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Established Professor of Podiatric Medicine and Head of the School of Health Sciences, University of Galway.

Caroline led on the establishment of the first school of podiatry in the Republic of Ireland successfully steering this new programme through first and subsequent professional validations. Caroline is a podiatrist by background and before taking up post in academia she was previously employed as a senior podiatrist in the NHS where she specialised in vascular disease. Caroline has a specialist interest in tissue viability, vascular and diabetic foot disease.

Caroline has published approximately 100 peer-reviewed papers in the field of tissue viability, particularly on the diabetic foot, and has presented her work internationally. Caroline co-edited the text "Lower Extremity Wounds: A problem-based Approach", and undertook her PhD, in 2007, in the need to build and disseminate evidence-based wound care. Caroline has acted as co-applicant and Principal Investigator (PI) for several clinical trials including two randomised controlled trials of topical therapies for wounds. She is currently Co-Director and founding member of the Alliance for Research and Innovation in Wounds at the University of Galway.

Prof. McIntosh has been co-applicant on several successful grant applications worth €3 million from the Health Research Board, Irish Research Council and the NIHR HTA programme. She is currently co-lead on an HRB CDA grant of €1.5 million entitled DFD PRIMO (Diabetic Foot Disease, from prevention to improved patient outcomes) which has funded six PhD scholarships in diabetic foot disease.

Caroline was Chairperson of the Western Branch of the Wound Management Association of Ireland (WMAI) from 2009-2015 and President of WMAI from 2013-2015. She was Chair of the Diabetic Foot Working Group for the HSE National Wound Management Guidelines (2018) for Ireland. She is a member of the Podiatry Registration Board, CORU and a member of the Professoriate of the College of Podiatry, London, U.K. She was Associate Editor for Trials journal from 2015-2020. Caroline is a member of the International Working Group for the Diabetic Foot (wound healing interventions) and a member of the EWMA DFU Committee.