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Michael qualified 1981 from University College Galway Ireland, with many undergraduate awards. After 8 years of training in Ireland he went to Australia and during his 20 years at Liverpool Hospital in Sydney, where he was academic Professor of Surgery at University of New South Wales, Trauma Director at Liverpool Hospital he obtained his MD in 2002 for his work on Intra-abdominal Pressure and Renal Failure, on which he has published widely. He is cofounder and ex-president of World Society Abdominal Compartment Syndrome and was convener of the 2nd and 4th World Congress on the Abdominal Compartment Syndrome. He has achieved many awards for pursuit of educational initiatives included the ESR Hughes Medal from Australasian College of Surgeons in 2008. He enjoys patients and is a very hands-on working surgery. He has a keen interest in technical aspects of surgery and patient outcomes. He has published some 300 papers, over 10000 citations and H factor of > 50.

Michael is currently Emergency and Breast Surgeon in Letterkenny Hospital and Galway University Hospital Ireland. He has developed many courses in Emergency Surgery, including EASC and student EASC and Difficult Open Abdomen. The EASC course is now one of the world's most popular Emergency Abdominal Surgery Course and taught in 10 countries.

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Michael received the Orazio Campione Prize for services to Emergency Surgery in 2019. He was the recipient of a 8.4 million EU grant to evaluate emergency surgery. He has a passion for innovation and digital solutions to human challenges in medicine.

Michael is a keen photographer and his imagery is feature on #wild\_atlantic\_photographer. He is really looking forward to meeting you at **EFOA 2025 International Symposium**

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