



Tallaght Hospital



**MDS IRELAND**  
Support Group



**MDS UK**  
Supporting Patients with  
Bone Marrow Failure  
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# **MDS Patient and Family Forum**

**Dublin – for Ireland & Northern Ireland**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

**10.00 am – 4pm**

This FREE event will be held at the

**MDS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE,  
TALLAGHT HOSPITAL, DUBLIN 24**

**Organised by MDS UK Patient Support Group &**

**MDS Support Group for Ireland & Northern Ireland**

**Please join us to improve your knowledge and information about**

**MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES**

**but also to help raise awareness in Ireland and Northern Ireland.**

**Lunch will be served.**

This meeting is free of charge and open to MDS patients and their guests.

Patients and their families will have the opportunity to participate in this informal discussion regarding their quality-of-life issues living with MDS.

New clinical trials, new diagnostic methods, therapies and patient treatment options will be discussed.

You will be given the opportunity to participate in a question and answer segment with specialists on Bone Marrow Transplant and on Fatigue management.

For more information, or to reserve a place please call MDS UK: 020 7733 7558

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The day includes presentations by MDS experts and guest speakers on topics of clinical trials, new therapy options, including opportunities to ask questions and meet fellow patients, in our Quality-of-life session – Living with MDS.

**10.00 REGISTRATION – Coffee/tea (30min)**

- ❖ **10.30 Diagnosis of MDS and Treatment options** (50min + 10min Q&A)  
Prof Helen Enright, Consultant Haematologist, Tallaght Hospital, Dublin
- ❖ **11.30 MDS Patient Group Activities: UK, Ireland, Northern Ireland** (45min)  
Sophie Wintrich, CEO/Patient Liaison, MDS UK  
Sinead Mahon, MDS Ireland Coordinator  
Caroline Kerr, CNS Belfast
- ❖ **12.15 Quality of Life Group chat & Regional Groups set-up** (60min)  
Roisin Keaney, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Tallaght Hospital, Dublin  
Sophie Wintrich, Caroline Kerr, Sinead Mahon, Fiona Murray (Midlands Group)

*Approx 13.15 – 14.00 \* Lunch\**

- ❖ **14.00 Specialist Q&A sessions** (55min split groups):

**Stem Cell Transplant (45min)**

Dr Catherine Flynn  
Transplant Consultant, Dublin

Patient Experiences – BMT (10min)

**OR**

**Fatigue, supportive care (45 min)**

Roisin Keaney, Caroline Kerr, CNS  
Sophie Wintrich

Patient Experiences – Living with MDS (10min)

*14.55 -15.00 \* Grab a tea/coffee/biscuit - mini break \**

- ❖ **15.00 Clinical trials – pros & cons ?** (45min)  
**Incl: new MDS trials, new testing methods & what they can tell us so far?**  
Dr Ronan Desmond, Consultant Haematologist, Tallaght Hospital, Dublin

**15.45 – Conclusions and dates/venues for next meetings (10min)**

***Please help us improve by filling out the feedback form in your packs!***

**For help, information, patient packs, or to become a member:**

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