

# 2012-2013 RESEARCH FOCUS IN MALLOW

## PRIMARY HEALTHCARE CENTRE

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### Research Committee

A research committee has been established within MPHC with the aim of progressing and monitoring research activity within the centre. The members of the committee are Dr. Tony Heffernan, Dr. David Molony, Dr. Cormac Sheehan, Ms. Sheena Cadoo, Dr. Audrey Russell and MR Conor Healy. The committee meets on a monthly basis.



The research plan for 2012-2013 in MPHC will focus largely on 3 areas

#### **1. Dementia Care**

The focus of dementia research in MPHC will span the entire disease path from early screening to appropriate cognitive impairment tests for diagnosis in primary care and carer intervention programmes. We are working closely with the Memory Clinic in Cork and the Alzheimers Society. We also hope to establish a quiet room in MPHC which will act as a hub for both reviewing patients, holding meetings and will act as a place that patients can come to for information and support in a less formal setting than the GP surgery.

#### **2. Medication Usage and Compliance**

A large amount of work has been completed in MPHC over the past 12-24 months on medications compliance. Quantitative and Qualitative analysis will be carried out on this database of information. This will provide information on overall patient compliance, doctor factors effecting compliance and patient factors effecting compliance. There is a research project ongoing on the use of a text messaging system to increase compliance.

#### **3. Student and GP Trainee Registrar Research**

MPHC acts as a large teaching centre for medical students from UCC and UL, GP trainees and GP registrars. Each of these groups carries out audit and research activity during their time here. The current focus of UCC final med audits is in dementia care, complementing the current research focus in the centre. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year GP registrars complete an audit as part of their training and the 4<sup>th</sup> Year GP trainees carry out a research project. The research committee works with each of these groups to ensure that this work is to a publishable and peer review standard



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