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## NCIS Newsletter June 2024

### Go Lives

NCIS has now been implemented in 19 hospitals, including University Hospital Limerick, who recently held their first Tumor Conference on the 17th of May. Sligo University Hospital adopted Tumor Conference (MDM) on the 22nd March. Other hospitals recently implementing NCIS include Tipperary University Hospital went live with SACT on the 11th of March, St Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny on the 4th of December 2023 and St Vincent's University Hospital on the 11th of November 2023.

### NCIS Chart Local Administrator New Functionality

A new function has been introduced that allows local administrators to view other local administrator accounts, and to change their password. These added permissions are available on request via [ncis@cancercontrol.ie](mailto:ncis@cancercontrol.ie).

### NCIS Chart Release

A new version of NCIS Chart was released to Production. Along with general improvements and updates, this new version has introduced the "cato" button, a feature which allows a user to link Therapy Plans to a Therapy Form (where the Therapy Plan was created directly in NCIS MED). Another key improvement was made to the worklist menu to allow filtering by complete, incomplete and all entries. All briefing notes are available to access [here](#).

### Education & Resources

Training Guides & Training Videos are available on HSEland (navigate to the Discovery Zone & search for NCIS) Available [here](#)



University Hospital Limerick



Sligo University Hospital



Tipperary University Hospital



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### Medication List Survey

A medication list survey was circulated to NCIS superusers to assess which medication lists are being used, and which ones might no longer be required. This was to enable the NCIS office to streamline the list making it easier for users to navigate. Based on answers from 28 respondents "Main meds for today" is the most used medication list. Outsourced/external compounding or Medications Ready from Pharmacy had a zero return for usage. A full summary of the results has been circulated to users, with feedback on suggestions made in the comments.

### Adjusted Body Weight

The option to use Adjusted Body Weight (AdjBW40 formula) to calculate weight based dosages in NCIS Med has been approved by the implementation group following site feedback. Note, this adjustment is only available to be made on a medication by medication basis, the normal default build of weight in Kg where appropriate will remain.

### Removal of Planned Preparation Box

The Implementation group approved the removal of the planned preparation box from the pharmacy workflow at tray setup. This change allows for a more accurate expiry to be given when confirming preparation of a product without the need for manual adjustment of date and time. The removal of this box at setup means that the final product will have the expiry date and time calculated from when the product is actually prepared, rather than when it was planned to be prepared. Thus, making the calculation more efficient.



St Luke's General Hospital



St Vincent's University Hospital

### Symposium on Frontline Pharmacy Informatics

The Health Informatics Society of Ireland and the University of Galway jointly organised a Symposium on Frontline Pharmacy Informatics in January 2024. Both established and recent digital developments in healthcare were presented on the day, and the Symposium provided a forum for discussion on Pharmacy Informatics in Ireland. Caoimhe O'Leary (NCIS Office) and Peter Kidd (GUH) presented on NCIS at the Symposium, with the presentation including an overview of NCIS from both perspectives.