



Influenza Specialist Group

2011 Program

Annual Scientific Meeting

6 & 7 February 2011

Hilton Hotel – Melbourne Airport

Day One: Sunday 6 February 2011
Macedon Room

- 5.00pm **Welcome and introduction**
Prof Lou Irving – Meeting Chair
Prof Lou Irving is Director of Respiratory Medicine at Melbourne Health, VIC and Board Member of the ISG
- 5.10pm **Flu epidemiology update**
Dr Ian Barr
Dr Ian Barr is the Deputy Director at the WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza, Melbourne
- 5.45pm **Influenza vaccine formulation for 2011**
Dr Gary Grohmann
Dr. Gary Grohmann FASM is Director Immunobiology, Office of Laboratories and Scientific Services, Monitoring and Compliance Group, Therapeutic Goods Administration

Antiviral Forum

- 6.25pm **What's new in antivirals for influenza**
Dr Aeron Hurt
Dr Aeron Hurt is a senior scientist and Head of the Antiviral Susceptibility Group at the WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference & Research on Influenza, Melbourne
- 7.25pm **Antiviral treatment of mild and moderate/severe influenza: old experiences and new lessons**
Clinical Prof David Smith
Clinical Prof David Smith is a Clinical Virologist at PathWest Laboratory Medicine WA and a Board Member of ISG
- 7.45pm **Influenza antivirals in children**
Prof Robert Booy
Prof Robert Booy is Head of Research at the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance of Vaccine Preventable Diseases (NCIRS), Sydney
- 8.00pm **Discussion on antiviral use**
Prof Lou Irving - Discussion Chair, Dr Aeron Hurt, Dr David Smith, Prof Robert Booy
- 8.50pm **Altered influenza vaccine policies, vaccine types in Canada**
Dr Paul Van Buynder
Dr Paul Van Buynder is the Deputy Chief Medical Officer, New Brunswick Dept of Health, Canada
- 9.25pm **Summary and overview**
Professor Lou Irving – Meeting Chair
- 9.35pm **Close**

Day Two: Monday 7 February 2011

Victoria Ballroom

8.50am **Welcome and introduction**
Prof Lou Irving – Meeting Chair

At-risk Groups Forum 1 - Pregnancy

9.00am **Pregnancy outcomes of influenza infection: introduction**
Dr Rod Pearce

Rod Pearce is an Adelaide and country GP, Member of ATAGI and Medical Officer of Health for the Eastern Health Authority and Royal District Nursing Service

9.10am **Vaccine safety and effectiveness in pregnancy**
A/Prof Kristine Macartney

A/Prof Kristine Macartney is Deputy Director of Government Programs, National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance

9.25am **Current situation and improving vaccine rates in pregnant women**
Dr Elizabeth McCarthy

Dr Elizabeth McCarthy is an Obstetrician at the Perinatal Centre, Mercy Hospital for Women and Senior Lecturer at the University of Melbourne

9.40am **Discussion on at-risk group - pregnancy**

Dr Rod Pearce – Discussion Chair, A/Prof Kristine Macartney, Dr Elizabeth McCarthy,
Dr Michelle Giles

At-risk Groups Forum 2 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

10.00am **Impact influenza is having on the ATSI population**
A/Prof Peter Richmond

A/Prof Peter Richmond is at the School of Paediatrics and Child Health, University of WA

10.15am **Current and planned research**
Dr Kerry-Ann O'Grady

Dr Kerry-Ann O'Grady is a researcher at the Queensland Children's Medical Research Institute, Royal Children's Hospital

11.10am **Current situation**
Dr Robert Menzies

Dr Robert Menzies is the Deputy Director, Surveillance, National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS), Sydney

11.25am **Discussion on at risk group - ATSI**

Prof Lou Irving – Discussion Chair, A/Prof Peter Richmond, Dr Kerry-Ann O'Grady,
Dr Robert Menzies

Adverse Events Forum

11.40am **Adverse events surveillance**
Dr Paul Effler

Dr Paul Effler is the Medical Coordinator, Prevention and Control Program, Communicable Disease Control Directorate, Dept Health WA

- 12.00pm **H1N1 vaccines in children: expected and unexpected adverse events following influenza immunisation**
Dr Nigel Crawford
Dr Nigel Crawford is a Paediatrician at the Royal Children's Hospital and Researcher at SAEFVIC-Immunisation Safety Unit, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Melbourne
- 12.20pm **Update on febrile events in children associated with 2010 Fluvax®**
Dr Michael Greenberg
Dr Michael Greenberg is Director of Clinical Development, Vaccines at CSL
- 12.30pm **Numbers needed to vaccinate to assess risk benefit**
A/Prof Heath Kelly
A/Prof Heath Kelly is Head of Epidemiology and Surveillance at the Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory (VIDRL) in Melbourne
- 1.40pm **Future of paediatric influenza vaccination in Australia**
Prof Robert Booy
Prof Robert Booy is Head of Research at the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance of Vaccine Preventable Diseases (NCIRS) in Sydney
- 1.55pm **Discussion on adverse events**
Prof Lou Irving – Discussion Chair, Dr Paul Effler, Dr Nigel Crawford, A/Prof Heath Kelly, Prof Robert Booy

Healthcare Worker Vaccination Forum

- 2.20pm **Results of a systematic review of Australian data on HCW vaccination. Introduction to 2011 survey**
Dr Holly Seale
Dr Holly Seale is a Lecturer at the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of NSW
- 2.50pm **Healthcare worker vaccination in Victoria**
Dr Ann Bull
Dr Ann Bull is an epidemiologist at VICNISS
- 4.00pm **Queensland Health vaccination initiative: identifying barriers, strategies and results**
Ms Fiona Fullerton
Fiona Fullerton, Principal Advisor, Centre for Healthcare Related Infection Surveillance & Prevention (CRISP), Communicable Diseases Branch, Health Protection, Division of the Chief Health Officer Queensland Health
- 4.30pm **Evidence for non-pharmaceutical measures against influenza**
Prof Mary-Louise McLaws
Professor of Epidemiology in Healthcare Infection and Infectious Diseases Control, Hospital Infection and Epidemiology Surveillance Unit, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, Uni of NSW
- 5.00pm **The ISG in 2011**
Mr Kim Sampson & Mr Gareth Finch
*Mr Kim Sampson is the Executive Officer of ISG
Mr Gareth Finch is Public Relations Manager at Burson Marsteller*
- 5.20pm **Summary and overview**
Professor Lou Irving
- 5.30pm **Close**