



## **10<sup>th</sup> International Clinical Skills Conference 2025**

**Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**“Past, Present and Future”**

### **Professor Gabriel Reedy -Keynote Plenary Summary**

**Title: Understanding and Teaching Healthcare Teamwork as a Clinical Skill: Past, Present, and Future**

In the dynamic and high-stakes environment of healthcare, working effectively in teams is not just desirable—it is a key clinical skill. Historically, however, team working in healthcare has not been particularly well understood. Perhaps partly because of this, our approach to teaching teamwork in healthcare has pulled from other industries and has not been particularly nuanced to the complex realities of healthcare. Simulated healthcare settings, now increasingly used for training interprofessional groups to work together, have helped us both understand how patient care teams work and help individuals develop the capacity to work better in teams. Has traditional team science done us a disservice as we have tried to implement knowledge about teamwork in healthcare? What do we know about how healthcare teams differ from other kinds of teams? Do healthcare professionals need to learn different skills to help them with teaming? Drawing on a decade of research seeking to understand the ways in which individual clinicians come together to accomplish patient care, this talk will explore team working as a clinical skill—one that can and should be taught across the health professions—and consider ways in which we can better prepare healthcare professionals for working in teams.

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