

# About the Influenza Specialist Group (ISG)

The Influenza Specialist Group (ISG) consists of medical and scientific specialists from around Australia and New Zealand with an interest in influenza and other infectious respiratory diseases.

## Mission

Increase understanding of the impact of influenza and its relationships to other infectious respiratory diseases.

Reduce the public health impact of influenza through increased awareness among consumers and healthcare professionals and of best practice in the prevention and treatment of influenza.

Based on scientific studies and available evidence, influence Australian policy development in the area of respiratory diseases.

## Annual Scientific Meeting

Each year, the ISG commences its program of activities with the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), held in Melbourne at the beginning of February. Attendees include members of the scientific and medical community, government health officials, pharmaceutical industry representatives, academics, and delegates from other health related NGOs.

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## Annual Scientific Meeting 2016 Program

31 January & 1 February 2016  
Parkroyal Melbourne Airport

4.30pm	Arrival drinks
5.00pm	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Prof Lou Irving – Meeting Chair Director of Respiratory Medicine, Melbourne Health, ISG Member
5.10pm	<b>An update on the 2015 and 2015-6 influenza seasons</b> Dr Ian Barr – Acting Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference & Research on Influenza, Melbourne, ISG Member
5.35pm	<b>Does our seasonal flu experience inform Australia’s pandemic response?</b> Prof Chris Baggoley – Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health
6.00pm	Entrée
6.20pm	<b>SmartVax</b> Dr Alan Leeb – GP, Illawarra Health Centre, Western Australia
6.45pm	Main course
7.20pm	<b>Advances in technology for disease tracking &amp; consumer behaviour</b> Ms Josie Brown – APAC Digital Director, J.Walter Thompson Melbourne
7.45pm	Dessert
8.15pm	<b>Flu Trivia Quiz</b>
8.40pm	<b>Summary and overview</b> Prof Lou Irving
8.50pm	Close

8.30am	Coffee
8.50am	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Prof Lou Irving – Meeting Chair Director of Respiratory Medicine, Melbourne Health, ISG Member

**Session 1: Paediatric Influenza**

*Chair:* Prof Paul Van Buynder – Public Health Staff Specialist, Gold Coast Health Service. Adjunct Professor, Griffith University, Queensland, Simon Fraser University, British Columbia. ISG Director

9.00am	<b>Introduction to paediatric influenza</b> Prof Paul Van Buynder
9.15am	<b>UK experience with a paediatric vaccination program</b> Dr Richard Pebody, pre-recorded presentation, followed by phone Q&A – National Institute for Health Research, Health Protection Research Unit in Respiratory Infections, Imperial College London
10.00am	<b>Review of influenza vaccine adverse events in children</b> Dr Jean Li-Kim-Moy – Clinical Research Fellow NCIRS, Paediatrician
10.20am	<b>Progress in identifying and overcoming paediatric vaccine reactogenicity</b> Dr Alan Hampson, OAM – Chairman of the ISG
10.35am	Morning tea

**Session 2: New and Improved Adult Vaccines**

*Chair:* Prof Lou Irving

11.00am	<b>Herpes Zoster – the disease and the vaccines</b> Prof Anthony Cunningham – Executive Director, Westmead Institute for Medical Research and the Centre for Virus Research
11.25am	<b>Update on the status of new/improved influenza vaccines - QIV, High Dose, Adjuvanted</b> Prof Paul Van Buynder – Public Health Staff Specialist, Gold Coast Health Service. Adjunct Professor, Griffith University, Queensland, Simon Fraser University, British Columbia. ISG Director



## Day Two: Monday 1 February 2016 continued

### Session 3: Maternal Immunisation

*Chair: Dr Elizabeth McCarthy* – Obstetrician, Senior Lecturer, Mercy Hospital for Women, University of Melbourne. ISG Member

11.50am	<b>Influenza and pertussis vaccination – the FluMum study</b> Prof Ross Andrews – Deputy Director, Menzies School of Health Research, Charles Darwin University
12.15pm	<b>dTap – the first pertussis vaccine every baby gets?</b> Prof Peter McIntyre – Director, NCIRS. Childrens Hospital, Westmead
12.30pm	<b>Pertussis in older adults – how much and how preventable? Data from the 45 and Up study</b> A/Prof Bette Liu – Epidemiologist, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of NSW

12.45pm	<b>Progress towards a whole of life vaccination register</b> Mr Joel Willis – Director, Immunisation Registers Section, Immunisation Branch – Office of Health Protection, Department of Health
1.05pm	Lunch

### Session 4: Neuraminidase Inhibitors: the Great Debate – Panel Discussion

*Chair: Clin Prof David Smith* – Clinical Microbiologist/Virologist, Division of Microbiology & Infectious Diseases; Network Director, PathWest QEII Medical Centre. Clin Prof, School of Path & Lab Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Western Australia, ISG Member

2.00pm	<b>PANEL</b> <b>Uncomplicated community illness vs hospitalized patients with severe disease:</b> A/Prof Aeron Hurt – Acting Deputy Director, VIDRL. ISG Member <b>Nosocomial outbreaks in hospitals:</b> Prof Heath Kelly – Formerly Head, Epidemiology and Surveillance, VIDRL. ISG Member <b>Pandemics:</b> A/Prof Aeron Hurt – Acting Deputy Director, VIDRL. ISG Member <b>Aged care environments:</b> Prof Robert Booy – Head, Clinical Research, NCIRS. ISG Director <b>ICU/critical care:</b> Prof Allen Cheng – Director, Epidemiology & Preventative Medicine, Alfred Health, Monash University
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### Session 5: Pneumococcal Disease

2.50pm	<b>Paediatric pneumococcal vaccination</b> Prof Kim Mulholland – Professorial Fellow, Pneumococcal Research, Murdoch Childrens Research Institute
3.15pm	<b>Adult vaccination and the role of polysaccharide and conjugate vaccines</b> Prof David Goldblatt – Professor of Vaccinology and Immunology, Institute of Child Health, University College London
3.40pm	Afternoon tea

### Session 6: Influenza Specialist Group Proposed changes to ISG

4.10pm	<b>Overview of proposed ISG 2016 awareness program</b> Mr Kim Sampson <sup>1</sup> and Ms Susanne Sperber <sup>2</sup> 1 CEO of the ISG 2 ISG Communications Specialist
4.30pm	<b>Summary and overview</b> Prof Lou Irving
4.40pm	Close



# Attendees List 2016

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	ORGANISATION
<b>Aldridge</b>	<b>Jeneane</b>	Clinical Services Manager	Bupa
<b>Andrews</b>	<b>Prof Ross</b>	Deputy Director	Menzies School of Health Research
<b>Baggoley</b>	<b>Prof Chris</b>	Chief Medical Officer	Australian Government Department of Health
<b>Barr</b>	<b>Dr Ian</b>	Deputy Director	WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza
<b>Bleeze</b>	<b>Miss Megan</b>	Medical Student	University of Notre Dame
<b>Blyth</b>	<b>Dr Christopher</b>	Paediatric Infectious Diseases Physician, Clinical Microbiologist	Princess Margaret Hospital
<b>Booy</b>	<b>Prof Robert</b>	Head of Research, ISG Director	National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS)
<b>Brown</b>	<b>Ms Josie</b>	APAC Director of Digital	J Walter Thompson
<b>Burns</b>	<b>Dr Penny</b>	GP	RACGP
<b>Cameron</b>	<b>Amanda</b>	Deputy Nurse	Bupa
<b>Canagasingham</b>	<b>Mr Peter</b>	Senior Product Manager – ANZ	BGP Products
<b>Carrol</b>	<b>Mr Paul</b>	Key Account Manager	Pfizer
<b>Cheng</b>	<b>A/Prof Allen</b>	Director, Infection Prevention and Healthcare	Alfred Hospital
<b>Chilver</b>	<b>Ms Monique</b>	Program Manager	The Australian Sentinel Practices Research Network (ASPREN)
<b>Clark</b>	<b>Dr Richard</b>	Senior Research Fellow	AHPRA/HealthFX
<b>Cooper</b>	<b>Miss Christine</b>	Key Account Manager -Vaccines	Pfizer
<b>Cripps</b>	<b>Prof Allan</b>	Pro Vice Chancellor (Health)	Griffith University
<b>Crosthwaite</b>	<b>Mr Allan</b>	Branch Director, Victoria	Pharmacy Guild of Australia
<b>Cunningham</b>	<b>Prof Tony</b>	Executive Director	Westmead Millennium Institute for Medical Research
<b>Dillon</b>	<b>Ms Gemma</b>	Medical Affairs	Seqirus
<b>Dwyer</b>	<b>Dr Dominic</b>	Medical Virologist	Westmead Hospital
<b>Eizenberg</b>	<b>Dr Claire</b>	Director	Doctors of Ivanhoe
<b>Eizenberg</b>	<b>Dr Peter</b>	Executive Director	NE Valley Division of General Practice
<b>Everett</b>	<b>Mr Darius</b>	Director Immunisation Programs, Immunisation Branch	Office of Health Protection, Australian Government Department of Health
<b>Exadactylos</b>	<b>Ms Katina</b>	Medical Manager	Seqirus
<b>Falconer-Flint</b>	<b>Mr Roger</b>	Head of Influenza	AstraZeneca
<b>Forde</b>	<b>Dr Andrea</b>	ANZ Medical Director - Vaccines	GSK
<b>Forrai</b>	<b>Miss Ariel</b>	Brand Manager	GSK
<b>Geddes</b>	<b>Mrs Jayne</b>	Administration Officer	Influenza Specialist Group
<b>Gilchrist</b>	<b>Mr Steven</b>	Student	University of Adelaide (ASPREN)
<b>Goldblatt</b>	<b>Prof David</b>	NIHR Senior Investigator	University College London
<b>Gomez</b>	<b>Ms Marsha</b>	Pharmacist Advisor	Pharmacy Guild of Australia
<b>Griffin</b>	<b>Dr Paul</b>	Director of Infectious Diseases	Mater Hospital
<b>Grundling</b>	<b>Mrs Anne-Marie</b>	Senior Product Manager	Sanofi Pasteur
<b>Hampson</b>	<b>Dr Alan</b>	ISG Chairman	ISG / Interflu Pty Ltd.
<b>Harper</b>	<b>Ms Susan</b>	Manager, Infection Control	Peter McCullum Cancer Institute
<b>Harris</b>	<b>Dr Miranda</b>	Medical Officer	Therapeutic Goods Administration
<b>Harris</b>	<b>Ms Sharon</b>	Immunisation Coordinator Manager	Nillumbik Community Health Service
<b>Harvey</b>	<b>Dr Tim</b>	Medical Affairs Director	Sanofi Pasteur
<b>Hohl</b>	<b>Dr Norman</b>	Medical Director	Travel Health Doctors – Health HQ
<b>Hurt</b>	<b>A/Prof Aeron</b>	Acting Deputy Director	Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory (VIDRL)
<b>Hurwitz</b>	<b>Clin A/Prof Mark</b>	Senior Consultant	Canberra Hospital
<b>Irving</b>	<b>Prof Lou</b>	Director of Respiratory Medicine	Melbourne Health
<b>Jennings</b>	<b>A/Prof Lance</b>	Clinical Virologist	Canterbury Health Laboratories, NZ
<b>Jones</b>	<b>Dr Leanne</b>	GP, Director ISG	Caledonian Medical Centre, Launceston
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