



## Influenza Specialist Group Scientific Conference 2009

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009

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### 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**