

**Mr Eoin Hurley, BPharm, MPharm, MPSI, PhD candidate at University College Cork**

Eoin has been a PhD candidate in clinical pharmacy in University College Cork since October 2020.

Alongside his doctoral research, Eoin works as a community pharmacist and as a hospital pharmacist in the North Cork Mental Health Services part time.

Eoin has also been involved in a large international project called OPERAM, which included a multi-centre randomised controlled trial of a structured pharmacotherapy optimisation intervention performed jointly by a doctor and a pharmacist, with the support of a clinical decision software system aimed at examining the effect of optimising drug treatment on drug-related hospital admissions in older adults with multimorbidity and polypharmacy admitted to hospital.

Eoin's current research continues to focus on advancing pharmacists' role and medication optimisation in older adults – including a pharmacist-led deprescribing intervention for older adults with limited life expectancy and a pharmacoeconomic evaluation of this intervention.

**Dr Kieran Dalton, BPharm, MPharm, MPSI, PhD**

Kieran has worked as a lecturer in clinical pharmacy in the School of Pharmacy, University College Cork since January 2019. His PhD investigated factors affecting the implementation of medication

appropriateness recommendations in hospitalised older adults. Prior to this PhD, he worked as a

pharmacist in Sligo University Hospital, which included providing a clinical pharmacy service to long-

term facilities for older adults. He continues to work occasionally as a locum community pharmacist.

Some of Kieran's research interests and publications pertain to investigating non-implementation of pharmacist recommendations, pharmacist prescribing, prescribing cascades, and pharmacotherapy optimisation interventions for older adults in hospital, intermediate care settings, and nursing homes.