



AN INVITATION TO ATTEND A PUBLIC LECTURE ON 'PHARMACEUTICAL OPIOID PROBLEMS AND CHANGING TREATMENT NEEDS'

BY

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CODEMISUSED Project, Waterford Institute of Technology



The CODEMISUSED Project in The School of Health Sciences, Waterford Institute of Technology (<http://codemisused.org/>) cordially invites you to attend a public lecture by Dr. Suzanne Nielsen, a leading Pharmacy Practitioner, International Scientific Expert and Senior Research Fellow in the addictions field, based at the National Drug and Alcohol Centre, The University of New South Wales (UNSW), one of Australia's leading research and teaching universities. The lecture will focus on the topic of the 'misuse of opioids'. Attendance is FREE.

Date: Monday 7th September 2015

Time: 18:00

Venue: Main Auditorium, Waterford Institute of Technology, Cork Road Campus, Waterford

Speaker: Dr. Suzanne Nielsen, The University of New South Wales, Australia

The lecture is open to the Public, Lecturers, Students, Researchers, Pharmacists, Health Professionals, Relevant Authorities, Addiction Service Providers, National / Regional Bodies and any Stakeholder interested in the topic of Over the Counter Addiction & Pharmaceutical Opioid Misuse

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The CODEMISUSED Project

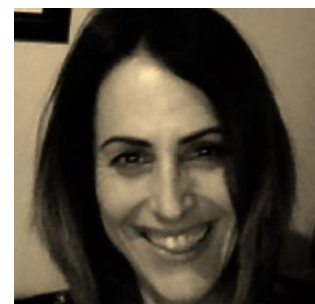
The CODEMISUSED Project is a cross-border collaboration between 6 major Industry Partners and Academics (Waterford Institute of Technology, King's College London, South African Medical Research Council, CARA Pharmacy Ireland, Weldricks Pharmacy UK and The Local Choice Pharmacy South Africa) which aims to estimate and gain further understanding into the extent of codeine use, misuse and dependence in Ireland, the UK and South Africa, in order to design protective mechanisms for pharmacies to be able to track, monitor, support and refer for treatment. CODEMISUSED is intended to promote the rational use of codeine products amongst the public as well as those involved in prescribing and dispensing. Ultimately the project intends to design several innovations to support and educate customers, and empower pharmacies as custodians of codeine medicines. These mechanisms could include pharmacy based brief interventions and continuing staff training. The CODEMISUSED project was selected for funding under the FP7 Marie Curie Industry Academia Partnership and Pathways strand and valued at €2.04 million and has been accepted onto the register of EC funded studies on the ENCePP register of the EMA. It ranked 2nd place in Life Sciences Division with a score of 96/100. The principal Investigator and project coordinator is Dr. Marie Claire Van Hout. Her scientific research team in WIT consists of Professor John Wells, Dr Michael Bergin, Dr Martina Gooney and Dr Michelle Foley.



Dr. Marie Claire Van Hout Principal Investigator and Project Coordinator

PhD, M.Sc Addiction (International Programme in Addiction Studies), M.Sc Health Promotion

Dr Marie Claire Van Hout is a Lecturer in the Department of Health, Sport and Exercise Science, School of Health Sciences, WIT. Dr. Van Hout has extensive experience in the field of drug addiction. She coordinates ENCePP registered Substance Misuse Research at WIT with studies registered on the European Network of Centres for Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacovigilance (ENCePP) of the European Medicines Agency (EMA). She is an Associate Member of staff at the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse Research Unit of the South African Medical Research Council (MRC), and Visiting Research Fellow at the Centre for Public Health, Liverpool John Moore's University, UK. She is currently Editor in Chief of the Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse, and Visiting Research Fellow at Glyndwr University, Wales. She has consulted for the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), European Research Executive Agency (REA-EC) on the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions "RISE" (Research and Innovation Staff Exchange) panel, and for United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) as Independent Project Evaluator.





Dr. Suzanne Nielsen, Invited International Expert Speaker

PhD, Pharmacology; B.PharmSc (Hons); Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm.)

Dr. Suzanne Nielsen is a Senior Research Fellow in the addictions field, based at the National Drug and Alcohol Centre, UNSW, Australia. Dr. Nielsen completed her PhD at Monash University in 2008, investigating opioid and benzodiazepine interactions, and the impact of their concurrent use on the safety opioid substitution treatment. In 2010-11 she was awarded a NIDA Clinical Trials Network INVEST Fellowship, and spent 18 months in Los Angeles at UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, working on national multisite clinical trials using medications for opioid and cocaine dependence. In 2011 Suzanne was awarded a National Health and Medical Research Council Early Career Fellowship, and she joined NDARC in 2014.



Her current work is focussed on identifying and responding to prescription and over-the-counter drug related problems. She is involved in a number of prospective cohort studies examining the complex trajectories of problematic prescription and over-the-counter drug use, in addition to clinical studies examining pain management in an important and growing clinical population of patients with concurrent pain and opioid dependence. She has 15 years clinical experience as a pharmacist in substance dependence treatment settings having worked in both specialist treatment and community based alcohol and drug settings, and is passionate about improving clinical responses to prescription and over-the-counter drug problems.

Dr. Nielsen is a member of Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD), the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD), the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) and the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP). She has authored and co-authored over 40 scientific publications and serves on three Editorial Boards, for Drug and Alcohol Review, the Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment and the Mental Health Clinician (College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists). She has received a number of awards including the Dean of Medicines Rising Star Award, UNSW (2014), the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) Early Career Investigator Award (2011), The Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) Early Career Researcher Award (2011), and a National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) International Forum Travel Award (2012, 2013, 2014).