



THE HERMITAGE MEDICAL CLINIC  
**NEUROSCIENCES INFORMATION BOOKLET**



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**Neurosurgery** is a major area of expertise at HMC and the hospital has a vibrant neurosurgery practice. Our Consultants perform complex brain and spinal surgery to treat a broad array of conditions including brain and spine injuries, aneurysm, degenerative spinal conditions, spine and brain tumours, hydrocephalus along with performing pain management procedures. We have top neurosurgeons, neuroanaesthetists, neurologists, neurophysiologists, neuropsychologists and clinical nurse specialists all working with us.

HMC also offers a new state-of-the-art theatre for neurosurgery and the navigation equipment for brain surgery and neurosurgery. We have 10 Neurosurgeons now practicing in the Hermitage Medical Clinic. A shift towards less invasive surgical techniques such as Minimally Invasive Spinal Surgery (MISS) is a growing specialty in itself.

Where appropriate, MISS provides many patient benefits including shorter hospital stay, less pain medication, faster recovery and lower risk of post operative infection.

Neurosurgeons at the HMC also practice Less Invasive Spinal Surgery (LISS) assisted by technology, which provides similar benefits. Technology plays an increasingly important role and the HMC is in the process of developing this further with the use of Computer Assisted Techniques (CAT) and Computer Assisted Surgery

(CAS) where navigation technology helps surgeons to put spinal instrumentation in place.

We have 6 Neuro Anaesthetists working in the Hermitage. These include Dr Michael Moore , Dr Irene Leonard, Dr Francis Conway, Dr Vivienne Larney, Dr Brian Lamont and Dr Charlie O'Hagan.

The HMC have developed an Intensive Care Unit with full anaesthetic back up. This provides the level of medical support necessary for our Neurosurgery department to evolve further. We have 3 Intensivists Dr. Stephen Frohlich, Dr. Noelle Hickey and Dr. Alan Gaffney who are based in the Hermitage and provide this support.





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- Minimally Invasive Spinal Surgery
- Vascular Neurosurgery
- Neck & Back Surgery
- Brain and Spinal Tumours
- Pituitary Tumours

**CURRENT APPOINTMENTS**

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**SPECIALITIES:**

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- Pituitary Tumours
- Stereotactic Radiosurgery

**CURRENT APPOINTMENTS**

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- Hermitage Medical Clinic



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- Complex Spinal Surgery

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- Cervical Myelopathy

**CURRENT APPOINTMENTS**

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- Head Injury

- Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery and Injections
- Neuro Oncology

**CURRENT APPOINTMENTS**

- Hermitage Medical Clinic



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### SPECIALITIES:

- Paediatric Neurosurgery
- Hydrocephalus and shunts
- Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery

- Neck and Back Surgery
- Cervical Myelopathy
- Brain and Spinal Tumours

### CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- The Children's University Hospital, Temple Street
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- Epilepsy Surgery (Adult and Paediatric)
- Cerebral Tumours

- CNS Regeneration
- Spasticity
- Spinal Surgery
- Hydrocephalus

### CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- Beaumont Hospital
- Hermitage Medical Clinic



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### SPECIALITIES:

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- Vascular Neurosurgery

- Pituitary Tumours
- Spinal Surgery

### CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- Beaumont Hospital
- Hermitage Medical Clinic
- Director of CyberKnife Service





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- Complex Spinal Disorders
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- Neuro-Oncology (Adult)

**CURRENT APPOINTMENTS**

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**SPECIALITIES:**

- Cerebral Vascular Disease (Aneurysm/AVM)
- Lumbar Disc Disease

- Cervical and Lumbar Degenerative Disease
- Brain and Spinal Tumours

**CURRENT APPOINTMENTS**

- Beaumont Hospital
- Hermitage Medical Clinic

**THE HERMITAGE MEDICAL CLINIC  
CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST NEUROSURGERY**



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**SPECIALITIES:**

- General & Neuro Intensive Care

- Neuro Surgery Nursing
- Pre-Assessment Clinic

## THE HERMITAGE MEDICAL CLINIC DIRECTORY OF NEUROLOGISTS

There are four Neurology consultants and one Paediatric Neurologist working at the Hermitage Clinic. They provide both an inpatient and outpatient service. Their special interests include; Motor Neuron Disease, Peripheral Nerve Disease, Primary Muscle Disorders, Epilepsy, Headache, Neurogenetics, Movement Disorders, Early onset Dementia and Inflammatory Disorders of the Nervous System. Nerve Conduction Studies are provided by Dr. Ronan Walsh. The radiology department has state of the art MRI facilities with the most up to date MRI, CT and PET scanning equipment. Dr. Gavin Briggs, Consultant Radiologist had a special interest in neuroradiology. This provides a comprehensive neuroradiology service with access to the images throughout the hospital.



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#### CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

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#### SPECIALITIES

- Motor Neurone Disease

- Neuropathy
- Parkinsonian Disorders

#### CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- Hermitage Medical Clinic
- Mater Misericordiae Hospital



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#### SPECIALITIES

- Myopathies and Myositis
- Neuropathy

- Myasthenia Gravis
- Headache
- EMG and Nerve

- Conduction Studies

#### CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- Hermitage Medical Clinic

THE HERMITAGE MEDICAL CLINIC  
DIRECTORY OF NEURORADIOLOGISTS:



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**SPECIALTIES:**

- Diagnostic neuroradiology
- Head and neck radiology

- Stroke and vascular imaging

- Hermitage Medical Clinic



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**SPECIALTIES:**

- Diagnostic neuroradiology  
Including head and neck imaging

- Stroke imaging and intervention
- Vascular and spinal neuro  
intervention

**CURRENT APPOINTMENTS**

- Hermitage Medical Clinic

THE HERMITAGE MEDICAL CLINIC  
DIRECTORY OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGISTS

Neuropsychologists provide psychological assessment and treatment of patients who have sustained injury to or disease of the brain. The neuropsychology service at the Hermitage can provide assessment and treatment of cognitive, behavioural and emotional difficulties in patients with neurological and neurosurgical conditions.



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**SPECIALTIES:**

- Assessment of neurocognitive disorders arising from all neurological conditions
- Sports concussion and return to play assessments
- Treatment for conversion disorders/medically unexplained symptoms
- Medico-legal examinations
- Neurodegenerative diseases assessments

**CURRENT APPOINTMENTS:**

- Hermitage Medical Clinic
- Beaumont Hospital



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**SPECIALTIES:**

- Neuropsychological assessments of older adults
- Assessments of dementia and Mild Cognitive Impairment

**CURRENT APPOINTMENTS:**

- Hermitage Medical Clinic
- St James' Hospital

THE HERMITAGE MEDICAL CLINIC  
NEUROPHYSIOLOGY

The Neurophysiology department provides diagnostic testing for seizures, encephalopathy/confusion, non epileptic seizures, carpal tunnel syndrome, poly-neuropathy, compression neuropathies, radiculopathy, myopathy, neuromuscular junction disorders, autonomic disorders, multiple sclerosis (evoked potentials) and trigeminal disorders.



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A two year fellowship in Neurophysiology in the Partners Harvard Neurophysiology Programme

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### DETAILS OF SPECIFIC TESTS AVAILABLE INCLUDE:

- Routine EEG's
- Sleep Deprived EEG's
- Telemetry Studies
- Testing for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (NCS)
- Upper and Lower Limb Nerve Conduction Studies (NCS)

- EMG Clinics
- Repetitive Stimulation (*testing for Neuromuscular junction disorders*)
- Blink Responses (assessment of trigeminal nerves)
- Visual Evoked Potentials

### WE AIM TO FURTHER DEVELOP THIS SERVICE IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO INCLUDE:

- Autonomic System testing
- Quantitative Sensory Testing
- Intra Operative Monitoring

## THE HERMITAGE MEDICAL CLINIC CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS



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Ms. Anna McCarthy is our MS Nurse at the Hermitage Medical Clinic. She has previously worked in and helped set up the MS nurse services in Tallaght, Vincents' and St. James' Hospitals. Anna provides a service for counselling and advising MS patients on diagnosis,

symptoms, medical treatments, treatment monitoring and support services. Anna liaises closely with the Neurologists in the Hermitage Clinic in providing a multidisciplinary treatment approach for MS patients attending the hospital.

We also have an Infusion nurse **CAROLINE SHAW** in our Infusion day care centre who has specialised training in infusing new biologic treatments, iv immunoglobulin and high dose iv steroids for the treatment of neurology patients.





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