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Dr Maria Caples is a lecturer in Intellectual Disability Nursing in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Cork. Having qualified as a Registered Nurse in Intellectual Disabilities in 1995 and following registration she worked as a staff nurse and clinical nurse manager until 2008 when she joined University College Cork. She currently teaches across the BSc undergraduate nursing programmes. She holds a Ph.D. in Nursing. Her Ph.D. thesis investigated the relationship between resilience factors and adaptation in families of children with 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome. Research interests include quality of life of parents and families of children with intellectual disability, physical health needs of people with intellectual disability, respite care, ageing and intellectual disability, family resilience with a particular focus on rare disease. She is currently a member of a team working as part of an Erasmus+ Partnership exploring Genomic Literacy and Ethical Competence in Nursing Education.

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