

Blackrock to train international Surgeons

The Blackrock Clinic is to launch a major international laparoscopic surgery training programme.

The programme, to begin within the next three months, is expected to attract surgeons from as far as Malaysia, the United States and possibly even Russia to train at the Blackrock Clinic for a weekend at a time, according to a co-ordinator of the project, consultant surgeon, Mr. Patrick Leahy.

“This is unique because it will have global appeal”, said Mr. Leahy, a consultant at Blackrock, Galvia Private and St. Michaels Private hospital.

Mr. Leahy noted that the new laparoscopic training programme at the Blackrock will be conducted in co-operation with a centre in the United States as well as a second training centre in Europe. He added that surgeons of ‘international calibre’ will comprise the faculty.

He predicted that each weekend session would accommodate about 50-60 surgeons.



Weekends were chosen for the programme to allow for easier access to operating theatres at the Blackrock, he noted. And if surgeons show sufficient interest in the programme, the Blackrock could conduct the programme as often as once a month, he added.