

MEET THE TEAM



ALISTAIR NICHOL

Alistair is the Chair of Critical Care Medicine in University College Dublin (UCD), and the Director of the Irish Critical Care - Clinical Trials Network (ICC-CTN). He is the Dept Director of the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Research Centre, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia. Alistair works clinically in St. Vincent's University Hospital in Dublin and is an honorary Intensivist in the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne. He has been awarded over 70 million euros in research funding and published numerous articles in the world's highest impact journals, including first author publications in the NEJM, Lancet and JAMA. Apart from having multiple jobs Alistair also has 4 kids under 14 years of age. He obviously therefore has no hobbies, no sporting interests but he lives in hope of this improving :)



KATE AINSCOUGH

Kate is the ICC-CTN Network Manager and works to support the portfolio of clinical trials, research projects and activities delivered by the Network. Kate has a background in food and nutrition science; studying at UCD and the University of Ulster, Coleraine to undertake her undergraduate degree, masters and PhD. Now working in the critical care research arena, Kate is also collaborating with local and international clinical nutrition colleagues working in critical care to deliver a programme of nutrition research in Ireland. In her spare time, Kate enjoys the company of family, friends and her beloved boxer dogs, reads books on philosophy and pursues interior design interests.



KATHY BRICKELL

Kathy leads the coordination of our trials portfolio; their implementation and management in the ICU in St. Vincent's University Hospital in Dublin, and also plays an important role in their set-up across our network. Kathy has worked on over 20 critical care trials to date, champions our PPIE activities and is an experienced trial monitor and outcome assessor .

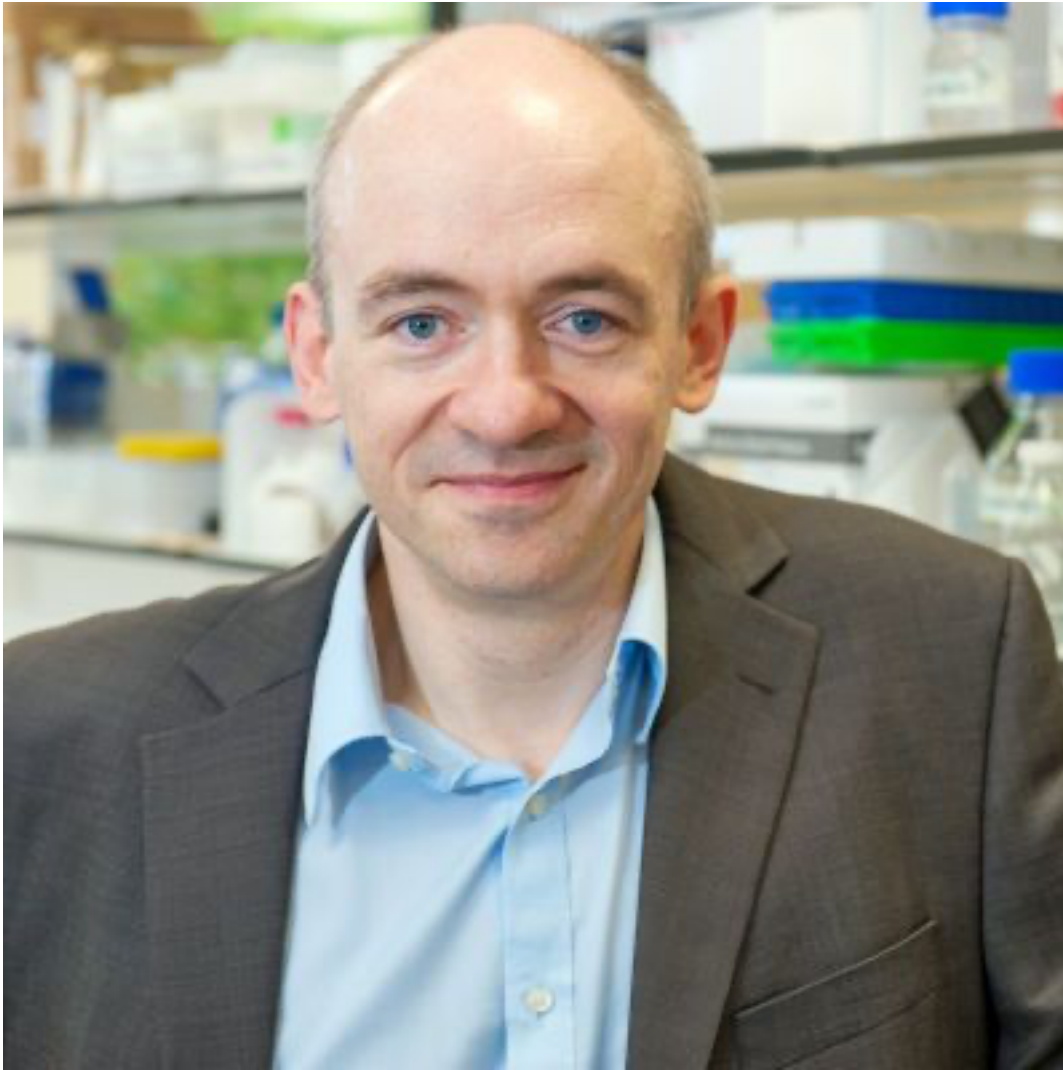
With over 20 years' experience as an ICU nurse, Kathy brings her knowledge and expertise to this role.

Kathy has a passion for scuba diving and the sea. She also loves to travel and maintains a regular yoga practice.



LEANNE HAYS

Dr Leanne Hays is a Postdoctoral research fellow and the ICC-CTN Public and Patient Involvement lead. Leanne has a background in molecular microbiology completing her PhD in Trinity College Dublin and has a QQI level 6 certificate in Project Management. She leads the ICC-CTN's PPIE nationally and internationally, is involved in ICC-CTN study coordination, academic activities and biological sampling. In her spare time she loves to travel, eat good food and enjoy la dolce vita.



DANNY MCAULEY

Danny is Professor in Intensive Care Medicine at Queen's University, Belfast; Co-Director of Research for the Intensive Care Society & an Intensivist at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.

His major research area is acute lung injury. His research portfolio spans the investigation of initial novel therapeutic agents in vitro, human models of ALI, phase 2 clinical trials and large scale international phase 3 clinical trials. Other research interests are vascular reactivity in critical illness, nosocomial MRSA and fungal infection, acute kidney injury, delirium in critical illness and interventions in patients undergoing major vascular surgery to avoid pulmonary complications.



AIDEEN SHARRY

Aideen is the Junior Project Manager for the ICC-CTN Acquired Brain Injury Programme, based in the UCD Clinical Research Centre at St Vincent's University Hospital. She completed her BA in Neuroscience at Trinity College Dublin before moving into clinical research. She assists with the ongoing CTN-conducted trials in Europe and works on our various CTN committees and work packages. In her spare time, she is passionate about ballet dancing and working with the Dublin Simon Community.



ALEX SHERRY

Alex is a Research Assistant based in St Vincent's University Hospital, working to support the ICC-CTN group portfolio of clinical trials, research projects and activities. Alex is a current medical student at UCD, with a background in Biomedical, Health and Life Sciences. She brings three years' experience in the biopharmaceutical Industry, following completion of a Masters in Biotechnology and Business at UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate business school, to the ICC-CTN group. In her spare time Alex enjoys spending time with friends and family, sea swimming, sailing and travelling to experience new cultures whenever she gets the chance.



BIJI THOMAS

Biji is an ICU Research Coordinator, having worked as a bedside nurse for the last 22 years in different specialities and most recently in the critical care unit. She has completed her postgraduate studies in critical care nursing. Biji works with Kathy recruiting and randomising patients into different clinical trials. Biji is a busy mom outside her working times. She loves family time. She enjoys reading, if she can spare any time for same.



BINITA MAHARJAN

Binita is CNM2- Research Nurse, working with microbiology research projects and ICC-CTN ICU clinical trials based in St. Vincent's University Hospital. She did M.Phil. International Community Health from University of Oslo, Norway. Previously, coordinated different observational, bio-banking, surveillance studies and clinical trials for about 5 years mostly in infectious diseases, dermatology and respiratory conditions.

She loves to explore new places/activities and make authentic dishes from Nepal.



CLAUDIA LONERGAN

Claudia is a Research Assistant based in St Vincent's University Hospital. Claudia works on the EPO-TRAUMA trial, a UCD/MONASH co-sponsored trial. Claudia also works to support the portfolio of clinical trials, research projects, and activities managed by the ICC-CTN group. She has a BSc in Biomedical Health and Life Sciences from UCD. In her spare time Claudia enjoys practising yoga, cooking and travelling.



NIAMH MAHON

Niamh is the Junior Project Manager for the ICC-CTN Pandemic Programme, based in St Vincent's University Hospital. She has a BSc in Biomedical Health and Life Sciences and a masters in research from UCD focusing on sleep in neuromuscular disorders. She has worked with the ICC-CTN for the past 18 months, previously as a research assistant and currently as the junior project manager for the REMAP-CAP trial since December.



SIAN DONNELLY

Sian is the ICC-CTN Junior Project Manager for the EPO-Trauma trial. She has a background in business and law; studying at the UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School where she completed her Master's degree in Project Management. Now working on EPO-Trauma, Sian leads and supports the participating sites across Europe in conjunction with our co-sponsors at Monash University, Melbourne. Sian is involved in the planning, executing, collaborating and monitoring of the trial, ensuring adherence to the European and local regulatory guidelines and ethical standards for the highest level of patient safety. In her spare time, Sian has a passion for art, photography and travel.



ROB MAC SWEENEY

Rob is an intensivist at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast and runs Critical Care Reviews, an evidence dissemination platform. He assists with the ICC-CTN website and trial dissemination.