



Caitriona Dunne (Fighting Blindness)

“Patients have unique experience about the impact of living with a condition. This information is vital for researchers designing and conducting both basic and translational research to ensure that the outcomes being investigated are relevant to the people who are to benefit from it. I hope that meaningful patient involvement becomes a fundamental standard for all research activities in Ireland from bench to bedside and that patients be recognised as valuable stakeholders throughout the process.”

Expertise / Areas of interest

- EUPATI trainee 2015 – 2016
- BSc in Sport and Exercise Science
- MA in Health Promotion
- Guest lecturer on Rare Disease module, UCD School of Medicine and Medical Science
- The areas of research I am most interested in are rare disease natural history studies and development of patient registries, inclusion of patient reported outcomes and patient relevant clinical endpoints in clinical trials.

Patient involvement experience

- Board member of Prader Willi Syndrome Association of Ireland (PWSAI)
- Board member of the Genetic and Rare Disorders Organisation (GRDO)
- Representative on EURORDIS Council of National Alliances (CNA)
- Nominated patient representative as part of the National Clinical Programme for Rare Diseases in Ireland.