



FREE HEALTH LECTURES FROM RCSI

The Royal College of Surgeons Ireland (RCSI) are to hold a series of free health lectures aimed at shedding light on topical health issues.

The free series will explore topics including the role of the pharmacist in family health, tackling cancer, gum disease, wound management and nose bleeds.

Professor Kevin McGuigan, Director of the RCSI MiniMed Series said, "The RCSI MiniMed Lecture Series is an informative and entertaining public education seminar series developed for people who are interested in learning more about topical health issues. In an age of increased patient participation and greater health awareness, the MiniMed Series affords people the opportunity to learn more about health related issues from leading experts"

Previous lecture series have attracted widespread public interest with demand for places far outstripping availability.

The first talk, entitled Everything you need to know about strokes was given by Professor David

Williams, Consultant in Stroke Medicine, Beaumont Hospital; and followed by a talk by Professor Michael Walsh, Head of Department of Otolaryngology, RCSI called Nose bleeds: a problem for all ages.

The opening lecture gave attendees an understanding of stroke, why they happen, what to do when they do happen, the management of stroke in the hospital setting and the support structures and rehabilitation services available to patients who have suffered a stroke. The talk also gave an overview of recent developments in the management of acute stroke, in addition to recent developments in stroke care in Ireland.

Speaking on the MiniMed Lecture on stroke health, Professor David Williams said, 'Seeking prompt medical attention following a suspected stroke is the key message I would like the public to take from this talk. People can only act quickly if they know the symptoms of stroke. I also hope I outlined the recent developments in the acute management of stroke and discuss the importance of rehabilitation in the recovery from stroke.'

The MiniMed lecture series will run until March 2014.