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All-Ireland Maternity and Midwifery Festival 2025



Dr Margaret Murphy and Caroline O'Connor from the Pregnancy Loss Research Group, University College Cork at the All-Ireland Maternity and Midwifery Festival 2025

The [All-Ireland Maternity and Midwifery Festival 2025](#) took place in Dublin, Ireland and online on 08 April 2025. It featured inspirational speakers on midwifery policy, management and organisation, professional education and new research. The conference was attended by over 360 maternity leaders, practising and student midwives, academics, health visitors, neonatal nurses and other allied healthcare professionals.

In her talk, Dr Margaret Murphy spoke about *Stillbirth: the hidden global mortality burden* and the importance of prioritising stillbirth and bereavement care internationally. She highlighted the work of International Stillbirth Alliance including the Global Advocacy and Implementation Guide, Stillbirth Advocacy Toolkits, and Stillbirth Registry.

The Irish pregnancy loss picture was also presented including the work of the Pregnancy Loss Research Group in developing stillbirth, miscarriage, recurrent miscarriage supports and contributing to the Irish national clinical practice guidelines [Pregnancy Loss Research Group | University College Cork](#)

Caroline O'Connor PhD student presented her qualitative research on parents' experiences of antenatal care for Dichorionic Diamniotic (DCDA) twin pregnancies in Irish Maternity Services. This forms part of her Research Ireland-funded doctoral work on [the MILESTONE study](#) which is investigating risk factors and outcomes for multiple pregnancies in Ireland.



Dr Margaret Murphy



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