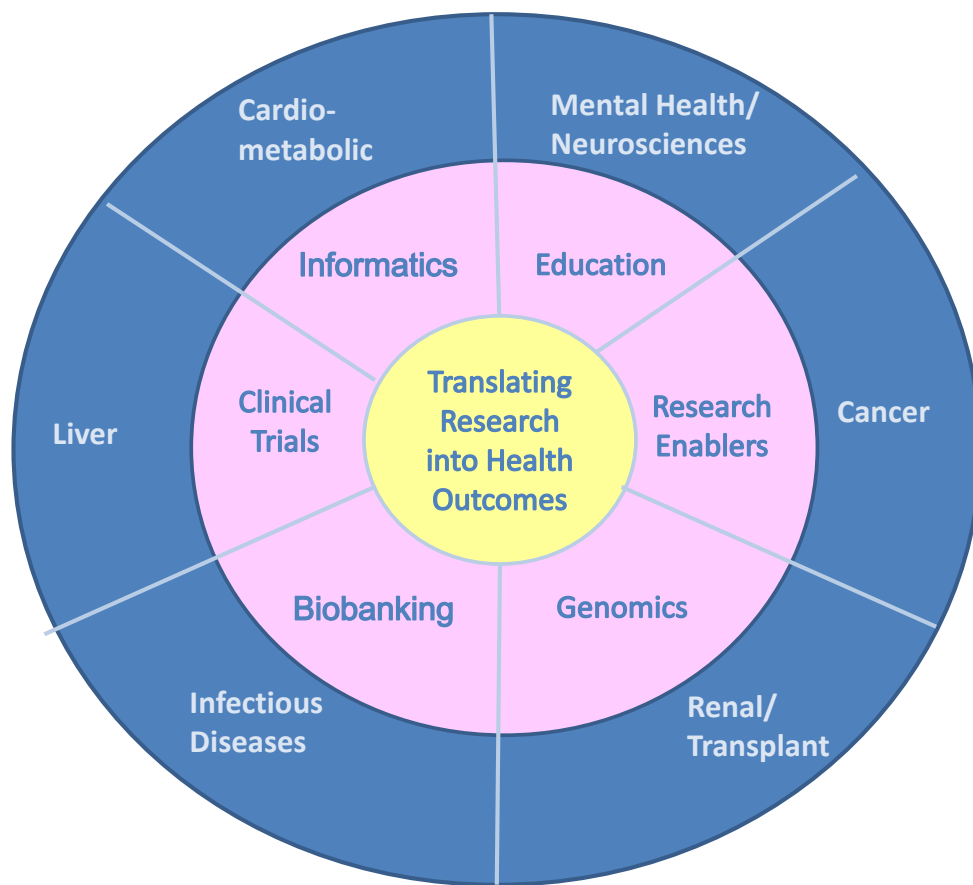


Sydney Health Partners

NHMRC Advanced Health Research and Translation Centre



Annual Forum

February 25th – 26th 2016

Charles Perkins Centre
University of Sydney

Auditorium

13.00 to 15.00 Session 1: Introduction to Sydney Health Partners **Chair: Dr Michael Spence**
*Vice Chancellor & Principal
 University of Sydney*

13.00	Opening Remarks	Prof. Stephen Leeder <i>Chair, Western Sydney Local Health District Board</i>
13.05	Sydney Health Partners - who, what and where to?	Dr Teresa Anderson <i>CEO, Sydney Local Health District</i>
13.15	Q&A	
13.25	Emerging projects: At the cutting edge of health service delivery. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiometabolic • Infectious Diseases • Treating Hep B and C in the community • Neurosciences - Dementia 	Ass. Prof. C Chow / Prof. Gemma Figtree* Prof. Tania Sorrell* Prof. Jacob George* Prof. C. Anderson / Prof. M. Kiernan*
14.25	Perspective on SHP approach	Sir Cyril Chantler <i>Hon. Fellow and Foundation Chair UCL Partners</i>
14.35	Panel Discussion Q&A	Sir Cyril Chantler, speakers*

15.00 – 15.30 Afternoon Tea: Auditorium Break-out area

15.30 to 17.30 Session 2: Supporting Translational Research **Chair: Dr. Teresa Anderson**
CEO, Sydney Local Health District

15.30	Supporting Translational Research	Prof. Tony Penna <i>Director, OHMR</i>
15.40	Emerging projects: Supporting research infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Trials • Reducing barriers to enable research • Biobanking in SHP • Genomics 	Prof. Simon Finfer* Dr Lesley Ashton* Prof. Christine Clarke* Assoc. Prof. Robyn Jamieson*
16.40	Perspective on SHP approach	Prof. Peter Brooks <i>Professor Centre for Health Policy, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health</i>
16.50	The Sydney Medical School perspective	Prof. Arthur Conigrave <i>Acting Dean, Sydney Medical School School</i>
17.00	Panel Discussion Q&A	Sir Cyril Chantler, Prof. Peter Brooks, Prof. Tony Penna, Prof. Arthur Conigrave, speakers*

17.30 – 18.30 **Welcome from Governing Council Chair** **Mr Paul McClintock**
Announcement of Logo competition winner
Canapes and drinks: Auditorium break-out area *Chair, Sydney Health Partners Governing Council*

8.00 – 8.30 **Breakfast for workshop attendees: Outside of allocated room**

8.30 – 9.45	Thematic Stream breakout sessions Working in thematic streams to progress project plans CPC Seminar Rooms Level 1, 2 and 6	<i>Stream project members</i>
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Auditorium

10.00 – 10.30	Session 3: The UCL Partners Experience	Chair: Prof. Carol Pollock <i>Chair, Northern Sydney Local Health District Board</i>
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10.00 | Plenary: UCL Partners: Our experience - tribulations and triumphs

Sir Cyril Chantler
*Hon. Fellow and Foundation Chair
UCL Partners*

10.30 – 11.00 **Morning Tea: Auditorium Break-out area**

11.00 – 12.30	Session 4: Leading Change through Informatics and Education	Chair: Prof. Peter Brooks <i>Professor Centre for Health Policy, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health</i>
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11.00 | NSW Health supporting informatics and education

Dr Mary Foley
Secretary, NSW Health

11.10 | Projects advancing informatics and education

- Informatics
- Education
- Innovative education tools - an example from cancer network

Prof. Jonathan Morris*
Assoc. Prof. Kirsty Foster *
Prof. Paul Harnett*

12.00 | Perspective on SHP approach

Dr Zoran Bolevich
Chief Information Officer, eHealth NSW

12.10 | Panel Discussion Q&A

Sir Cyril Chantler, Dr Mary Foley, Dr Zoran Bolevich, speakers*

12.40 – 13.00	Reflections on Workshop – Closing of program	Sir Cyril Chantler <i>Hon. Fellow and Foundation Chair UCL Partners</i>
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Sir Cyril Chantler

**Honorary Fellow and Foundation Chairman, UCL Partners Academic Health Science Partnership
Chairman, Complex Primary Care Practice Programme Board, BHR Clinical Commissioning Groups;
Non-Executive Director, Private Healthcare Information Network
Vice-Chairman, NHS England Maternity Review 2015-present
Adviser, Associate Parliamentary Health Group; Member, Council of Southwark Cathedral
Trustee, Media Standards Trust; Member, Advisory board of the Institute of Healthcare Optimisation, Boston.**

Sir Cyril Chantler was Dean of the Guy's, King's College and St Thomas' Hospitals' Medical and Dental School, where he was the Children Nationwide Medical Research Fund Professor of Paediatric Nephrology until his retirement in 2000. He was a consultant to Guy's Hospital (1972 – 2000). Previously, Sir Cyril Chantler was Principal of the United Medical and Dental School of Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals (1992 – 1998) and General Manager of Guy's Hospital (1985-1988). He was Chairman of Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children (2001- 2008), of the Clinical Advisory Group for NHS London 2007/2008 and of the Beit Memorial Fellowships for Medical Research (2003-2009). From 2004 until 2010 he was Chairman of the Kings Fund, London. He was a member of the editorial board of the Journal of the American Medical Association from 2002 to 2011.

Sir Cyril Chantler was the Chairman of UCL Partners Academic Health Science Partnership from its inception in 2009 until 2014. He was non-executive Chairman of the Quality and Clinical Risk Committee of NHS England from 2013 -2014 and non-executive director of the fostering agency "By the Bridge" from 2006-2015. In 2014 he carried out a review for the government on Standardised Packaging of tobacco products.

CHAIR, SYDNEY HEALTH PARTNERS

Mr Paul McClintock AO

Chair, Sydney Health Partners Governing Council

Mr Paul McClintock is Chairman of Myer Holdings Limited, I-MED Network and NSW Ports. He is also a Director of St Vincent's Health Australia Limited, The George Institute for Global Health and O'Connell Street Associates Pty Limited and National President of the Committee for Economic Development of Australia.

From July 2000 to March 2003 he served as the Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Cabinet Policy Unit reporting directly to the Prime Minister as Chairman of Cabinet with responsibility for supervising Cabinet processes and acting as the Prime Minister's most senior personal adviser on strategic directions in policy formulation.

Mr McClintock's former positions include Chairman of Medibank Private Limited, Thales Australia, the COAG Reform Council, Intoll Management Limited, Symbion Health, Affinity Health, Ashton Mining, Plutonic Resources and the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research. He was also a member of the NSW Public Service Advisory Board, a Director of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, a Commissioner of the Health Insurance Commission and a member of the Australia-Malaysia Executive Committee.

Mr McClintock graduated in Arts and Law from the University of Sydney and is an honorary fellow of the Faculty of Medicine of that University, and a Life Governor of the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research.

CHAIRS AND INVITED GUESTS

Dr Teresa Anderson

Chief Executive, Sydney Local Health District

Dr Teresa Anderson is Chief Executive of the Sydney Local Health District and has over 30 years' experience as a clinician and manager in the public health system, including General Manager, Liverpool Hospital and Director, Clinical Operations, former Sydney South West Area Health Service. She is a board member of the Ingham Health Research Institute, ANZAC Research Institute and the Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity. Dr Anderson is a qualified speech pathologist and was awarded a PhD in Linguistics in 1995.

Dr Anderson has held many honorary appointments spanning health services, medical research and research translation. These include Governor and Board member roles in over 16 world leading Health and Medical Research Institutes and Government bodies. She has also chaired various committees within the NSW Branch of the Australian Association of Speech and Hearing.

Dr Zoran Bolevich

Chief Information Officer, eHealth NSW

A trained doctor with a passion for ICT, Dr Bolevich brings to eHealth NSW broad experience in a range of senior health management and ICT leadership roles in Australia and New Zealand. Prior to joining eHealth NSW, Dr Bolevich has worked at the Ministry of Health as Executive Director for Health System Information and Performance Reporting and, most recently, as Acting Deputy Secretary for System Purchasing and Performance.

Across the Tasman, Dr Bolevich spent several years leading a regional shared services agency for District Health Boards and, after that, took up a role with New Zealand's Ministry of Health where he was responsible for the national health information strategy and architecture. He is a member of the eHealth Executive Council, the peak ICT committee for NSW Health, which is responsible for setting eHealth strategy, advising on eHealth policy and standards, monitoring performance and ensuring effective project delivery within a whole of NSW Health context.

Since joining eHealth NSW in July, Dr Bolevich has focused on building on current areas of strength, streamlining governance of eHealth's key programs and activities as well as progressing the development of new eHealth strategy. As well as a medical degree, he holds a Masters of Business Administration and is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators.

Professor Peter Brooks AM

Professor, Centre for Health Policy, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health

Professor Peter Brooks has Honorary Professorial appointments in the Centre for Health Policy, School of Population and Global Health and the School of Medicine University of Melbourne. He was recently Executive Director of Research at Northern Health in Melbourne. He established the Australian Health Workforce Institute at the University of Melbourne in 2008. He was Executive Dean of Health Sciences at the University of Queensland from 1998 to 2009 and has held professorial positions at Flinders and the Universities of NSW, Sydney and Tasmania prior to that.

After graduating from Monash University Professor Brooks held hospital and university posts in Hobart and Glasgow, training initially as a rheumatologist. He has published widely in musculoskeletal diseases, on health education and more recently on health care and health workforce reform. He is also a frequent commentator on health policy and the importance of developing an evidence base in this area. In 2010 he was awarded Membership of the Order of Australia for services to rheumatology as a clinician, researcher and academic.

Professor Arthur Conigrave

Acting Dean, Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney

Professor Arthur Conigrave (MD PhD FRACP) is the Acting Dean of Medicine at the University of Sydney and an endocrinologist specialising in disorders of calcium and bone metabolism. In his research he studies how macronutrients such as protein-forming amino acids and micronutrient calcium ions interact to promote healthy bones and control energy utilisation and body weight. His previous roles include Head of the School of Molecular Bioscience and Deputy Dean of the Sydney Medical School.

Dr Mary Foley AM

Secretary, NSW Health

Dr Mary Foley, was appointed Director General / Secretary, NSW Health, in 2011. The position has since been retitled Secretary. NSW Health is Australia's largest public health care system with an annual budget of \$19 billion and over 135,000 staff. Dr Foley's extensive career in health policy and service delivery encompasses senior executive experience across Australia's health sector. She has held leadership roles within state and federal government, the private sector and not-for-profit organisations. She has written extensively on health policy and served as an adviser to the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission.

Prior to joining NSW Health, Dr Foley was National Health Practice Leader for PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia (2008 - 2011), foundation Chief Executive of St Vincents & Mater Health Sydney (2001 - 2008), leading the merger of public and private hospitals and affiliated medical research institutes, and a corporate senior executive in the private health sector (1992-2000).

Dr Foley was awarded the Centenary Medal by the Federal Government for service to Australian society in business leadership. She was also recognised as Business Woman of the Year (NSW) for her achievements in the private health care sector. Dr Foley served on the board of University of Western Sydney (1993 - 2009), was Deputy Chancellor of the University and is an Adjunct Professor with the University's School of Science and Health. Mary also served on the Board of the Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA), 2009 - 2011.

Professor Stephen Leeder AO

Chair, Western Sydney Local Health District Board

Director, Research Network, Western Sydney Local Health District

Professor Stephen Leeder is a professor emeritus of public health and community medicine at the University of Sydney. His academic career includes public health research, educational development and policy. His research interests as a clinical epidemiologist in Newcastle and Westmead have included asthma and cardiovascular disease. His interest in public health began in 1968 when he worked in the highlands of Papua New Guinea.

In 2003-04, after six years as dean of the Sydney Medical School, Professor Leeder worked at Columbia University, New York, in the Earth Institute and Mailman School of Public Health. He and his colleagues reported on the economic consequences of cardiovascular disease (CVD) in developing economies. The monograph, 'A Race against Time: the challenge of cardiovascular disease in developing economies', emphasised the macroeconomic consequences of CVD, as one-third of CVD deaths in many developing countries occur among people of working age. A second edition was published in 2105. From 2004 to 2014, Professor Leeder directed the the Menzies Centre for Health Policy, a collaborative venture between The Australian National University and USyd. The Centre has relocated recently under the directorship of Professor Andrew Wilson, to the Charles Perkins Centre hub. Its interests in policy research for cost-effective, comprehensive prevention and care of chronic illnesses continue.

Dr Antonio Penna

Director, Office of Health and Medical Research, Department of Health

Dr Penna is a paediatrician and medical manager. He specialised in paediatric pharmacology and undertook clinical research for over a decade before he moved into management. Dr Penna was Medical Director at Westmead Children's Hospital and Royal North Shore Hospital before taking on the position of Chief Executive of the Children's Hospital at Westmead for 5 years. In August 2013 he was appointed as Director of the Office for Health and Medical Research in the NSW Ministry of Health.

Professor Carol Pollock

Chair, Northern Sydney Local Health District Board

Professor, Medicine, Northern Clinical School – University of Sydney

Professor Carol Pollock is a nephrologist and Professor of Medicine, University of Sydney. She has over 270 publications in the area of kidney disease. She is an inaugural Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences (2015), was conferred a Vice Chancellors Award for Excellence in Research Supervision (2012) and recognised as a 'Distinguished Professor' by the University of Sydney (2012). She was the 2014 recipient of the Ministerial Award for Excellence in Cardiovascular Research. She is consistently invited to deliver lectures nationally and internationally and was Scientific Chairman of the 2013 World Congress of Nephrology. Professor Pollock's health leadership roles include inaugural Chair of the NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation, immediate past Chair of the Clinical Excellence Commission (remaining as a director of both organisations) and current Chair of the Northern Sydney Local Health District Board. She Chairs the International Society of Nephrology Meetings committee, responsible for delivering both research and educational meetings and policy forums across the globe.

Dr Michael Spence

Vice Chancellor and Principal, University of Sydney

Dr Michael Spence was appointed the 25th Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney in 2008. An alumnus of the University, he holds first-class honours degrees in English, Italian and law. His many languages also include Chinese and Korean. He lectured in law at the University and worked for the Australian Copyright Council prior to establishing himself at the University of Oxford, where he obtained a Doctor of Philosophy and a Postgraduate Diploma in Theology. He became a Fellow of St Catherine's College and during his 20 years there, he headed the law faculty and the Social Sciences division, one of the four divisions that make up the University of Oxford. Dr Spence is recognised internationally as a leader in the field of intellectual property theory.

THEMATIC STREAM PRESENTERS

Professor Craig Anderson

Professor, Stroke Medicine and Clinical Neuroscience, Sydney Medical School – University of Sydney
Senior Director, George Institute for Global Health
Head, Stroke Unit and Neurology Department, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

Professor Craig Anderson, having led several major international stroke studies, is widely acknowledged as a leader in his field. He was awarded the Royal Prince Alfred Research Medal for Excellence in Research in 2008 and Sydney Medical School Distinguished Professorial Achievement Award in 2014. Professor Anderson is a member of several specialist societies, an Editor for the Cochrane Stroke Group, and a former President of the Stroke Society of Australasia. He has published widely on the clinical and epidemiological aspects of stroke, cardiovascular disease and aged care. He is on the Steering Committee for several international clinical trials.

Dr Lesley Ashton

Acting Executive Director, Research Operations and Coordination, Research Portfolio, University of Sydney

Dr Lesley Ashton has over 20 years' experience working in higher education. Her postgraduate training as an epidemiologist (MPH and PhD) together with undergraduate and honours degree in basic science provided her with a unique combination of multi-disciplinary expertise in genetics and public health. For over a decade Dr Ashton headed her own research group at The University of NSW. During this time she coordinated a successful research program attracting peer reviewed funding from NHMRC, Cancer Council NSW and other schemes. Throughout her career, Dr Ashton has made substantial contributions to various government and professional organisations, including membership of the Australian Research Management Society, the Australian Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee, the Australasian Epidemiology Association, the University of NSW Human Research Ethics Committee and American Association for Cancer Research.

Associate Professor Clara Chow

Acting Director, Cardiovascular Division, George Institute for Global Health
Program Director, Community Based Cardiac Services and, Cardiologist, Westmead Hospital
Associate Professor and Head, Cardiac Program of Research, George Institute for Global Health

Dr Clara Chow is Co-chair of the Secondary Prevention Alliance in Australia. She is appointed as the Charles Perkin Centre Westmead Academic Co-director. She has a PhD from the University of Sydney, Australia in cardiovascular epidemiology and international public health and a Postdoc from McMaster University, Canada in clinical trials and cardiac imaging. She is a NHMRC / National Heart Foundation Career Development Fellow and a Sydney Medical School Foundation Chapman Fellow. Her principal clinical interests are in cardiac imaging particularly cardiac CT and echo. The main focus of her research is cardiovascular disease prevention.

Professor Christine Clarke

Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Sydney
National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Principal Research Fellow, the Westmead Institute for Medical Research

Professor Clarke is Professorial Research Fellow and NHMRC Principal Research Fellow at the University of Sydney Medical School - Westmead, and Co-Director of the Centre for Cancer Research at the Westmead Institute for Medical Research. Her research focuses on understanding the role of hormones in cancer development and progression. Christine directs the Australian Breast Cancer Tissue Bank, and is a member of the Biospecimens Stakeholder Network of the Cancer Institute NSW and the NSW Ministry of Health Biobanking Advisory Group. She has contributed as member of numerous external committees or working parties for health-related organisations, including serving on the Boards of the National Breast Cancer Foundation and the Cancer Council NSW, and on the NHMRC principal committee, the Health Advisory Committee. She has contributed to advocacy through holding executive office in the Australian Society for Medical Research, and participated in national strategic development, through membership of the Commonwealth Cancer Strategies Group, National Breast Cancer Centre and National Breast Cancer Foundation working parties. Christine is located in Westmead Clinical School at Westmead Institute for Medical Research.

Professor Gemma Figtree

Professor, Medicine, Northern Clinical School, Kolling Institute

Dr Gemma Figtree is as a cardiologist who is committed to both basic and translational cardiovascular research. She gained a DPhil in Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Oxford, with the support of a Rhodes Scholarship. She holds the Chapman Fellowship at Sydney Medical School and has recently been awarded the Viertel Clinical Investigatorship. With experience in molecular biology, Gemma is working with Professor Helge Rasmussen at Royal North Shore Hospital. The focus of this research is the role of oxidative signalling in the regulation of the sodium pump in heart cells. She is also interested in the molecular mechanisms of myocardial ischaemia-reperfusion injury and works closely with Dr Ravi Bhindi in this area.

Dr Figtree leads a project to set up a cardiac MRI research unit at Royal North Shore Hospital. She is a principal investigator investigating possible genetic contributors to tako-tsubo (stress) cardiomyopathy. She is principal investigator on two current National Health and Medical Research Council project grants. She has strong collaborative links with researchers in Oxford, London, Denmark and Boston.

Professor Simon Finfer

Professorial Fellow, Critical Care and Trauma Division, George Institute for Global Health

Adjunct Professor, Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney

Professor Finfer is a practicing critical care physician with an appointment as a Senior Staff Specialist at Royal North Shore Hospital and Director of Intensive Care at the Sydney Adventist Hospital. He is a past-Chair of the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society (ANZICS) Clinical Trials Group. He is Treasurer and Chair-Elect of the International Sepsis Forum, Treasurer of the Global Sepsis Alliance, and a member of the World Sepsis Day Steering Committee.

Professor Finfer's postgraduate qualifications include Fellowships of the Royal Colleges of Physicians, the Royal College of Anaesthetists and the College of Intensive Care Medicine. He was elected to the ANZICS Honour Roll in 2011 and in 2012 he was awarded an honorary doctorate (Doctor of Medicine) by The Friedrich-Schiller University in Germany, an honour awarded once every 10 years. Professor Finfer is also an Editor of The Oxford Textbook of Critical Care (2nd Ed.), the Critical Care Section Editor for The Oxford Textbook of Medicine (6th Ed.), and in 2012-2014 was Critical Care guest editor for The New England Journal of Medicine.

Associate Professor Kirsty Foster

Associate Dean (International) Sydney Medical School and Head, Office for Global Health, University of Sydney

Associate Professor in Medical Education

Associate Professor Kirsty Foster has a unique range of experience in clinical medicine, medical education and global health. An Edinburgh University medical graduate, she undertook specialist training in general practice in the UK and, after a seventeen year career as a GP, including as Managing Partner of a large academic general practice in Edinburgh, migrated to Australia and commenced a career in medical education. She completed a Masters of Education (Adult Learning and Global Change) in 2004 and a Doctorate in Medical Education in 2012 and is an Associate Professor in Medical Education at Northern Clinical School where she oversees clinical education of medical students.

As Head of the Office of Global Health at Sydney Medical School, she provides academic leadership and helps drive the internationalisation of the school's health research, learning and teaching programs. Associate Professor Foster has led major international initiatives in medical education in several countries including Vietnam, Timor-Leste, Ghana and China. She co-leads the Health Cluster of the Australia Indonesia Centre. She continues to champion education as member of the Kolling Institute Executive Committee and chair of the Education Sub Committee of Northern Sydney Local Health District Board. Kirsty's research interests are health literacy in low resource settings, professionalism and faculty development. She was the recipient of a 2012 Australian National Teaching Award for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning and in 2015 was awarded fellowship of the Royal College of General Practitioners (UK) in recognition of her contribution to primary care internationally.

Professor Jacob George

Robert W Storr Chair of Hepatic Medicine, Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney

Director, Storr Liver Centre, the Westmead Institute for Medical Research

Head, Department of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Westmead Hospital and Western Sydney Local Health District

Professor Jacob George is a hepatologist and liver research scientist who studies the causes of and mechanisms for the development of liver disease and liver cancer. He is an advisor to Hepatitis Australia, the Transfusion Related AIDS and Infectious Diseases Service, and at state and national levels, on viral hepatitis and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease.

Professor George's research has a strong translational component, linking laboratory and clinical research. Professor George's team first identified the role of interferon lambda 3 gene polymorphisms for predicting treatment response in chronic hepatitis C, and a second gene polymorphism that interacts with interferon lambda 3. He was an author on the ground breaking study of combination telaprevir, pegylated interferon and ribavirin therapy for hepatitis C, which changed the landscape of hepatitis C treatments, heralding the era of direct-acting antivirals. His work identifying insulin resistance as the universal underlying pathophysiological abnormality in fatty liver disease underpins the majority of research on this condition and is the cornerstone of current therapy (lifestyle intervention; exercise; insulin-sensitising agents). He also first described the association between hepatitis C and insulin resistance.

Professor Paul Harnett

Clinical Professor, Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney

Director, The Crown Princess Mary Cancer Centre, Westmead Hospital

Director, Sydney West Cancer Network, Western Sydney & Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health Districts

Senior Staff Specialist, Medical Oncology, Westmead Hospital

Professor Paul Harnett is a senior clinician-researcher with 25 years' experience researching and treating breast and ovarian cancer. He is Director of The Crown Princess Mary Cancer Centre Westmead and the Sydney West Cancer Network, which is a collaborative network of clinical cancer services across Sydney's west. In addition, he is Director of the Sydney West Translational Cancer Research Centre, a multi-site consortium linking the Multi-Disciplinary Teams of the Sydney West Cancer Network with cancer research groups at the Westmead Millennium Institute and other affiliated clinical and research groups involved in cancer care in western Sydney.

Associate Professor Robyn Jamieson

Head, Eye Genetics Research, Children's Medical Research Institute, Sydney Children's Hospital Network & Save Sight Institute

Associate Professor, Discipline of Genetic Medicine University of Sydney

Head, Eye Genetics Clinics, The Children's Hospital – Westmead and Westmead Hospital

Associate Professor Jamieson is a clinical geneticist and eye disease research scientist who studies the causes and mechanisms of blinding eye conditions. She is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, and a Clinical Geneticist and member of the Human Genetics Society of Australasia. She has a PhD from the University of Sydney in developmental biology. On an NHMRC postdoctoral fellowship, she undertook postdoctoral research in genomics and disease gene analysis at the University of Manchester, UK.

Associate Professor Jamieson's research encompasses clinical and laboratory components. Through novel human disease gene identifications, her work has led to new understanding of controls of basic cellular processes including cell adhesion and polarity. Application of genomic analyses has led to translation to improved diagnosis and management for patients with genetic eye diseases. Her research group has received support from the Ophthalmic Research Institute of Australia, Retina Australia and the NHMRC, and has collaborative links across Australia and internationally.

Professor Matthew Keirnan

Bushell Chair of Neurology, University of Sydney

Professor Matthew Kiernan was also recently appointed as the Brain and Mind Centre (BNC) Co Director - Discovery and Translation. His role is to foster multidisciplinary research across the clinical neurosciences, to improve research outcomes and facilitate the translation of research innovations directly into clinical practice for the benefit of patients and the community. His clinical research unit is located at the BMC. He is a Professor of Neurology and Staff Specialist at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. He is also a Senior Principal Research Scientist at Neuroscience Research Australia.

Professor Kiernan is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry (BMJ Publishing Group). He is also President-elect of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists, Chair of the Motor Neurone Disease Research Institute of Australia and Vice President of the Australian Brain Foundation, the largest priming institution for neuroscience in Australia, responsible for distributing funding towards research and medical education for the treatment and prevention of neurological disorders.

Professor Jonathan Morris AM

Director, Kolling Institute – Division of Research, NSLHD

Director, Biomedical and Health Informatics, Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney

Professor Jonathan Morris is currently the Director of Research at the NSLHD and Kolling Institute which unites research and education with patient care and community wellbeing; Director of Biomedical and Health Informatics – Sydney Medical School; Maternal Fetal Medicine Specialist with an active clinical role in the management of women with high risk pregnancies, and has a special interest in supporting women who suffer the loss of a child through stillbirth. He has a keen interest in improving patient care, health service efficiency and enabling research through the use of data.

Professor Tania Sorrell AM

Director, Marie Bashir Institute for Infectious Diseases and Biosecurity (MBI)

Chair, NHMRC Research Translation Faculty Steering Group on New and Emerging Health Threats

Professor Tania Sorrell is an internationally renowned infectious diseases physician and medical mycologist whose research focuses on invasive fungal infections. She has a long-standing interest in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases, especially in immunocompromised individuals. As a leading international researcher on *Cryptococcus*, she has made major contributions toward understanding the mechanisms by which these fungi cause invasive infections. Professor Sorrell's research on virulence determinants in *C neoformans* aims to develop new fungal diagnostic tests and new treatments. Her work has resulted in the development of clinically-useful rapid diagnostic tests (e.g. for brain infections).

Professor Sorrell's leadership was instrumental in establishing the MBI, a multi-faculty, multidisciplinary institute devoted to reducing the risks from and global impact of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, especially in the Asia-Pacific Region. She has successfully created multidisciplinary research networks including medical and veterinary sciences, biological sciences, and humanities and social sciences, in an effort to improve capacity in Australia and abroad, in diagnostics, surveillance, infection control and infectious disease prevention. She leads the MBI's functioning as an expert resource in infectious diseases and biosecurity for government and professional bodies. Professor Sorrell is a regular expert contributor to international policy-forming bodies including the WHO and is a Senior Adviser at GAFFI (Global Action Fund for Fungal Infections). In 2014, she was awarded Member of the Order of Australia (AM), for significant service to medicine and the community as an infectious diseases researcher and adviser.

How to get to the Charles Perkins Centre auditorium

By Car:

Via Parramatta Road: From *Missenden Road*, Camperdown, go down *Johns Hopkins Drive* (next to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital) until you reach the *Charles Perkins Centre*.

The auditorium is on the side near the *Centenary Institute*.

PARKING OPTIONS:

St John's College Carpark - Missenden Road, enter between College and 7-Eleven

Secure Park - 100 Carillon Road enter via Elizabeth Street

RPAH Parking - behind King George V Building, enter via Missenden Road

Chris O'Brien Lifehouse - Enter via Missenden Road (near Cnr Carillon Avenue)

From Central Station

Taxi: To the Charles Perkins Centre costs approximately \$15.

Bus: From George Street or Railway Square (Stand M) at Central Railway Station there are a number of buses that will stop at the Ross Street Gate of the University. These are bus routes 412, 413, 436, 438, 439, 440, 461, 480 and 483.

From the Ross Street Gate, the Charles Perkins Centre is a 2 minute walk. Please note that you will need to have a pre-paid bus ticket (or opal card) to board buses, these are available from most convenience stores.

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