

# 2024 NDARC ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2024

*Please note this is a draft program and is yet to be finalised.*

8:30 - 9.00 AM	Registration
9:00 - 9.10 AM	Welcome to Country
9.10 – 9.15 AM	Director's Welcome <b>Professor Michael Farrell</b> Director, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) at UNSW
<b>Plenary One</b>	<b>Opioids</b> Session Chair: TBD
9.15 – 9.45 AM	Keynote Address: <i>Topic TBD</i> <b>Professor Matthew Hickman</b> Professor in Public Health and Epidemiology, Bristol Medical School
09.45 – 10.00 AM	<i>Global coverage of interventions to prevent and manage injecting drug use related harms in prisons: a systematic review.</i> <b>Dr Thomas Santo Jr</b> Post-Doctoral Fellow, NDARC
10.00 – 10.15 AM	<i>Development of opioid use disorder following treatment with opioid analgesics for non-cancer pain relief: an Australian state-wide nested case-control study.</i> <b>Dr Chrianna Bharat</b> Post-Doctoral Fellow, NDARC
10.15 – 10.20 AM	Q and A
10.20 – 10.25 AM	Introduction to the first round of Spotlight Poster Presentations
10.25 – 10.40 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Joanna Zhou:</b> <i>Retention in opioid agonist treatment following childbirth and associated factors.</i></li> <li>• <b>Ms. Kendal Chidwick:</b> <i>Trends in prescription opioid analgesic utilisation in Australia from 2015 to 2022.</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr Ria Hopkins:</b> <i>Age-related risk of serious fall events associated with opioid analgesic use.</i></li> <li>• <b>Ms. Olivia Price:</b> <i>Population ageing and the apparent decline in the initiation of injecting drug use in Australia.</i></li> </ul>
10.40 – 11.00 AM	Morning Tea
11.00 – 11.03 AM	Introduction to the second round of Spotlight Poster Presentations
11.03 – 11.14 AM	<b>Dr Taylor Degan:</b> <i>Co-occurring DSM-IV mental disorders among people with methamphetamine dependence.</i> <b>Ms. Emily Symes:</b> <i>Presentations and characteristics of trans and gender-diverse patients presenting to an Australian Emergency Department.</i>

**Dr Ria Hopkins:** *Age, period, and cohort trends of substance poisoning, alcohol-related disease, and suicide deaths in Australia, 1980-2019.*

**Plenary Two** *New, Novel and Trending*  
Session Chair: TBD

11.15 – 11.45 AM *The Changing Face of Overdose.*  
**Professor Shane Darke**  
Professor, NDARC

11.45 – 12.00 PM *Emerging drugs of concern - Prompt Response Network update.*  
**Dr Brendan Clifford**  
Senior Research Fellow, NCCRED

12.20 – 12.30 PM *Emerging trends in drug use, harms, and markets: Findings from Drug Trends 2024.*  
**Associate Professor Rachel Sutherland**  
Deputy Director, NDARC

12.15 – 12.30 Panel Discussion  
**Professor Shane Darke, Dr Brendan Clifford, Associate Professor Rachel Sutherland**

12.30 – 1.30 PM Lunch

**1.30 – 2.30 PM** **Breakout Sessions**

<b>Breakout One:</b> <i>Treatment &amp; Trials</i> Session Chair: <b>Apo Demirkol</b>	<b>Breakout Two:</b> <i>Community</i> Session Chair: <b>Lise Russell</b>	<b>Breakout Three:</b> <i>Pregnancy &amp; Families</i> Session Chair: <b>Hester Wilson</b>
<p><i>New behavioural and pharmacological trials for smoking cessation</i> <b>Associate Professor Ryan Courtney</b> <b>Dr Hayden McRobbie</b></p> <p><i>LAIB in Prison: A report on qualitative data from patients who commenced treatment during a clinical trial.</i> <b>Dr Amelia Woods</b></p> <p><i>The impact of the NSW MERIT diversion program reoffending, imprisonment, and health.</i> <b>Professor Donald Weatherburn</b></p> <p><i>We need to talk about contingency management.</i> <b>Associate Professor Rebecca McKetin</b></p>	<p><i>Perceptions of religious and community leaders towards alcohol and other drugs and treatment in CALD communities in NSW.</i> <b>Dr Winifred Asare-Doku</b></p> <p><i>Expanding access to addiction medicine specialist care in regional NSW through telehealth.</i> <b>Ms. Clare Smylie</b></p> <p><i>Defining approaches and research evidence around Community Action to reduce AOD harms.</i> <b>Dr Peter Gates</b></p> <p><i>Partnering to improve health outcomes in rural communities: Establishment of a clinical service research node in northern NSW.</i> <b>Dr Catherine Foley</b></p>	<p><i>Influences of methamphetamine use on family relationships: Interviews with family members.</i> <b>Ms. Paige Webb</b></p> <p><i>Trends in the use of opioid agonist treatment for opioid dependence in pregnancy.</i> <b>Dr Duong Tran</b></p> <p><i>Effectiveness of prescription smoking cessation pharmacotherapies during pregnancy: a multi-national study.</i> <b>Dr Annelies Robijn</b></p> <p><i>Use of opioid agonist therapy in pregnancy: Timing of initiation and treatment retention.</i> <b>Ms. Bianca Varney</b></p>

2.30 – 2.50 PM	Afternoon Tea
<b>Plenary Three</b>	<b>Alcohol</b> Session Chair: <b>TBD</b>
2.50 – 3.20 PM	Keynote Address: <i>WHO's Global Alcohol Action Plan 2022–2030. What are the critical issues for Prevention and Policy</i> <b>Dr Jürgen Rehm</b> Senior Scientist, Institute for Mental Health Policy Research; Campbell Family Mental Health Research Institute, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
3.20 – 3.30 PM	<i>Recent trends in alcohol use and harms in Australia</i> <b>Dr Wing See Yuen</b> Research Fellow, NDARC
3.35 – 4.05 PM	<i>Alcohol Retailers Lobbying activities: A Comparative Analysis of profit and Non-profit alcohol retail industry body policy submissions.</i> <b>Ms. Michala Kawolski</b> Post-Doctoral Fellow, NDARC
4.05 – 4.10 PM	<i>Zero- alcohol beverages in Australia – a snapshot of the market and pricing</i> <b>Associate Professor Amy Peacock</b> Deputy Director, NDARC
4.05 – 4.10 PM	Director's Close <b>Professor Michael Farrell</b> Director, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) at UNSW
4.10 – 4.30 PM	Entertainment followed by tea & coffee.

