will enable sampletakers to deliver a quality-assured cervical screening service that is safe, effective, woman-centred, timely, efficient and equitable.



Dr Rachael Comer  
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Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.

Marian Wright Edelman

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## Cervical Screening Education Programmes

CervicalCheck’s Screening Training Unit offers two pathways to achieving cervical screening accreditation. The STU delivers education in partnership with three Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and through our own education programme, which is tailored to the needs of both novice and experienced sampletakers. Both pathways have a theoretical and clinical component and upon successful completion clinicians are equipped with the knowledge, attitudes and skills to competently deliver a cervical screening service in line with Quality Assurance Standards. Click [here](#) to download the Education Prospectus 2023- 2024. The STU has produced a five-minute presentation that explains sampletakers’ training options, which can be viewed on nssresources.ie [here](#)

Cervical Screening Education Provider Name	Programme Duration	Award on Successful Completion of Education Programme	Application Link <i>Ctrl+click to follow link</i>
CervicalCheck STU Cervical Screening Education for Novice Sampletakers	3 months – 1 year	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) Category 1 Approval, 30 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP) Recognition of learning 30 CPD credits	<a href="#">Final Novice Application form</a>
CervicalCheck STU Cervical Screening Education for Experienced Sampletakers	3 months – 1 year	NMBI Category 1, 24 CEUs ICGP 24 CPD credits	<a href="#">Final Experienced Application Form</a>
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	Academic year	10 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), Level 9 Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)	<a href="#">Cervical Screening – Dublin or Athlone RCSI</a>
University College Cork	Academic year	10 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), Level 9 Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)	<a href="#">ENU6158 Evidence Based Cervical Screening University College Cork</a>
University of Galway	Academic year	10 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), Level 9 Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)	<a href="#">Best Practice in Cervical Smear Taking University of Galway</a>

## **In the novice cervical screening programme, the clinical workshops will take place in the following locations:**

- Centre of Nursing and Midwifery Education, Rosses Point, Sligo – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023
- HSE Oak House, Millennium Park, Kildare – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- University Hospital Kerry – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023
- Clonbrusk Primary Care Centre, Athlone – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Wexford Primary Care Centre, Grogans Road, Wexford – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- National Screening Service Central Office, Parnell Street, Dublin – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## **How do you know if you are a novice or an experienced sampletaker?**

- A **novice sampletaker** is a registered nurse/midwife/doctor that is new to obtaining cervical screening samples and has never provided a cervical screening service before.
- An **experienced sampletaker** has been in active clinical practice for several years with extensive clinical experience of taking cervical samples. They are nurses/midwives and doctors working under the supervision of a Clinically Responsible Doctor (CRD) or a Clinical Lead, or are CRDs or the Clinical Lead themselves, who have chosen to undertake a recognised sampletaker training course to update their skills and consolidate their knowledge.

**Please email [STU@cervicalcheck.ie](mailto:STU@cervicalcheck.ie) if you have any queries.**

## Monthly Schedule of Learning Events


June 2023	Speaker	Date and Time	Link to register
Focus on the Cervix	Dr John Price Colposcopy Clinical Advisor CervicalCheck	Wednesday 07 <sup>th</sup> June 1-2pm	<a href="#">Focus on the Cervix</a>
Role and function of Ambulatory Gynaecology Services	Ms Jean Coffey Registered Advanced Nurse Practitioner (RANP) Rotunda Hospital, Dublin	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 1-2pm	<a href="#">Ambulatory Gynae services</a>
July 2023	Speaker	Date and Time	Link to register
Overview of Colposcopy care	Ms Charlene Bogan Candidate Advanced Nurse Practitioner (cANP) in Women's Health Letterkenny University Hospital	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 1-2pm	<a href="#">Overview of Colposcopy care</a>
August 2023	Speaker	Date and Time	Link to register
The CervicalCheck Eligibility Framework and Special Screening Circumstances	Dr Sarah Fitzgibbon Primary Care Clinical Advisor CervicalCheck	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 1-2pm	<a href="#">The CervicalCheck Eligibility Framework</a>
September 2023	Speaker	Date and Time	Link to register
An overview of Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including testing approaches	Prof Fiona Lyons Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine HSE Clinical Lead in Sexual Health	Wednesday 06 <sup>th</sup> September 1- 2 pm	<a href="#">An overview of Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including testing approaches</a>
Vulval skin disorders	Dr Michelle Murphy Consultant Dermatologist Senior Lecturer in Medical Education	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 1– 2pm	<a href="#">Vulval Skin Disorders</a>

October 2023	Speaker	Date and Time	Link to register
Recognising the link between Cervical Cancer and smoking and offering referral pathways	Dr Paul Kavanagh Specialist in Public Health Medicine Public Health Adviser to HSE Tobacco Free Ireland Programme	Wednesday 04 <sup>th</sup> October 1- 2pm	<a href="#">Recognising the link between cervical cancer and smoking</a>
Female Genital Mutilation An overview of FGM with consideration to Cervical screening	Dr Catriona Henchion Medical Director of Irish Planning Family Association	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 1pm-2pm	<a href="#">An overview of FGM</a>
November 2023	Speaker	Date and Time	Link to register
Delivery of a Cervical Screening service in the Non-Primary Care Setting	Ms Louise McKee Ms Debbie Ramsbottom Senior Training Coordinators CervicalCheck	Wednesday 08 <sup>th</sup> November 1-2 pm	<a href="#">Delivery of a Cervical Screening service in the non-primary care setting</a>
Frequently Asked Questions	Dr Sarah Fitzgibbon Primary Care Clinical Advisor CervicalCheck  Dr Laura Heavey Specialist in Public Health Medicine National Screening Service	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 1- 2pm	<a href="#">Frequently asked questions in Cervical screening</a>
December 2023	Speaker	Date and Time	Link to register
An overview of CervicalCheck Quality Assurance Guidelines - What do they mean for sampletakers?	Dr Sarah Fitzgibbon Primary Care Clinical Advisor CervicalCheck  Laura Tobin Deputy Programme Manager CervicalCheck	Wednesday 6th December 1-2pm	<a href="#">An overview of CervicalCheck Quality Assurance Guidelines - What this means for Sampletakers</a>

**Please note:**


All webinars will be live and interactive with time allocated to answer questions. The majority of events will be **recorded**. If you are unable to attend the live event, once you have registered, you will be sent a link to access the recording of the webinar at your convenience. CPD/CEU credits can only be awarded if you attend the entire live webinar.

## Focus on the Cervix


<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 7th June
<b>Time</b>	1pm – 2pm
<b>Speaker</b>	Dr John Price Colposcopy Clinical Advisor CervicalCheck
<b>Aim</b>	To understand the management of cervical anomalies and their appropriate referral pathways
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To recognise the normal cervix and anomalies of the cervix</li><li>• To understand how to manage anomalies of the cervix (e.g. how to manage polyps) and abnormal symptoms (e.g. intermenstrual bleeding /postcoital bleeding) and if referral is needed</li><li>• To recognise the suspicious cervix and how to refer appropriately</li></ul>
<b>Please click on the link to register</b>	<a href="#">Focus on the Cervix</a>
<b>QR code</b>	




## Role and Function of Ambulatory Gynaecology Service

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Time</b>	1pm – 2pm
<b>Speaker</b>	Ms Jean Coffey Registered Advanced Nurse Practitioner (RANP) Rotunda Hospital, Dublin
<b>Aim</b>	To understand the role and function of ambulatory gynae services
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be familiar with the ambulatory gynae model in Ireland</li><li>• Understand the referral pathways and timelines</li><li>• Explore the different procedures undertaken (diagnostic) and follow-up care</li></ul>
<b>Please click on the link to register</b>	<a href="#">Ambulatory Gynae services</a>
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## Overview of Colposcopy Care

<b>Date</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Time</b>	1pm – 2pm
<b>Speaker</b>	Ms Charlene Bogan cANP Women's Health Letterkenny University Hospital
<b>Aim</b>	To gain understanding of the colposcopy referral, treatment and follow-up process
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understand the principles of colposcopy and the importance of appropriate referral pathways</li><li>• Be familiar with the treatments offered in colposcopy</li><li>• Be informed on the advice given to women after treatments and the complications that may develop</li></ul>
<b>Please click on the link to register</b>	<a href="#">Overview of Colposcopy care</a>
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## The CervicalCheck Eligibility Framework and Special Screening Circumstances

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August
<b>Time</b>	1pm – 2pm
<b>Speaker</b>	Dr Sarah Fitzgibbon Primary Care Clinical Advisor CervicalCheck
<b>Aim</b>	To explain the eligibility framework for CervicalCheck and discuss the rationale for special clinical circumstances which require alternative screening intervals.
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of the eligibility criteria for participation in CervicalCheck screening</li> <li>• Know the screening intervals for different age groups</li> <li>• Understand the circumstances where additional screening is required</li> <li>• Understand the circumstances where cervical screening is not recommended</li> <li>• Be aware of the appropriate time intervals for repeat testing and post-pregnancy, and the rationale for this</li> <li>• Consider various clinical scenarios, and recognise and manage situations which may fall outside of the eligibility framework</li> </ul>
<b>Please click on the link to register</b>	<a href="#">The CervicalCheck Eligibility Framework</a>
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## An overview of Sexually Transmitted Infections including Testing Approaches


<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Time</b>	1pm – 2pm
<b>Speaker</b>	Prof Fiona Lyons Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine HSE Clinical Lead in Sexual Health
<b>Aim</b>	An overview of Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including testing approaches
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Define what an STI is</li><li>• Be aware of the incidence of bacterial and viral STIs in the Irish context</li><li>• Understand ways how STI transmission can be reduced</li><li>• Examine how common STIs can be treated</li><li>• Be aware of specialist referral pathways</li></ul>
<b>Please click on the link to register</b>	<a href="#">An overview of Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including testing approaches</a>
<b>QR code</b>	

## Vulval Skin Disorders


<b>Date</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September
<b>Time</b>	1pm – 2pm
<b>Speaker</b>	Dr Michelle Murphy Consultant Dermatologist Senior Lecturer in Medical Education
<b>Aim</b>	To give an overview of vulval skin disorders that may be encountered during cervical screening
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To recognise the normal vulval appearance</li><li>• To recognise the signs of vulva lichen sclerosis, eczema, psoriasis &amp; common benign vulva lesions</li><li>• To explore treatment options and referral pathways.</li></ul>
<b>Please click on the link to register</b>	<a href="#">Vulval Skin Disorders</a>
<b>QR code</b>	

Please note that this event will not be recorded.


## Recognising the link between Cervical Cancer and smoking, and offering referral pathways

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Time</b>	1pm – 2pm
<b>Speaker</b>	Dr Paul Kavanagh Specialist in Public Health Medicine Public Health Adviser to HSE Tobacco Free Ireland Programme
<b>Aim</b>	The provide an update on the link between cervical cancer and HPV and referral pathways to smoking cessation
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the link between tobacco smoking and a higher risk of developing cell changes and cervical cancer</li> <li>• Understand how smoking weakens the immune system response to HR-HPV infection and the effect of the various toxins within cigarettes on cervical cells</li> <li>• Understand the key recommendations contained within the new NCEC Stop Smoking Clinical Guideline, the referral pathway to stop smoking services and what support intensive stop smoking services provide</li> </ul>
<b>Please click on the link to register</b>	<a href="#">Recognising the link between Cervical Cancer and smoking and offering referral pathways</a>
<b>QR code</b>	

## Female Genital Mutilation (FGM): An overview of FGM with consideration to cervical Screening


<b>Date</b>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Time</b>	1pm – 2pm
<b>Speaker</b>	Dr Catriona Henchion Medical Director of the Irish Family Planning Association
<b>Aim</b>	To give an overview of Female Genital Mutilation and the considerations to cervical screening
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To recognise the anatomy of the vulva</li><li>• To understand what FGM is and the legislation in Ireland</li><li>• Explore strategies to provide a positive cervical screening experience for women who have FGM</li><li>• To be aware of referral pathways and specialist services that may be required.</li></ul>
<b>Please click on the link to register</b>	<a href="#">An overview of FGM</a>
<b>QR code</b>	

## Delivery of a Cervical Screening service in the non-primary care setting

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 08th November
<b>Time</b>	1pm – 2pm
<b>Speaker</b>	Debbie Ramsbottom and Louise McKee, Senior Training Coordinators, CervicalCheck Screening Training Unit
<b>Aim</b>	To inform all sampletakers in non-primary care settings of the screening pathway to ensure a quality-assured service is provided when taking a screening test.
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of the registration process for sampletakers working in non-primary care settings and use of correct clinical codes</li> <li>• Understand the eligibility criteria for cervical screening</li> <li>• To be confident in the management of cervical screening in your clinical area</li> </ul>
<b>Please click on the link to register</b>	<a href="#">Delivery of a Cervical Screening service in the non-primary care setting</a>
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## Frequently Asked Questions in Cervical Screening

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 22nd November
<b>Time</b>	1pm – 2pm
<b>Speaker</b>	Dr Sarah Fitzgibbon Primary Care Clinical Advisor, CervicalCheck Dr Laura Heavey Specialist in Public Health Medicine, National Screening Service
<b>Aim</b>	To address commonly asked questions that CervicalCheck receives in relation to cervical screening
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be aware of the most common questions received by the CervicalCheck teams</li><li>• Understand the programme's evidence-base for its criteria and protocols</li><li>• Know where to find answers to common queries</li><li>• Have clearer understanding of CervicalCheck's policies, protocols and guidelines on various clinical and administrative topics</li></ul>
<b>Please click on the link to register</b>	<a href="#">Frequently asked questions in Cervical screening</a>
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**An overview of Cervical Screening Quality Assurance Guidelines  
What this means for sampletakers?**

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 6th December
<b>Time</b>	1pm – 2pm
<b>Speaker</b>	Dr Sarah Fitzgibbon Primary Care Clinical Advisor, CervicalCheck Ms Laura Tobin Deputy Programme Manager, CervicalCheck
<b>Aim</b>	To provide an overview of Cervical screening Quality Assurance guidelines, which include Programme management, Primary Care and Laboratory Guidelines.
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be aware of CervicalCheck Quality Assurance guidelines</li><li>• To understand how the Quality Assurance guidelines guide your practice in maintaining a high-quality cervical screening standard</li><li>• To understand the different reporting functions that CervicalCheck monitors and how sampletakers can meet these standards.</li></ul>
<b>Please click on the link to register</b>	<a href="#">An overview of CervicalCheck Quality Assurance Guidelines - What this means for Sampletakers</a>
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