**IRISH STANDING COMMITTEE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM**  
**SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2023 -- CONRAD HOTEL, DUBLIN**  
Sponsored by Vygon

**Programme**

**08:45**  
Registration / New Membership

**09:15**  
Welcome/Introduction by Convenor/Hon Sec - "Project 77 Recruitment Drive"

**09:30**  
Closed Session:

**09:30-10:00**  
New Consultants’ Contract POCC23 and Anaesthetists  
[IHCA Secretary-General Mr Martin Varley in attendance]

**10:00-10:30**  
Updates on: Independent Practice & Insurance Companies  
Mandatory ‘2 + 2 Rotas’ and Risk Management

**10:30-11:00**  
Coffee Break

**11:00**  
Open Session

**11:00-12:00**  
"Anaesthesia Associates, and New Ways of Working in Surgery in Ireland"

- **11:00-11:30**  
  A good idea  
  Prof Deborah McNamara,  
  President-Elect, RCSI

- **11:30-12:00**  
  Maybe not  
  Dr Richard Marks, London,  
  Former Vice-President, RCOA UK

**12:00-12:45**  
"Procedural Sedation – Is it Time for Anaesthetists to reclaim the Sedation Moral High Ground?"

- Report from a Coroner’s Case involving Non-Anaesthesiologist Sedation and a Verdict of Death by Medical Misadventure  
- Dr Jan Steiner, Galway Clinic, and Panel  
  (Panel: Convenor, Hon Sec and Prof O’Sullivan)

**12:45-13:45**  
"Assisted Dying and Anaesthetists"

- **12:45-13:15**  
  Legal Review and Opinion  
  Dr David Bogod, Anaesthetist & Lawyer, UK

- **13:15-13:45**  
  A Palliative Care Opinion  
  Dr Miriam Colleran, Palliative Care Consultant

**13:45-14:30**  
Light Lunch

Register at [www.anaesthetists.org](http://www.anaesthetists.org)  
Registration Fee: €100 (Non-Members €120, Trainees €85)  
4 CME Points approved by CAI. Registration Fee refundable from HSE CME & TSS Funds
Learning Objectives

New Consultants’ Contract POCC23 and Anaesthetists
Mr Martin Varley

Understanding key aspects of the 2023 Consultants Contract

Anaesthesia Associates, and New Ways of Working in Surgery in Ireland
Maybe Not: Dr Richard Marks

To understand the problems experienced in the UK by the unregulated and unmanaged introduction of Anaesthesia Associates and to reflect on the lessons learned.

"Procedural Sedation – Is it Time for Anaesthetists to reclaim the Sedation Moral High Ground?"
Dr Jan Steiner

5 years from the publication of the ESA guideline on procedural sedation a recent high profile case with tragic outcome was widely published in the media. I would like to highlight important points taken from this case in relation to both ESA and other national guidelines as well as from own experience as Anaesthetic lead for procedural sedation in my hospital as well as experience as lead clinician for establishing a first official Certificate in Nursing in Procedural Sedation (ATU).

Questions and goals
1) What is considered “safe” for procedural sedation?
2) Where are gaps? Why are there gaps?
3) Implication for “us” as Anaesthesiologists and the CoAI?

“Assisted Dying and Anaesthetists”
Legal Review and Opinion: Dr David Bogod

"To understand the ethical arguments in favour of and against the legalisation of assisted dying.
To appreciate how the the status of assisted dying varies around the world.
To learn more about the practical functioning of the procedure as applied in different jurisdictions.
To update on the current positions of national medical organisations."