

[#SundayWiMIN23](#) Week 17: Dr Suzanne Kelly

Dr Suzanne Kelly is a GP in Ballincollig, Co Cork. She is the current ICGP HSE Lead for integrated care in Diabetes.

She graduated from Medicine in UCD Dublin in 2002. She completed Basic Specialist Training in Internal Medicine in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital completing MCRPI exams and training in the prestigious Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. She pivoted to training in General Practice, qualifying from the RCSI training scheme with ICGP membership in 2009.

After returning from the US with her family she began working in General Practice in Cork in 2011. She joined a practice in Ballincollig and is now lead partner with a GMS list. She had an interest in Diabetes and completed the UCC Diploma in Diabetes in 2012 and then joined the Munster Diabetes in General Practice group which supports GPs managing patients with Diabetes in the community.

She is now the chairperson of the DiGP and organises education for local GPs and practice nurses as well as assisting with audit of Diabetes care in the community. In 2021 she started as ICGP HSE Lead for integrated care for Diabetes. This role puts general practice right into the heart of care planning in the community for patients with diabetes. Dr Kelly represents all the hardworking GPs at the table when planning chronic disease management. She has presented nationally on the topic of chronic disease care in general practice as well as supporting education in diabetes at webinars and conferences.

Dr Kelly's practice in Ballincollig is an all-female practice and supports a family friendly work environment while offering their patients a broad range of services in a timely and equitable manner. They strongly support the training of the next generation of doctors taking UCC medical students throughout the academic year.

Life with two jobs is busy, and busier still with three children! Dr Kelly would like to acknowledge the incredible support she has from her feminist husband Dr Paul Kelly who encourages her to pursue her career goals as well as her parents who were incredible role models as GPs committed to community care their whole working lives.