

ARE ALL ATHLETES AT RISK OF EARLY-ONSET OSTEOARTHRITIS IN THEIR JOINTS?

ARE THERE VIABLE ALTERNATIVES TO HIP & KNEE-REPLACEMENT SURGERY?

ARTHRITIS - WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

Do not miss the opportunity to partake in a free public open forum, organized by The Regenerative Medicine Institute (REMEDI), NUI Galway, on the area of osteoarthritis (OA).



The 2008 "Future Technologies in Medicine" forum:

Osteoarthritis – Current Treatments & Future Therapies

Tuesday, December 9th

7:30pm

The G Hotel Conference Centre, Galway

Participating panel members are:

- Mr. Philip Gleeson, Arthritis Ireland Member
battling early-onset Arthritis since age of 32
- Dr. Drew Burdon, Smith & Nephew, UK
a medical technology company specialist on OA
- Prof. Frank Barry, REMEDI, NUI Galway
adult stem cell expert on cellular therapy for OA
- Mr. William Curtin, Galway University Hospital
experienced orthopaedic surgical professional



Mr. Philip Gleeson,

*National Board Member, Arthritis Ireland
Arthritis Patient*

Philip Gleeson is a member of An Garda Siochana. A keen sportsman, he has battled early-onset Arthritis since the age of 32 and is now back working full time. Philip volunteers with Arthritis Ireland and has been recently nominated to its national board. Despite having arthritis Philip has, with the help of medication and education, been able to return playing sports and is currently playing local badminton.



Dr. Drew Burdon

*Science Manager in Cartilage Repair,
Smith & Nephew, UK*

Smith and Nephew is a global medical technology company who specialize in biological therapies for orthopaedic applications. Dr. Burdon has significant experience in cartilage biology and repair through his involvement with early stage and product-focused projects and represents Smith & Nephew on a variety of steering committees/industrial advisory boards in the areas of biologics and regenerative medicine.



Professor Frank Barry

*Scientific Director,
The Regenerative Medicine institute (REMEDI),
NUI Galway*

Professor Barry is a stem cell expert with a particular research interest in the therapeutic application of adult stem cells to develop treatments for human disease. REMEDI has established a major research initiative in the evaluation of stem cells for the treatment of OA. REMEDI hopes to begin the first human stem cell trials in Ireland in 2010, injecting the cells into patient's knees.



Mr. William Curtin, MBBCh, BSc, FRCS

*Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon,
Galway University Hospital*

Mr. Curtin's major surgical interests are in surgery for hip and knee osteoarthritis, with special interests in joint degeneration, having studied ultrastructural aspects of osteoarthritis and cartilage regeneration as part of his masters thesis and fellowship. Mr. Curtin also collaborates with regenerative medicine researchers in developing emerging treatment options for early joint disease.

