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Adolescent Health Research Forum

Wednesday 22nd May | 5pm–7:30pm |

John Beveridge Lecture Theatre, Sydney Children's Hospital

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Program

Time	Title	Speaker/s
1715	Welcome	Prof Adam Jaffe
1730	We shouldn't give kidney transplants to adolescents	Dr Sean Kennedy
1740	Integrating clinical and psychosocial research in adolescent oncology	Dr Claire Wakefield A/Prof Richard Cohn Dr Antoinette Anazodo Ms Ursula Sansom-Daly
1805	Sexual function in females with bladder exstrophy	Dr Rebecca Deans
1815	Infectious diseases and adolescents	Dr Holly Seale
1825	Conduct problems in children & adolescents: relating attention to empathy with fMRI	Prof Rhoshel Lenroot
1835	Adolescent cannabis use and young adult outcomes: An integrative data analysis of three Australasian cohorts	Dr Edmund Silins
1845	Too tired or can't be bothered: past, present and future adolescent research	A/Prof John Ziegler
1855	Psychotic-like experiences in children and adolescents: When do normative experiences become pathological?	Dr Kristin Laurens
1905	Questions for the Panel	

Please join us in the Foyer after for refreshments and networking

Welcome to our first Research Forum on the topic of adolescent health

We hope to make these nights a regular fixture to introduce the array of research being conducted on the Randwick Campus and the talented individuals and teams making it happen.

The overarching theme is to stimulate the interests of new researchers, encourage collaborations, and to expand the Randwick Campus into a thriving precinct of Children's Health Research.



Dr Sean Kennedy

Senior Lecturer | Director of Education | Discipline of Paediatrics School of Women's & Children's Health UNSW Medicine | Paediatric Nephrologist | Department of Nephrology Sydney Children's Hospital

Research interests: Acute kidney injury in children; optimising outcomes in adolescents and young adults with kidney disease; renal manifestations of tuberous sclerosis; improving clinical management of congenital anomalies of the kidney and urinary tract.



Dr Claire Wakefield

Lecturer | Cancer Institute of NSW Early Career Development Fellow | Discipline of Paediatrics School of Women's & Children's Health UNSW Medicine | Behavioural Sciences Unit Kid's Cancer Centre Sydney Children's Hospital

Research interests: health psychology; psychosocial issues faced by people with strong family history of cancer; patient education; assisting patients' difficult medical decisions – genetic testing & deceased organ donation; issues for children with medical illness; paediatric oncology research – newly diagnosed families, on treatment families, long term survivors & bereaved parents.



A/Prof Richard Cohn

Conjoint Associate Professor | Discipline of Paediatrics School of Women's & Children's Health UNSW Medicine | Clinical Research Associate Children's Cancer Institute Australia | Clinical Director Medical Directorate | Paediatric Haematologist / Oncologist | Head of Clinical Oncology Centre for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders | Head of Behavioural Sciences Unit Kids Cancer Centre | Sydney Children's Hospital

Research interests: long-term sequelae of childhood cancer treatment; childhood brain tumours; improvement of hospital initiatives to better support patients & families from diagnosis to survivorship & bereavement; importance of psycho-social & behavioural aspects of paediatric cancer; translation into clinical practice.



Dr Antoinette Anazodo

Director of Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Service | Sydney Children's & Prince of Wales Hospitals | Centre for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders | Sydney Children's Hospital

Research interests: access to age-appropriate & tumour-specific medical treatment; benefits of psychosocial assessment & care through treatment; patterns of care & experience for adolescent / young adults with cancer; identifying the nature, severity & predicting factors influencing educational & vocational achievements & career aspirations for adolescent / young adult patients with cancer; identification of useful interventions to improve outcomes.



Ms Ursula Sansom-Daly

Psychologist | Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Service | Sydney Children's & Prince of Wales Hospitals

Research interests: Currently completing her PhD thesis – ways to better understand and address positive adjustment to cancer (and 'life after cancer') in young people. Improve support for young people with cancer & their families; anxiety, depression, eating disorders & other issues related cancer adjustment (fear of cancer recurrence, self-esteem/body image issues, relationship/peer issues, and grief); evidence-based psychological support for young people / families affected by cancer.



Dr Rebecca Deans

Lecturer | Discipline of Obstetrics & Gynaecology School of Women's & Children's Health UNSW Medicine | Paediatric & Adolescent Gynaecologist | Sydney Children's Hospital & Royal Hospital for Women

Research interests: Currently completing her PhD thesis – Asherman Syndrome. Paediatric & adolescent gynaecology; infertility; fertility surgery; onco-fertility; general gynaecology; reproductive medicine.



Dr Holly Seale

Senior Research Fellow | NHMRC Post-Doctoral Fellow | School of Public Health and Community Medicine UNSW Medicine | NHMRC Centre of Excellence in Population Health Research

Research interests: public & professional perceptions / behaviours regarding infectious diseases i.e. vaccine-preventable diseases (immunisation); communicable disease surveillance; clinical trial outcomes; risk communication; immunisation coverage in professional & at-risk groups; evaluation of education tools using qualitative & quantitative methods.



Prof Rhoshel Lenroot

Research Fellow | Neuroscience Research Australia | Chair of Infant Child & Adolescent Psychiatry | School of Psychiatry UNSW Medicine | Director of Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services | South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

Research interests: factors contributing to heterogeneity of neurodevelopmental disorders – conduct disorder, autism & schizophrenia; mapping typical brain / cognitive development; understanding processes such as onset of puberty interacting with other factors increasing the risk of developing psychiatric disorders; sex differences – impact of different numbers of sex chromosomes; twin studies – influences of genetic & environmental factors across development; neuroimaging techniques – healthy & atypical brain development in children & adolescents.



Dr Edmund Silins

Research Fellow | National Drug & Alcohol Research Centre | UNSW Medicine

Research interests: Cannabis and psychostimulant research which addresses health issues relevant to young people. Recently completed his PhD thesis which investigated the patterns and correlates of cannabis use in young adulthood.



A/Prof John Ziegler

Conjoint Associate Professor | Discipline of Paediatrics School of Women's & Children's Health UNSW Medicine | Head of Department of Immunology & Infectious Diseases and HIV Service | Sydney Children's Hospital

Research interests: genetics of congenital immune deficiency disorders; natural history & physiology factors in adolescent chronic fatigue syndrome; epidemiology & diagnosis of severe food allergy; relationship between HIV & AIDS; surveillance of perinatal exposure to HIV; better treatment of HIV-infected; HIV transmission from mother-to-infant; rheumatology; paediatric pain.



Dr Kristin Laurens

Senior Lecturer | School of Psychiatry UNSW Medicine | Institute of Psychiatry | King's College London UK (joint appointment)

Research interests: aetiology of schizophrenia; use of ERR, sMRI fMRI & genetic analysis; record linkage of population databases; childhood protective factors relating to later health, well-being & social outcomes in adolescence / young adulthood; effective early intervention / prevention programs; neurobiological measures with epidemiological methods to determine biological & psychosocial in health / well-being outcomes.