



Influenza Specialist Group Annual Scientific Meeting 2008

**20 – 21 January 2008
Hilton Melbourne Airport**

Day One: Sunday 20 January 2008

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| 5.20pm | Welcome and introduction | Prof Lou Irving
(Chairman) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prof Lou Irving is Director of Respiratory Medicine at Melbourne Health, VIC and Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group | |
| 5.30pm | NIs – an update | Mr Aeron Hurt |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr Aeron Hurt is responsible for antiviral drug analysis at the WHO Influenza Centre in Melbourne, VIC | |
| 7.30pm | NIs in adults – rapid use of NIs in secondary care settings (update incl. 2007 influenza season) | Prof Raina MacIntyre & Dr Dominic Dwyer |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prof Raina MacIntyre is Senior Principal Research Fellow with the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance of Preventable Diseases in Sydney, NSW.Dr Dominic Dwyer is Medical Virologist at the Centre for Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Laboratory Services at the Westmead Hospital in Sydney NSW. | |
| 8.15pm | Use of NIs in infants / children | Prof Robert Booy |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prof Robert Booy is the Co-Director for the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance of Vaccine Preventable Diseases (NCIRS) in Sydney, NSW | |
| 9.00pm | Discussion on improving the targeting and rational use of antivirals | Moderated by Dr David Smith |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr David Smith is the Clinical Director for Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, PathWest Laboratory Medicine WA. | |
| 9.45pm | Summary / overview | Prof Lou Irving |
| 9.50pm | Close | |



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| 9.10am | Seasonal Influenza Update | Dr Ian Barr (WHO Influenza Centre) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr Barr is the Deputy Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza in Melbourne, VIC. | |
| 9.45am | Update on the Who Global Influenza Program | Prof Anne Kelso |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prof Anne Kelso is the Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza in Melbourne, VIC. | |
| 10.05am | Update on pandemic vaccine development | Dr Alan Hampson |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr Hampson is the Chairman of the Influenza Specialist Group | |
| 10.40am | Australia's pandemic preparedness | Dr Julie Hall |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr Hall is the Principal Medical Advisor at the Department of Health and Ageing Office of Health Protection | |
| 11.20am | Influenza impact: use of influenza surveillance data to measure the impact of influenza | Dr David Smith & Assoc/Prof Heath Kelly |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr David Smith is the Clinical Director for Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, PathWest Laboratory Medicine WA and Board Member of the Influenza Specialist GroupA/Prof Heath Kelly is Head of Epidemiology and Surveillance at the Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory (VIDRL) in Melbourne, VIC | |
| 11.50am | Paediatric vaccination – review of evidence for universal influenza vaccination | Prof Robert Booy |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prof Robert Booy is the Co-Director for the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance of Vaccine Preventable Diseases (NCIRS) in Sydney, NSW | |

- 12.30pm **Assessment of effectiveness of influenza vaccine in West Australian pre-school children** Dr David Smith
- Dr David Smith is the Clinical Director for Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, PathWest Laboratory Medicine WA and Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group
- 1.35pm **Paediatric vaccination – group discussion** Moderated by Prof Lou Irving
- Prof Lou Irving is Director of Respiratory Medicine at Melbourne Health, VIC and Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group
- 2.05pm **Vaccination of older adults: an ongoing discussion** (publication by L Simonsen) Assoc Prof Heath Kelly
- A/Prof Heath Kelly is Head of Epidemiology and Surveillance at the Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory (VIDRL) in Melbourne, VIC
- 2.35pm **ISG PBAC submission on universal vaccination of 50-64 year olds** Dr Alan Hampson
- Dr Hampson is Chairman of the Influenza Specialist Group
- 3.20pm **Healthcare professional vaccination – QLD Health healthcare profession influenza vaccination program** Rebecca Hooper
- Ms Hooper is Acting Infection Control and Employee Health Manager at the Centre for Healthcare Related Infection Surveillance and Prevention at Queensland Health
- 4.25pm **ISG – present and future** Dr Alan Hampson & Kristine Whorlow
- Dr Hampson is Chairman of the Influenza Specialist Group
 - Ms Whorlow is CEO of the National Asthma Council, and ISG Board member
- 5.05pm **Summary / overview** Prof Lou Irving (Chairman)
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