

The UCD Centre for Arthritis Research aims to incorporate public and patient involvement (PPI) into their standard research process.

Three PPI schemes were proposed for discussion at The Patient Voice in Arthritis Research inaugural discussion forum.

### 1) Formal Participation.

The creation of a steering committee, with patient members, that would review outputs, grant proposals and develop longer term strategies for arthritis and rheumatic disease research.

### 2) Casual Participation.

The formation of patient panels, who will give input into specific research plans, as and when required, in a manner that suits the patient.

### 3) Patient educators

Patients set challenges to our graduate students. The graduate student must consolidate the patient needs and clinical feasibility and develop a research strategy to address this challenge. The primary goal is not to achieve a solution to the problem (although it may), but rather to train the graduate to understand and account for the patient perspective within their research.

