

Irish Faculty at Perdana University

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PERDANA University was established by the Academic Medical Centre SdnBhd as a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) initiative with the support of the Unit KerjasamaAwamSwasta of the Prime Minister's Department.

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), founded in 1784, is one of the oldest medical schools in Ireland and was chosen to establish an undergraduate teaching programme in Medicine atPerdana University.

The majority of the teaching faculty is from Ireland, one of them being Associate Professor Karen Morgan.

Associate Professor Karen Morgan is the Academic Lead in Psychology and Behavioral Sciences and Head of Student Support and Personal Development



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR KAREN MORGAN

at the Perdana University Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland School of Medicine (PU-RCSI). Karen is a health and organisational psychologist.

She has a Masters in Social and Organisational Psychology (University Col-

lege Dublin, Ireland) and a PhD in health Psychology (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland).

Karen joined PU-RCSI in 2011 when the programme was first set-up. Prior to this she worked in the Department of Psychology in RCSI Dublin, teaching medical, physiotherapy and pharmacy undergraduate students as well as post-graduate students. She has also taught at the RCSI campus in Bahrain.

Karen is an active member of many professional bodies and is the current President Elect of the European Health Psychology Society. Karen's research interests include quality of care, ageing and population health. She works closely with Malaysian collaborators in the University Malaya based Ageing and AgeAssociated Disorders Research group on projects which aim to improve the health of Malaysia's ageing population. These projects focus on areas including falls prevention and promoting independence in patients with arthritis. Karen also works with PU colleagues on research related to HPV vaccination (protects against cervical cancer).

The team recently completed a piece of research with doctors and mothers of girls in the vaccination target age range which formed part of an international study across 5 countries. Students in PU-RCSI are actively encouraged to become involved in research.

In 2012 Karen led the development of the PU-RCSI Summer Research Programme which has facilitated students in participating in a wide range of laboratory, community and hospital/clinic based research projects nationally and internationally.

Ongoing student projects include studies on organ donation, health risk behaviors, dengue, child injury and abuse and the transfer of disease between animals and humans.