

# National Public Health Symposium

20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Southern Auditorium – Mater Dei Hospital

13:15- 14:00	<b>Registration and Coffee Break</b>
14:00- 14:15	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opening Plenary</b></p> <p>Dr Natasha Azzopardi Muscat – Moderator <i>Chair of the Symposium Organising Committee</i></p> <p>Dr Kenneth Grech <i>President Malta Association of Public Health Medicine</i></p> <p>Hon Chris Fearne <i>Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Health</i></p> <p>Prof Joseph Cacciottolo <i>Pro Rector University of Malta</i></p>
14:15- 14:40	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Key Note Presentation</b></p> <p><b><i>Trends in Health System Privatisation</i></b> Dr Ewout van Ginneken <i>European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies</i></p>
14:45- 15:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Plenary</b></p> <p>Dr Charmaine Gauci - Moderator <i>Superintendent of Public Health</i></p> <p><b><i>Initial data from a newly set-up Familial Hypercholesterolaemia Register</i></b> Dr Myra Tilney <i>University of Malta/ Lipid Clinic, Mater Dei Hospital/Primary Health Care</i></p>

	<p><b><i>Attendances at the A&amp;E Department in Patients receiving Chemotherapy</i></b>          Dr Sandra Distefano  <i>Directorate for Health Information &amp; Research</i></p> <p><b><i>Cervical cancer and screening: knowledge, awareness and attitudes of women in Malta</i></b>          Dr Michelle Deguara  <i>Department for Health Regulation</i></p> <p><b><i>Product assortment in grocery stores: application of the GroPromo tool in Malta</i></b>          Dr Daniel Cauchi  <i>Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Directorate</i></p> <p><b><i>An ecological analysis of breast cancer mortality and the impact of screening</i></b>          Dr Kathleen England  <i>Directorate for Health Information &amp; Research</i></p> <p><b><i>National outbreak of Salmonella Give in Malta linked to a local food manufacturer, October 2016</i></b>          Mr Alastair Donachie  <i>Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Unit (IDCU)</i></p>	
15:45-16:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	
16:15-17:15	<p><b>TRACK 1 - Epidemiology &amp; Infectious Diseases</b>          Moderator: Dr Tanya Melillo Fenech          Venue: Southern Auditorium</p>	<p><b>TRACK 2 - Non-Communicable Diseases</b>          Moderator: Dr Mariella Borg Buontempo          Venue: C2 Lecture room (opposite Chapel)</p>
16:15-17:15	<p><b><i>Norovirus outbreak among staff working at a food processing company in Malta,</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Body Mass Index and Sugar Consumption in Maltese School Children</i></b></p>

	<p><b>February-March 2017</b>          Mr Alastair Donachie  <i>Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Unit (IDCU)</i></p>	<p>Dr Paula Vassallo  <i>Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Directorate</i></p>
	<p><b>Malta and Gozo: One Archipelago, two populations?</b>          Dr Sarah Cuschieri  <i>University of Malta</i></p>	<p><b>The influence of family environment on nutrition, physical activity and screen-time in socioeconomically disadvantaged primary school-aged children in Malta</b>          Dr Beatrice Farrugia  <i>Department for Policy in Health</i></p>
	<p><b>Outbreak of hepatitis A cases among men who have sex with men in Malta, 2017</b>          Dr Maria Borg  <i>Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Unit (IDCU)</i></p>	<p><b>The physiotherapeutic perspective on preventing childhood obesity: A quantitative study on the effectiveness of an educational talk to caregivers.</b>          Ms Sarah Gouder  <i>University of Malta, Department of Physiotherapy</i></p>
	<p><b>Outbreak of gastroenteritis after eating at a local restaurant on Easter Sunday, 16th April 2017.</b>          Dr Jason Attard  <i>Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Unit (IDCU)</i></p>	<p><b>Living with diabetes: education and weight management</b>          Mr Joseph Grech  <i>Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Directorate</i></p>
	<p><b>Survival of 86 690 patients with thyroid cancer: a population-based study in 29 European countries from EURO CARE-5.</b>          Dr Dominic Agius  <i>Directorate for Health Information and Research</i></p>	<p><b>Planning a diabetic secondary prevention programme</b>          Ms Lorinda Camilleri  <i>Directorate for Health Information &amp; Research</i></p>
	<p><b>Maternal Preconception intake of Folic Acid in Malta</b>          Dr Miriam Gatt  <i>Directorate for Health Information and Research</i></p>	<p><b>Perceived vs. Actual Oral Health status of Maltese School Children</b>          Dr Ethel Vento Zahra  <i>Dental Public Health Unit - Superintendence of Public Health</i></p>

17:15-17:30	<b>Active Networking Break</b>	
	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	
	TRACK 3 - Health Services Management Moderator: Prof Sandra Buttigieg Venue: Southern Auditorium	TRACK 4 - Mental Health and Digital Health Moderator: Dr John Cachia Venue: C2 Lecture room (opposite Chapel)
17:30-18:30	<b><i>The EU impact on patient care and workforce mobility in a small state. Challenges and opportunities in the treatment of cancer and rare diseases, and on patients' access to medicines</i></b> Ms Gisella Orsini <i>Institute for European Studies - University of Malta</i>	<b><i>Adoption and Use of Social Media amongst Public Health Professionals in Malta and its potential role in successful public health initiatives</i></b> Dr Stefan Buttigieg <i>University of Malta</i>
	<b><i>A qualitative analysis of inappropriate attendance at the A&amp;E department: Exploring GP and Casualty doctor perspectives</i></b> Dr Beatrice Farrugia <i>Department for Policy in Health</i>	<b><i>eHealth: A Public Health Perspective</i></b> Mr Gerd Xuereb <i>European Medical Students' Association/ University of Malta</i>
	<b><i>Exploring barriers to women's leadership in the healthcare setting in the Maltese Islands</i></b> Dr Liliana Cuschieri <i>Department for Policy in Health</i>	<b><i>Retrospective Analysis of a newly implemented Web-Based, Mobile-Friendly Infectious Disease Notification System for the Infectious Diseases Prevention Control Unit</i></b> Dr Stefan Buttigieg <i>Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Unit (IDCU)</i>
	<b><i>Professional Ageism – Does It Exist?</i></b> Prof Sandra Buttigieg	<b><i>Intimate Partner Violence during Pregnancy: A survey among Maltese women</i></b>

	<p><i>Department of Health Services Management - University of Malta</i></p>	<p>Mrs Christie Hili <i>University of Malta</i></p>
	<p><b><i>Self-Referrals and Crowding at the Accident and Emergency Department: Time for Intervention</i></b>          Dr Kurt Apap <i>Mater Dei Hospital</i></p>	<p><b><i>Trends in the substance misusing pregnant population: 2000-2016</i></b>          Dr Anna Maria Vella <i>Sedqa</i></p>
	<p><b><i>Predicting A&amp;E attendances at MDH - a crystal ball?</i></b>          Dr Sandra Distefano <i>Directorate for Health Information &amp; Research</i></p>	<p><b><i>Depression in adolescents in Malta-is it a growing cause for concern?</i></b>          Dr Antonella Sammut <i>Health Promotion &amp; Disease Prevention Directorate</i></p>
	<p><b><i>The Measurement of Breastfeeding Indicators in the Maltese Population</i></b>          Dr Karen Borg <i>University of Malta</i></p>	
18:35-19:00	<p><b>Closing Plenary</b></p>	
	<p>Dr Denis Vella Baldacchino – Moderator <i>Chief Medical Officer</i></p> <p><b><i>What impact will Brexit have on UK public health and health services?</i></b>          Dr Vanessa Saliba <i>Consultant Public Health Medicine</i></p>	
19:00	<p><b>Closure of Symposium</b></p>	
	<p>Dr Kenneth Grech <i>President Malta Association of Public Health Medicine</i></p>	
19:30	<p><b>Networking Dinner</b></p>	



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