



Influenza Specialist Group Scientific Conference 2009

Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd February 2009

Day One: Sunday 1 February 2009

- 5.00pm **Welcome and introduction** Prof Lou Irving
(Chairman)
- Prof Lou Irving is Director of Respiratory Medicine at Melbourne Health, VIC and Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group
- 5.10pm **Antiviral resistance update** Mr Aeron Hurt
- Mr Aeron Hurt is responsible for antiviral drug analysis at the WHO Influenza Centre in Melbourne, VIC
- 5.40pm **Simplified algorithm for antiviral decisions (APACI)** 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
- 6.00pm **Progress with new antiviral treatments** Dr Simon Tucker of Biota
- Dr Simon Tucker is the Vice President of Research for Biota Holdings Limited
- 7.00pm **2008 Australian impact data review** 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
- 7.45pm **Antiviral treatment news & update** Dr Alan Hampson
- Dr Alan Hampson is the Chairman of the Influenza Specialist Group
- 8.00pm **Discussion: revision of ISG antiviral discussion paper** Dr David Smith and Prof Lance Jennings
- Prof Lance Jennings, Virologist at the Canterbury Health Laboratories and Senior Clinical Lecturer at the Christchurch School of Medicine & Health Sciences
- 8.40pm **Summary and overview** Prof Lou Irving
- 9.00pm **Close**



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Day Two: Monday 2 February 2009

- 9.00am **Welcome and introduction** Prof Lou Irving (Chairman)
- Prof Lou Irving is Director of Respiratory Medicine at Melbourne Health, VIC and Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group
- 9.10am **ISG Executive officer introduction** Mr Kim Sampson
- Mr Kim Sampson is the Executive Officer, Influenza Specialist Group
- 9.20am **Review of 2008 southern hemisphere season and 08-09 northern hemisphere season update** Dr Ian Barr (WHO Influenza Centre)
- Dr Barr is the Deputy Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza in Melbourne, VIC.
- 9.40am **Factors involved in vaccine formulation and background to the 2009 vaccine formulation** Dr Gary Grohmann
- Dr Gary Grohmann is Director Immunobiology & Manager of Prescription Medicines, Therapeutic Goods Administration
- 10.10am **Vaccine match and effectiveness** 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
- 11.10am **Paediatric influenza vaccination – WA experience** Dr Paul van Buynder
- Dr Paul van Buynder is Director Communicable Disease Control Directorate of the West Australian Department of Health
- 11.40am **Vaccination of children and herd immunity in adults** 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

- 12.10pm **A review of economic evaluations of influenza vaccination in older adults: lessons for future models** Dr Anthony Newall
- Dr Anthony Newall, is a lecturer in health economics at the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at the University of NSW
- 1.20pm **Surveillance and management of influenza outbreaks in nursing homes – overview of NCIRS and NSW Health research project** Prof Robert Booy
- Prof Robert Booy is the Co-Director for the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance of Vaccine Preventable Diseases (NCIRS) in Sydney, NSW
- 1.50pm **Household transmission of influenza and other respiratory viruses and the value of masks in interrupting transmission** Prof Raina MacIntyre
- Prof Raina MacIntyre is the Head of School of Public Health and Community Medicine for the University of NSW.
- 2.20pm **Overview of the updated Australian Health Management Plan for Pandemic Influenza (AHMPPI)** Dr Bernie Towler
- Dr Bernie Towler from the Pandemic Preparedness Section, Health Protection Policy Branch Dept of Health & Ageing
- 3.15pm **Influenza immunisation of doctors at an Australian tertiary hospital: immunisation rate and factors contributing to uptake** Dr Jonathan Kaufman
- Dr Jonathan Kaufman from the Geelong Hospital, VIC
- 3.40pm **Discussion: Vaccination of healthcare professionals** Ms Kerryn Lajoie & Dr Rod Pearce
- Ms Kerryn Lajoie is a representative of the Australian Nursing Federation – Immunisation Nurses Special Interest Group and ISG member
 - Dr Rod Pearce is an Adelaide GP, Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group and GP representative on the AMA Federal Council
- 4.45pm **Summary / overview** Prof Lou Irving (Chairman)
- 5.00pm **Close**