Welcome

Winter is here and so is the 4th Edition of the Paediatric Research Newsletter.

It has been a busy three months since our last edition. Highlights have included the first Discipline of Paediatrics Research Forum which was held on 22nd May on the topic of Adolescent Health. I would like to thank all eleven speakers who so generously donated their time to discuss their research interests.

What particularly struck me was how much work on adolescent research is being undertaken close to Sydney Children’s Hospital and how much potential there is for research collaborations. We plan to hold other forums with different research themes in the future. Thanks to Sam and Sara for organising this superb event.

The School of Women’s & Children’s Health Research Day at the Crown Plaza Coogee, was another opportunity to meet other potential collaborators within the School. The three minute presentations from Academics and Senior Conjoint were particularly valuable.

The release of the Draft Sydney Children’s Hospital Network (SCHN) Research Strategy has reinforced my belief that our own strategic operational response to the External Review of Paediatrics carried out last August (still in the consultation phase) is aligned with that of the Network’s. This is important because not only is research and teaching in the Discipline important to the Hospital; the Hospital is integral to our research and teaching endeavours. Furthermore, having seen the report on the External Review of Medicine carried out late last year, I am confident that we are also strategically aligned with those recommendations.

Professor Adam Jaffe
John Beveridge Professor of Paediatrics
Head of Discipline of Paediatrics
School of Women’s & Children’s Health

The SCHN’s Randwick Research Committee held its first meeting since re-commencing with new members. This Committee includes representatives from many paediatric sub-specialties including nursing, scientists and allied health, as well as a representative from CCIA. As A/Prof Kei Lui said at the conclusion of the meeting; ‘it’s nice to see a whole lot of new faces interested in research’.

The first task of the new Committee is to finalise a new terms of reference which are likely to include the development and implementation of the paediatric research strategy on this site; stimulating research and encouraging new researchers; and measuring and reporting of key performance indicators.

I am delighted to announce that Kylie-Ann Mallitt has been appointed as biostatistician and joined us on 11th June. She will be a great resource for all academics and conjoints of the School. More information on services Kylie-Ann is available to provide and how to access her will be circulated very soon.

Finally, good luck to all of those eagerly awaiting or already completing their NHMRC Response to Assessors and/or ARC Rejoiners.

New Format

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**Becoming a Conjoint**

The Conjoint system within UNSW Medicine is designed for individuals who make a significant contribution to UNSW Medicine in the form of:

- Teaching;
- Research;
- Participation in student examinations/assessments; and
- Service on committees for the Faculty.

Appointment as a Conjoint offers official recognition and inclusion into the academic community of UNSW Medicine and offers many benefits including:

- Ability to use University title e.g. Dr YX, Conjoint Lecturer UNSW
- Access to internet and University email
- Access to University library and other campus services
- Access to various computer programs through university licences and staff rates, including antivirus and statistics software, as well as purchases of these at staff rates from the UNSW bookshop.
- Access to teaching resources at the University.
- Eligibility for most Faculty and University research grants and eligibility for teaching and other awards.
- Enhancement of professional development and curriculum vitae.

UNSW Medicine recognises the valuable contribution of staff and encourages a broad range of clinicians, medical, allied health, scientists and nursing staff to apply for conjoint status within the Faculty.

**PA to Head of Discipline / Conjoint Liaison**

Sara Savige is Personal Assistant to Prof Adam Jaffe - John Beveridge Chair of Paediatrics and Head of Discipline of Paediatrics; she is also Conjoint Liaison for new and existing conjoints. Sara can help you with any queries relating to applying for a Conjoint Appointment with the School of Women’s & Children’s Health including the benefits to you and us, and also help you with lodging your application i.e. how to complete the form, the process, etc.

In addition, Sara’s role as Personal Assistant for Prof Adam Jaffe means she is the initial contact point for him. For scheduling meetings, sign-off on documents etc. please contact Sara.

**Grants Management Office (GMO)**

The Grants Management Office is responsible for the efficient administration and reporting of all research grants at UNSW. The GMO coordinates the submission of grants ensuring compliance with funding agency rules and regulations. In addition, the GMO also makes sure that researchers meet all funding body financial and progress reporting requirements.

UNSW requires all grant applications and proposals for research funding to be submitted to sponsors via the Grants Management Office.

It is highly-recommended that you sign up for Grant News - a fortnightly e-Bulletin containing current funding opportunities.

To subscribe email grantsnews@unsw.edu.au with "subscribe grant-news" in the body of the message.

More information on the GMO can be found online: http://research.unsw.edu.au/units/gmo-grants-management-office

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**Researcher Development Unit (RDU)**

The Researcher Development Unit offers training and support for UNSW researchers and affiliated institutions.

The RDU is responsible for devising effective development opportunities to support researchers in building their careers and UNSW in its aspiration to “be a leading researcher intensive university in the Asia-Pacific region.”

The broad range of learning and development offerings reflects the career path of researchers and the requisite skills and knowledge needed at each step; from navigating your way through the grant application process, creating a research strategy, approaches to publication, supervision, managing a project team and much more.

It is highly-recommended that you sign up for the Researcher Training & Development Bulletin. This is
School of Women's & Children's Health. Kate Dunn is the Outreach Librarian for the Lookout for the regular feature in the News section of the publications, theses, conference posters etc. called UNSWorks. Library has developed an open-access repository to house In accordance with new policies of the NHMRC and ARC, the publications, generate an H-Index and citation counts. and Web of Science which allow you to analyse your Library also provides you with access to SCOPUS - approximately 10 minutes walk from Sydney Children's The main UNSW Library is located on the Kensington Campus postgraduate research student administration and facilitating access to the wide range of skills and training support available from many service providers throughout the University. The GRS’ range of services include administering all aspects of research student candidature, scholarships, thesis examination, recruitment, information seminars and training programs and providing advice to potential and current students. More information on the GRS can be found online: research.unsw.edu.au/units/graduate-research-school Ph 9382 5500 l Email enquiries.grs@unsw.edu.au UNSW Library The main UNSW Library is located on the Kensington Campus - approximately 10 minutes walk from Sydney Children's Hospital. As well as having an extensive range of physical titles, the Library also has a large online collection including various e-Books and access to electronic journals. In addition, the Library can help you measure and track your research outputs and impact factors. The Library also provides you with access to SCOPUS and Web of Science which allow you to analyse your publications, generate an H-index and citation counts. In accordance with new policies of the NHMRC and ARC, the Library has developed an open-access repository to house publications, theses, conference posters etc. called UNSWorks. More information on the UNSW Library can be found online: http://library.unsw.edu.au/ Lookout for the regular feature in the News section of the Paediatric Research Newsletter from the UNSW Library. Kate Dunn is the Outreach Librarian for the School of Women's & Children's Health. Ph 9385 1012 l Email kate.dunn@unsw.edu.au NewSouth Innovations Pty Ltd (NSI) NewSouth Innovations Pty Ltd commercialises research and technologies developed at UNSW. The NSI team work with UNSW researchers and industry partners from the earliest stages of research to ensure that technologies developed at the University have the appropriate patent protection and are commercialised to succeed as marketable products. More information on NSI can be found online: http://www.nsimnovations.com.au/ Ph 9382 5008 l Email info@nsimnovations.com.au Research Gateway The Research Gateway is a one-stop-shop of UNSW research support and should be your first port of call when trying to find information. The Research Gateway can be accessed here: research.unsw.edu.au/ Your Profile on the Research Gateway One great feature of the Research Gateway is the ability for researchers to create and update their research profile. All UNSW researchers are able to publish an individual profile page on the Gateway and provide links to their own or their research groups / centre external websites including Twitter feeds. This is a valuable tool for promoting your research interests, attracting students, and establishing links with other researchers at UNSW, as well as industry and other institutions. All Discipline of Paediatrics researchers are strongly encouraged to create and maintain their profile on the Gateway. Our new School website (scheduled to go live later this year) will also link to profiles on the Gateway. The Research Coordinator (k.mcfredries@unsw.edu.au) is more than happy to help you with creating and updating your profile. Instructions can be found online: https://research.unsw.edu.au/profile-page-faqs Profiles can be viewed online: https://research.unsw.edu.au/researcher Postdoctoral Researcher Resources & Support Information and resources including fellowships, conference and travel grant opportunities can be found online at the Research Gateway: research.unsw.edu.au/postdoctoral-researcher-resources-and-support This is where you can find an e-Zine version of the 2013 UNSW Postdoctoral Researcher Handbook. Key Research Policies It is good practise for senior and new researchers at UNSW to keep up-to-date with various policies that may impact their research. These policies can be found online: http://research.unsw.edu.au/policies-and-procedures UNSW Code of Conduct The University’s expectations of staff and affiliated personnel with respect to their professional and personal conduct. UNSW Research Code of Conduct Outlines the obligations of all researchers with respect to data storage and retention, confidentiality, authorship and publication, supervision of students / research trainees, conflict of interest process and procedures for managing allegations of research misconduct and authorship disputes. Intellectual Property (IP) Policy Outlines the University policy with regards to ownership of IP, students and IP, exploitation of IP, moral rights, and resolution of disagreements over IP ownership. Conflict of Interest Includes definition of conflict of interest and the process for reporting and managing these conflicts. UNSW Travel Policy Approval of absence from University, preferred travel providers, processes for booking fares and accommodation. Paid Outside Work Policy Covers the following related to paid outside work - conflict of interest, time allowance, use of facilities and cost recovery, use of name, professional indemnity, IP, taxation, responsibilities for heads of units and staff. For more information see the Research Gateway.
New PhD Students

We would like to welcome and introduce PhD students who have commenced their research in 2013 within the Discipline of Paediatrics and affiliated Children’s Cancer Institute Australia (CCIA).

We hope you are having an enjoyable and enriching experience and feel supported in your research pursuits. We recognise and appreciate the valuable contribution you make to our research community in output and strategy.

In the Discipline of Paediatrics we have Dr Marion Mateos supervised Dr Toby Trahair and co-supervised by Prof Glenn Marshall; and Dr Nusrat Homaira supervised by Prof Adam Jaffe and Prof Bill Rawlinson, and co-supervised by Dr Tom Snelling.

Located and supervised at the CCIA but also part of the Discipline of Paediatrics we have Zara Ali and Chi Yan Ooi. Zara is supervised by Dr Karen Mackenzie and Chi Yan is supervised by Dr Belamy Cheung.

Aside from your supervisors, co-supervisors, and other support personnel in your institutes / centres / departments, we would like to remind you that the Head of Discipline of Paediatrics, Postgraduate Coordinator, Student Services Officers and Research Coordinator (amongst other roles in the School of Women’s and Children’s Health) are available to provide additional support.

There is also a wealth of services available to you on the UNSW Kensington Campus. If you need help finding and accessing these facilities, we would like to remind you to consult the Research Coordinator or the teams above. They have an excellent ability to connect you to the right personnel in your institutes / centres / departments.

Young Investigator Seminar Series

The Young Investigator Seminar Series forms part of the Annual Progress Review for Higher Degree students enrolled with the Discipline of Paediatrics, School of Women’s & Children’s Health, UNSW Medicine.

The Young Investigator Seminars are held twice-monthly on a Tuesday from 1pm-2pm in the John Beveridge Lecture Theatre, Level 1, Sydney Children’s Hospital.

All are welcome to attend including ILP students, nursing, allied health, and medical staff. The series is useful and informative and includes educational sessions on statistics, research methods, and human research ethics etc.

It is essential that Higher Degree research students in the Discipline of Paediatrics attend regularly even when it is not their turn to present. However, we encourage all to come and support our emerging researchers.

For more information please contact Prof Anne Cunningham.

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3 Minute Thesis Competition

UNSW Medicine will hold its 3 Minute Thesis Competition on Wednesday 24th July, 2013 at 2pm in Wallace Wurth LG03 (Lower Ground Floor Lecture Theatre 3).

Research Higher Degree students will have three minutes to present a compelling oration on their thesis topic and its significance, in language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience.

The following prizes are up for grabs:

- **First Prize** - $500
- **Second Prize** - $300
- **People’s Choice** - $250

The three winners from the UNSW Medicine competition will be entered into the UNSW 3 Minute Thesis Interfaculty Final to be held on Thursday 5th September, 2013.

The UNSW Interfaculty competition has the following prizes:

- **First Prize** - $3,000 (plus entry into the 2013 Australia & New Zealand Competition).
- **Runner-Up Prize** - $1,500
- **People’s Choice** - $1,000

More information can be found online: [https://research.unsw.edu.au/events/3-minute-thesis-competition-unsw-interfaculty-final](https://research.unsw.edu.au/events/3-minute-thesis-competition-unsw-interfaculty-final)

UNSW Libray Update

**New system for recording UNSW publications**

From the 1st of July 2013, UNSW will be introducing a new system, ROS, to manage information about the University’s research outputs.

All academic staff will have a record in ROS and will be able to log in and manage their publications.

ROS offers a number of functionalities to support you:

- Streamlined, and in most cases automated, publications data entry
- Impact measurements, including H-indices, citation counts and Altmetrics
- Uploading accurate publication information to the UNSW Research Gateway
- Easy export options to create publication lists for CVs, grants and promotion applications
- Collection of data for HERDC and other research assessment exercises

The second phase of the ROS project will be integration with UNSWorks, the UNSW institutional repository, facilitating compliance with Open Access mandates.

For further information contact our Outreach Librarian - Kate Dunn.

Library systems upgrade - Sirius

Due to system upgrades from 1st July 2013, Sirius will no longer be available. Its core functionality is available through the Library’s other systems - SearchFirst, Find Databases and MyLibrary.

Saved lists of databases, e-journals and queries will need to be recreated. Information on how to do this is available here: [http://blogs.unsw.edu.au/librarynews/blog/2013/04/systems-upgrade-sirius](http://blogs.unsw.edu.au/librarynews/blog/2013/04/systems-upgrade-sirius)

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Women’s & Children’s Health Research Day

On the 27th May, approximately 45 Academic and Professional & Technical staff and senior research Coordinators met at the Crown Plaza Coogee Bay for a school-wide research day. The aims of the day were to provide some updates on research funding and ILP students and to enhance research collaborations within the School and beyond.

The morning kicked off with a talk from Warwick Dawson, Director of UNSW’s Research Partnerships Unit on the new UNSW Pricing Tool for external research followed by Dr John Hunt, ILP and Honours Convener from UNSW Medicine, with an update on ILPs.

What followed next was a large round of “speed dating”...
UNSW Medicine Post-Doctoral Travel & Research Grant Program

The UNSW Medicine Post-Doctoral Travel and Research Grant Program will be launched soon.

Details will be circulated to UNSW Medicine Post-Docs and available on the website: http://med.unsw.edu.au/post-doctoral-staff

The Post-Doctoral Research Grant and Travel Support Program is designed to provide financial support for activities of Post Doctoral staff within the following broad categories:

- Support to travel and present at a local or international conference (Travel Grant)
- Small grant support for research of a high quality not covered by other funding sources (Research Grant)
- Support for professional development of Post-Doctoral staff as part of the Professional Development and Talent Management (PDTM) Program

ANZAN Scientific Meeting

Congratulations to conjoint Associate Lecturer and Masters Higher Degree student Dr Alexandra Johnson who was awarded the Jim Lance Young Investigator Platform Award (valued at $1,000) at the Australian & New Zealand Association of Neurologists Annual Scientific Meeting held in Sydney in May.

Alex’s Masters research on temporal lobe epilepsy is supervised by A/Prof Annie Bye, Prof Anne Cunningham, and Dr Ella Sugo - who were all thrilled with her award.

We are inviting all ILP students who are currently completing a higher degree to submit their ILP report to the ILP Student Awards 2013. The application process is as follows:

1. ILP students are invited to submit an abstract describing their research by 18th October, 2013.
   An entry form will be circulated in the coming months. The due date for their ILP report submission is 14th November, 2013. We are simply asking that students enter by sending the abstract of their report.

2. All submitted abstracts will be scored by a panel of independent judges.

3. The authors of the best abstracts will be invited to give a short presentation outlining their research at Sydney Children’s Hospital Grand Rounds on 14th November, 2013.

4. All submitted abstracts will be published in a booklet that will be made available to all attendees on 14th November, 2013.

More information will be circulated to ILP Students and their Supervisors in July-August. Any queries can be directed to Dr Sean Kennedy (Director of Education) or Samantha McFedries (Research Coordinator).

You can download a copy here:
http://www.uniken.unsw.edu.au/

ILP Students Mandatoray Coursework Modules

Supervisors of ILP / Honours students this year would have received an email regarding coursework modules that are mandatory for students to attend. As a reminder, the dates and topics for these modules are below:

1. Quantitative Analysis Lecture
   Date: Monday 24th June, 2013
   Time: 10am-12noon
   Venue: Biomedical Theatre C

2. Qualitative Analysis Lecture
   Date: Monday 24th June, 2013
   Time: 1pm-3pm

BUPA Health Foundation Funding

BUPA Health Foundation recently announced the recipients of their $2 million injection into Australian health research and implementation programs. UNSW was fortunate to receive a piece of the pie.

Prof Jeffrey Brathwaite (AIHI) together with collaborators Prof Les White, Prof Adam Jaffe, and Prof Chris Cowell (SCHN), were awarded a $400,000 BUPA grant for the study titled ‘Care Track Kids: The appropriateness of healthcare delivered to Australian Children’. This a great result, especially due to the competitiveness of the round and a success rate of 1.6%.

This study is an Australian first, and will identify the appropriateness of healthcare delivered to children in Australia. Thousands of patients will be examined across 16 of the most common health conditions for children including juvenile diabetes, type 1 diabetes, and asthma.

This project is a continuation of the 2012 study Care Track Australia which successfully demonstrated that there are large gaps in the provision of appropriate care to adults in 22 of the most common health conditions.

BUPA is a leading health insurance company in Australia and the UK. The award provides an $80,000 (tax free) independent research grant to the award recipient’s employing organisation to further the recipient’s work and knowledge.

The Award targets high calibre mid-career clinicians and researchers undertaking human medical health research predominantly in Australia. The judging criteria are weighted as follows:

- 50% clinical expertise
- 25% appropriateness of the research project
- 25% feasibility of the project
• 40% - potential for the researcher’s contribution to science to directly or indirectly lead to improvement in human health;
• 30% - potential for the nominee to continue to make research contributions in the field of human health; and
• 30% - nominee’s accomplishments based on academic and employment record, research grants and awards received, cited publications and other examples of research productivity.


Nominees close on 30th June, 2013. However, nominations need to be sent to Prof Denis Wakefield by 24th June, 2013.

The Award will be presented at the Research Australia Awards Night - Wednesday 13th November, 2013

ASMR NSW Scientific Meeting

We were delighted to hear that not one but three current PhD students gave oral presentations at the recent Australian Society for Medical NSW Scientific Meeting held on 3rd June, 2013.

• Halina Ho Lai Leung supervised by Dr Jenny Wang and Prof Murray Norris.
• Philipp Arthur Dietrich supervised by Dr Jenny Wang and Prof Murray Norris.
• Hangyu Yi supervised by Dr Jenny Wang and Prof Maria Kavallaris.

All three Discipline of Paediatrics candidates are currently undertaking their research at the CCIA. Well done to you all!

Promotions

Congratulations to three of our conjoint appointments who have recently been promoted.

Dr Antonia Milner was promoted to Lecturer, whilst Dr Usha Badawi, N. Oei, J.L., Badawi, N. Neurodevelopmental outcomes of extremely premature infants conceived after assisted conception: A population based cohort study (2012) Archives of Disease in Childhood: Fetal and Neonatal Edition. Article in Press.


PSANZ Perinatal Substance Abuse Conference

Later in the year, Dr Meredith Ward will be speaking at the 3rd Annual Perinatal Society of Australia & New Zealand (PSANZ) Perinatal Substance Abuse Conference. The PSANZ Conference is being held at the Mercure Gold Coast Resort, Queensland from 23rd to 24th September, 2013. The two-day program will cover practical areas of interest for practitioners involved in the care of the drug-using mother and her newborn infant during pregnancy and beyond the hospital, particularly in relation to the problem of psychiatric and drug use co-morbidities. There will be small group workshops as well as lecture sessions dealing with these issues.

More information can be found online: http://www.pszanz.com.au/special-interest/perinatal-substance-use/pso-conference

Researcher Profile: Dr Meredith Ward

Dr Meredith Ward, MBBS, FRACP is currently combining her clinical work as a Neonatologist in the Newborn Care Centre at the Royal Hospital for Women with a laboratory-based PhD researching the role of neural stem cells in the response to and potential treatment of newborn brain injury.

In the newborn intensive care unit, Meredith cares for both full term and premature babies affected by brain injury incurred at or around the time of birth.

A common story, Meredith first developed an interest in laboratory research whilst an undergraduate medical student at the University of Sydney.

First she undertook a vacation research project and later worked as a laboratory assistant in the Physiology Department under the supervision of Professor David Cook.

After completing her specialist training in Paediatrics and neonatal intensive care, Meredith returned to the laboratory part-time to pursue her graduate studies in developmental neuroscience with Professor Anne Cunningham, FRACP, PhD in the School of Women’s and Children’s Health.

Meredith has successfully mastered the technical challenges associated with a laboratory bench project including the application of multiple-labelling fluorescent immunohistochemistry and digital microscopy. This has allowed her to study hands-on the features and responses of endogenous neural stem cells in the embryonic and developing brain.

She has been supported during her studies by Pfizer, The Leslie Stevens Foundation and currently by the Cerebral Palsy Alliance Foundation for the project: “Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor: a potential neuroprotective therapy for perinatal hypoxic-ischaemic encephalopathy.”

In addition, recently, she and her supervisor have developed a collaborative project with researchers from Pharmacology in the School of Medical Sciences, UNSW, using a model of neonatal hypoxic-ischaemic encephalopathy.

Meredith is very hopeful that her research investigating ways of promoting recovery by harnessing the neural stem cells within a baby’s own brain, will offer new hope for the infants she treats experiencing these challenges in the future.

Feature supplied by Anne Cunningham, Professor of Paediatrics, UNSW Medicine

Publications:


Above: Multiple-labeling immunohistochemistry of embryonic brain showing the highly neurogenic zone lining the ventricles—a region known to harbour proliferative neural stem cells. This image, taken with a Zeiss Axioplan2 microscope and AxioCam MC digital camera, shows the simultaneous detection of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Receptor-3 (VEGFR3) in the green channel and nestin a marker of proliferating stem cells in red. The overlay image shows the prominent cellular co-localisation as yellow, indicating VEGFR3 expression by proliferating neural stem cells and radial glia. Background blue colour represents nuclei stained with DAPI.
For almost 50 years the Kids Cancer Centre, headed by Professor Glenn Marshall, has been treating children with cancer and blood disorders at Sydney Children’s Hospital.

In that time, the Centre has contributed greatly to increasing the pool of knowledge both nationally and internationally on bone marrow transplantation, chemotherapy for relapsed solid tumours and leukaemia, invention of novel anti-cancer drug combinations and minimal residual disease testing in acute lymphoblastic leukaemia.

Clinical and research staff of the Centre are recognised leaders in their respective fields and have been attributed with establishing new methods of outreach and home nursing and developing modern approaches to the bereaved family.

The Kids Cancer Centre has seen survivorship rates of acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) rise from 10% to almost 80% - ALL is the most common cancer the Centre treats. However, for the driven and passionate staff of the Kids Cancer Centre, this achievement is still not enough. For every child that walks through their doors, they strive to achieve a 100% cure rate – although they are getting closer, 1 in 4 children who are treated at the Centre will not survive the disease.

The Kids Cancer Centre is a hybrid of multi-disciplinary research teams all with one goal in mind, changing the individual prognosis of every child in their care as well as improving outcomes for children, beyond survivorship. These outcomes encompass not only cure, but also discovery of new drugs and interventions supporting survivors both medically and psychosocially.

The Kids Cancer Centre (KCC) is a great example of achieving success through collaboration with other centres, institutes, and Universities. The Children’s Cancer Institute Australia (CCIA) who is a major partner of the Kids Cancer Centre and was actually founded by parents and clinical staff from the KCC more than 30 years ago. As well as the CCIA, the KCC is also a member of the Kids Cancer Alliance which was formed by a KCC-lead Cancer Institute of NSW grant.

The Alliance is a network of the three child cancer centres in NSW - Sydney Children’s Hospital, the Children’s Hospital at Westmead, and the John Hunter Children’s Hospital in Newcastle. These hospitals are also joined by the three laboratory research institutes - the CCIA, the Children’s Medical Research Institute, and the Kids Research Institute. The latter two, work on child cancer as well as other priority areas. The Kids Cancer Alliance is also strongly supported by University partners - UNSW and the University of Sydney.

More information on the Kids Cancer Centre can be found in their publication Improving Outcomes for Children: Care, Research Cure - Kids Cancer Centre, Sydney Children’s Hospital Randwick 2006-2012 Report.

More information on the Children’s Cancer Institute Australia can be found online: http://www.ccia.org.au/index.cfm

More information on the Kids Cancer Alliance can be found online: http://www.cancerinstitute.org.au/research-grants-and-funding/translational-cancer-research-centres/the-kids-cancer-alliance

The Lancet

Prof Glenn Marshall

We were delighted to read the profile on Professor Glenn Marshall in The Lancet late last month.

Prof Marshall is the Director of the Kids Cancer Centre (KCC) and also the Head of Translational Research and Molecular Carcinogenesis at the Children’s Cancer Institute Australia (CCIA).

As the most famous and respected medical journal, Prof Marshall’s profile in the Lancet is indicative of the quality research being generated by his research team and the acclaim they are receiving not only in Australia but worldwide.

The profile is a great read and traces the career of a self-proclaimed humanist and his journey from delivering clinical care to researching in the laboratory, long before it was the common term we hear today - "translational".

To read the article, follow the link below:
http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736%2813%2961107-1/fulltext

CCIA

It wasn’t only Prof Marshall who was profiled in The Lancet, CCIA also received their own mention as a whole with the work of Prof Marshall, together with Prof Michelle Haber and Prof Murray Norris.

The World Report Profile highlights the changing climate of research funding and the adaptation of more collaborative research or “team science” as the Lancet terms it.

As Prof Haber states in the article, the CCIA grew from a ‘lack of interest in child cancer drugs from big pharma,’ which she attributes to child cancer being relatively rare and driven by genes that are often different to those in adult cancer. The article highlights the Institutes’ achievements so far in conjunction with the Kids Cancer Centre and the Kids Cancer Alliance and the challenges that remain as they work hard to eliminate cancer.

To read the article, follow the link below:
http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736%2813%2961109-5/fulltext

Researcher Profile: A/Prof Richard Cohn

A/Prof Richard Cohn is another of our highly-respected experts in child cancer.

As leader of the Kids Cancer Centre’s Brain Tumour Research Program together with co-leader Dr David Ziegler, Child Cancer Survivorship Team with co-leaders Karen Johnston and Dr Kristen Neville; and the Behavioural Sciences Unit with co-leader Dr Claire Wakefield - A/Prof Cohn is involved with interesting and non-traditional aspects of child cancer research.

A/Prof Cohn’s research interests span investigating long-term sequelae of childhood cancer treatment, childhood brain tumours, improving hospital initiatives to better support patients and families from diagnosis to survivorship and bereavement; as well as the importance of psycho-social and behavioural aspects of paediatric cancer and translation into clinical practice.

A/Prof Cohn was also at the forefront of the establishment of the Kids Cancer Alliance and is a Clinical Research Associate of CCIA.

A/Prof Cohn’s research achievements were also documented in a high-profile article in Nature, last year. The article showed how Richard’s work in collaboration with St Jude Comprehensive Cancer Centre in the US, has identified genetic mutations in medulloblastoma - the most common paediatric malignant brain cancer.

According to Cohn, “the discovery of tumour-specific gene alterations linked to subtypes of medulloblastoma provides important insights into the development of the cancer and highlights targets for new treatment approaches.”

To read the article, follow the link below:
http://www.nature.com/naturejournal/v488/n7405/abs/nature11213.html

Recent Publications


Dr Sandra Chuang is yet another example of the talented individuals who make up the Discipline of Paediatrics and Sydney Children’s Hospital. As well as Dr Chuang’s clinical commitments, Sandra is also our newly appointed Education Fellow along with Dr Monique Akouri (Education Registrar) and completing her PhD under the supervision of Prof Adam Jaffe and Dr Arthur Teng, and mentors Prof Simon Gandevia (NeurA) and A/Prof Hiran Selvadurai (CHW).

In recognition of Dr Chuang’s hard work and aptitude, she has been awarded an NHMRC Post Graduate Scholarship and a RACP Res Med Foundation / Sleep Health Foundation Research Entry Scholarship for her PhD research titled ‘Non-invasive measures of work of breathing during sleep in children.’

Sandra recently presented some of her preliminary results from the first part of her PhD at the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ) annual conference. She was awarded the Best Poster from the Paediatric Special Interest Group Section, and won a $7,500 travel grant from the Society for her planned travel to respiratory muscle labs in Europe in September to further her understanding of her PhD topic.

Her abstract has also been accepted for presentation at the annual conference of the European Respiratory Conference this year. Dr Chuang’s role as Education Fellow entails coordinating approximately 100 Junior Medical Officers (as well as our academics and other senior conjoints) in the delivery of teaching and assessment of the undergraduate medical curriculum in the Discipline of Paediatrics.

More specifically, Sandra together with Monique, are responsible for all tutorials, lectures and clinical teaching to all phases of the UNSW medicine program in paediatrics and as such provide the students with mentoring, coordinating of assignments and examinations, and marking.

Dr Chuang’s research interests are cemented in respiratory and sleep medicine, although her excellence expands well beyond what we see in the wards and labs at Sydney Children’s Hospital – Sandra’s life is busy at home too where she is a wife, mother and musician.

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**Publications:**


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**Researcher Profile: Dr Sandra Chuang**

**Sydney Children’s Hospital Network HREC**

We’ve had the pleasure of meeting Brooke McMahon and Clara Li who have recently been appointed as Ethics Officers for the Sydney Children’s Hospital Network.

Clara obtained her MBBS in 1990 in China, which was followed by five years surgical training. She then worked as an ENT Surgeon for five years before commencing her PhD study in the Sydney Medical School at the University of Sydney. After completing her PhD, Clara worked as a researcher in the field of medical research at the University of Sydney for the past eight years. Brooke joins SCHN having worked for the last three years as an Ethics Specialist within industry – CRO. Qualitites. Prior to that, Brooke worked as a study coordinator and sessional lecturer for the University of Sydney and The Australian Catholic University teaching Ethics, Law and Exercise Science, Childhood Motor Development, Biomechanics and Exercise Psychology. Brooke’s primary area of interest is in neurophysiology after having worked in the Spinal Cord Injury Unit of the Prince of Wales Hospital as an Exercise Rehabilitation Physiologist.

Brooke and Clara’s appointments come amongst a raft of changes to the SCHN HREC operations which we have faith will improve the turnaround time for NEAFs and LNRs. They join Jeff Wall who is the Associate Director of Research Operations, Catherine Berglund (Acting Research Ethics Executive Officer), and the Governance Team of Carolyn Casey and Asatina Viviani.

Research conducted within Sydney Children’s Hospital and the wider Sydney Children’s Hospital Network should go through the Ethics and Governance Office, located at the Kid’s Research Institute, the Children’s Hospital at Westmead. Support is available to assist you in completing your ethics and governance requirements.

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**Update: SCHN Ethics & Governance**

**The Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network Human Research Ethics Committee 2013 Committee Dates**

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**2013 Inaugural Australian Rare Lung Disease Short Course**

Co-hosted by the Thoracic Society of Australia & New Zealand (TSANZ) and Lung Foundation Australia as part of their Pulmonary Interstitial Vascular Organisational Taskforce (PIVOT) initiative, the short course will focus on diagnosis and therapy for Interstitial Lung Disease and scientific research.

The Australian Rare Lung Disease Short Course will take place in Sydney from 9th-10th August, 2013.

Presentations will be given by international speaker Professor Vincent Cotter from the University of Lyon, France and leading Australian specialists in Interstitial Lung Disease.

The first Discipline of Paediatrics Research Forum for 2013 was to say the least, a hit! Despite the wet Autumnal blast, we appreciated our speakers and audience braving the weather; I’m sure the appeal of a cozy night in was difficult to pass up.

The topic for this research forum was adolescent health and our speakers covered a swathe of topics from kidney transplantation, cancer, adolescent gynaecology, public and population health, immunisation, chronic fatigue, HIV, drug-use, and schizophrenia.

The underlying theme of the night was introducing Randwick to Randwick and stimulating collaboration with our neighbours including the Adolescent & Young Adult Cancer Service, the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, the School of Psychology, the School of Pharmacy, the National Drug & Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC), and Neuroscience Research Australia (NEURA).

The evening highlighted the research going on within our or faithful Paeds champions – the Department of Nephrology, the Kids Cancer Centre’s Behavioural Sciences Unit, and the Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases; and Obstetrics & Gynaecology our other Discipline making up the School of Women’s & Children’s Health. We were also pleased to have Albury-Wodonga and Cooffs Harbour campuses of the Rural Clinical School join us by video-conference for part of the evening, and would like to invite them to do so more often along with their counterparts in Wagga Wagga and Port Macquarie.

We would like to support the paediatricians at these campuses and other researchers and facilitate collaborations with Randwick as much as we can. We’ve all got a common goal of improving health outcomes for children and research output for UNSW and Sydney Children’s Hospital.

It was clear that many of our neighbouring schools and UNSW centres / affiliates are involved with a large amount of adolescent research but in collaboration with other children’s hospitals outside of Randwick. Therefore our task is to look at opportunities for getting Sydney Children’s Hospital involved. Prof Adam Jaffe is already beginning to pave the way with this, having met with many of the heads of these schools / centres – which is all very exciting!

Unfortunately we ran out of time for questions, so we invite anyone who was in the audience or unable to attend to either contact Sam (s.mcfadden@unsw.edu.au) or the relevant speaker directly with your query.

We would also appreciate any feedback on the Adolescent Health night; so we can improve what we are doing – again from the speakers, audience, and those who couldn’t attend.

We will be holding another forum in a similar format in the coming months, and we would like to hear from those among you wanting to speak, or people you would like to nominate, as well as any ideas in general for this or subsequent forums will be greatly received.

Event: Adolescent Health Research Forum

Adolescent Health Research Forum Speakers

Dr Sean Kennedy - ‘We shouldn’t give kidney transplants to adolescents’
Senior Lecturer I Director of Education I Discipline of Paediatrics School of Women’s & Children’s Health UNSW Medicine I Paediatric Nephrologist I Department of Nephrology Sydney Children’s Hospital

Research Interests: Acute kidney injury in children; optimising outcomes in adolescents and young adults with kidney diseases; renal manifestations of tuberous sclerosis; improving clinical outcomes in adolescents and young adults with kidney diseases; nephropathy and chronic kidney disease in children.

Dr Antonietta Anazodo - ‘Examining the patterns & experience of care for adolescents & young adults with cancer’
Director of Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Service I Sydney Children’s & Prince of Wales Hospitals I Centre for Children’s Cancer and Blood Disorders I Sydney Children’s Hospital

Research Interests: Access to age-appropriate & tumour-specific medical treatment; benefits of psychosocial assessment & care through treatment; patterns of care & experience of adolescent / young adults with cancer; identifying the nature, severity & predicting factors influencing educational & vocational achievements & career aspirations for adolescent / young adults with cancer; identification of useful interventions to improve outcomes.

A/Prof Richard Cohn - ‘Morbidity, mortality, health & well-being in long-term survivors of childhood cancer’
Conjoint Associate Professor I Discipline of Paediatrics School of Women’s & Children’s Health UNSW Medicine I Clinical Research Associate I Children’s Cancer Institute Australia I Clinical Director Medico-Administrative I Paediatric Haematologist / Oncologist I Head of Clinical Oncology I Centre for Children’s Cancer and Blood Disorders I Head of Behavioural Sciences Unit I Sydney Children’s Hospital

Research Interests: Long-term sequelae of childhood cancer treatment; childhood brain tumours; improvement of hospital initiatives to better support patients & families from diagnosis to survivorship & bereavement; importance of psycho-social & behavioural aspects of paediatric cancer; translation into clinical practice.

Dr Claire Wakefield - ‘Understanding the psychosocial experiences of adolescents & young adults with cancer & their families’
Lecturer I Cancer Institute of NSW Early Career Development Fellow I Discipline of Paediatrics School of Women’s & Children’s Health UNSW Medicine I Behavioural Sciences Unit I Kids’ Cancer Centre I Sydney Children’s Hospital

Research Interests: health psychology; psychosocial issues faced by people with strong family history of cancer; patient education; assisting patients’ difficult medical decisions – genetic testing & deceased organ donation; issues for children with medical illness; paediatric oncology research – newly discharged families, on treatment families, long term survivors & bereaved parents.

Ms Ursula Sansom-Daly - ‘RECAPTURE LIFE - Adapting evidence-based psychological interventions to the computer screen’
Psychologist I Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Service I Sydney Children’s & Prince of Wales Hospitals

Research Interests: Currently completing her PhD thesis – ways to better understand and address positive adjustment to cancer (and ‘life after cancer’) in young people. Improve support for young people with cancer & their families; anxiety, depression, eating disorders & other issues related cancer adjustment (fear of cancer recurrence, self-esteem/body image issues, relationship/peer issues, and grief); evidence-based psychosocial support for young people families affected by cancer.

Dr Rebecca Deans - ‘Sexual Function in Adolescents and young women with Classical Bladder exostrophy’
Lecturer I Discipline of Obstetrics & Gynaecology School of Women’s & Children’s Health UNSW Medicine I Paediatric & Adolescent Gynaecologist I Sydney Children’s Hospital & Royal Hospital for Women for Women’s & Children’s Health UNSW Medicine

Research Interests: Currently completing her PhD thesis – Asherman Syndrome. Paediatric & adolescent gynaecology; infertility; fertility surgery; onco-fertility; general gynaecology; reproductive medicine.

Dr Holly Seale - ‘Infectious diseases & adolescents’
Senior Research Fellow I NHMRC Post-Doctoral Fellow I School of Public Health and Community Medicine UNSW Medicine I NHMRC Centre of Excellence in Population Health Research

Research Interests: public & professional perceptions / behaviours regarding infectious diseases i.e. vaccine-preventable diseases (immunisation); communicable disease surveillance; clinical trial outcomes; risk communication; immunisation coverage in professional & at-risk groups; evaluation of education tools using qualitative & quantitative methods.

Prof Rhoshel Lenroot - ‘Conduct problems in children & adolescents: Relating attention to empathy with fMRI’
Research Fellow I Neuroscience Research Australia I Chair of Infant Child & Adolescent Psychiatry I School of Psychiatry UNSW Medicine I Director of Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services I South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

Research Interests: factors contributing to heterogeneity of neurodevelopmental disorders – conduct disorder, autism & schizophrenia; mapping typical brain / cognitive development; understanding processes such as onset of puberty interacting with other factors increasing the risk of developing psychiatric disorders; sex differences – impact of different numbers of sex chromosomes; twin studies – influences of genetic & environmental factors across development; neuroimaging techniques – healthy & atypical brain development in children & adolescents.

Dr Edmund Silins - ‘Adolescent cannabis use & young adult outcomes: An integrative data analysis of three Australasian cohorts’
Research Fellow I National Drug & Alcohol Research Centre I UNSW Medicine

Research Interests: Cannabis and psychostimulant research which addresses health issues relevant to young people. Recently completed his PhD thesis which investigated the patterns and correlates of cannabis use in young adulthood.

A/Prof John Zigler - ‘Adolescent research - Department of Immunology & Infectious Diseases’
Conjoint Associate Professor I Discipline of Paediatrics School of Women’s & Children’s Health UNSW Medicine I Head of Department of Immunology & Infectious Diseases & HIV Service I Sydney Children’s Hospital

Research Interests: Genetics of congenital immune deficiency disorders; natural history & physiology factors in adolescent chronic fatigue syndrome; epidemiology & diagnosis of severe food allergy; relationship between HIV & AIDS; surveillance of perinatal exposure to HIV; better treatment of HIV-infected; HIV transmission from mother-to-infant; rheumatology; paediatric pain.

Dr Kristin Laurens - ‘Psychotic-like experiences in children and adolescents: When do normative experiences become pathological?’
Senior Lecturer I School of Psychiatry UNSW Medicine I Institute of Psychiatry I King’s College London UK (joint appointment)

Research Interests: Aetiology of schizophrenia; use of ERP, sMRI & fMRI & genetic analysis; record linkage of population databases; childhood protective factors relating to later health; well-being & social outcomes in adolescence / young adulthood; effective early intervention / prevention programs; neurobiological measures with epidemiological methods to determine biological & psychosocial in health / well-being outcomes.
Funding Opportunities

This section contains upcoming external funding opportunities

All applications from UNSW Staff & Students must be submitted via the Grants Management Office

Application closing dates listed below are the funding body’s deadline

The internal deadline for submission of grant applications to the UNSW Grants Management Office is two weeks prior to the external deadline (excluding ARC and NHMRC schemes). This timeframe allows the Office to provide comprehensive advice on the readability of your grant application and to ensure that it complies with UNSW policies and sponsor requirements.

Jump to:
- All Disciplines
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- Neonatology
- Nephrology
- Neurology / Neuroscience
- Population Health / Community Child Health
- Respiratory
- Rheumatology
- Rural Health

All Disciplines

Applications Accepted Throughout the Year

- Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds:
  - Travel Grant - Short Term Visits to Europe (Biomedical Science)
    http://www.bifonds.de/fellowships-grants/travel-grants.html

June

- GlaxoSmithKline:
  - Award for Research Excellence
    Applications Close: 30th June 2013

- Endeavour Awards:
  - Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Incoming Postgraduate Scholarship
  - Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship
  - Endeavour Executive Fellowship (for overseas execs)
  - Endeavour Research Fellowship (including Australia Cheung Kong & AIEC Research Fellowships)
  - Endeavour Research Fellowship
  - Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians
  - Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Outgoing Postgraduate Scholarship Australia (Asia Outgoing Postgraduate Scholarship)
  - Endeavour Executive Fellowship
  - Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Scholarship
  - Prime Minister’s Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship
    Applications Close: 30th June 2013

July

- NHMRC:
  - Postgraduate Scholarship
    Applications Close: 3rd July 2013

- Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP):
  - The Eric Susman Prize
    Applications Close: 31st July 2013

August

- NHMRC:
  - Partnership Projects
    Applications Close: 6th August 2013

- Australian-American Fulbright Commission:
  - Fulbright Scholarship
    Applications Close: 12th August 2013

- Science Industry Endowment Fund (SIEF):
  - John Stocker Postdoctoral Fellowships
    Applications Close: 12th August 2013
    Intending applicants are encouraged to make contact with the GMO team as soon as possible, but no later than 29th July 2013
    http://www.sief.org.au/FundingActivities/Fellowships.html
Funding Opportunities

- Royal Australasian College of Physicians:
  - Robert and Elizabeth Albert Travel Grant
  - Margorie Hooper Scholarship
  - The Joseph Thornton Tweddle Research Scholarship
  - Bushell Travelling Fellowship in Medicine or the Allied Sciences
  - Applications Close: 12th August 2013

- The Jack Brockhoff Foundation:
  - Medical Grant
  - Applications Close: 15th August 2013
    [http://www.brockhoff.frb/guidelines.htm]

September

- Financial Markets:
  - Foundation for Children Grants
  - Applications Close: 30th September 2013

Allied Health - All disciplines

June

- Menzies Foundation:
  - The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Research Scholarship
    - Applications Close: 30th June 2013

October

- Canada Gairdner Awards:
  - International Awards
  - Global Health Award
  - Wightman Award
  - Applications Close: 1st October 2013
    [http://www.gairdner.org/content/awards]

Nursing

August

- Cancer Nurses Society of Australia:
  - Pam Renouf Memorial Study Awards Category B: Career development study award – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and AATSI General Nurses
  - Applications Close: 31st August 2013

- Kidney Health Australia:
  - Nursing Scholarship
  - Applications Close: 31st August 2013

Psychology / Mental Health

June

- Australian Psychological Society:
  - Distinguished Contribution to Psychological Science Award
  - Applications Close: 1st July 2013
    [http://www.psychology.org.au/academic/scholarships/]

July

- William T. Grant Foundation:
  - William T. Grant Scholars
  - Applications Close: 8th July 2013
    [http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/fellowships/william_t_grant_scholars]

August

- Australian Rotary Health:
  - Mental Health Grants focusing on the Mental Health of Young Australians
  - Royce Abbey Postdoctoral Fellowship
  - Applications Close: 9th August 2013
    [https://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/Information-About/Research/Current-Opportunities.aspx]

October

- Australian Rotary Health:
  - Ian Scott PhD Scholarship - Mental Health
  - Applications Close: 4th October 2013
    [https://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/Information-About/Research/Current-Opportunities.aspx]

Speech Pathology

July

- Speech Pathology Australia:
  - Clinician Research Grants
  - Nadia Verrall Memorial Research Grant
  - Postgraduate Student Research Grant
  - Entry Level Student Research Grant
  - Applications Close: 26th July 2013

Cancer

July

- National Cancer Institute / NIH / DHHS:
  - Role of the microflora in etiology of gastro-intestinal cancer
  - Applications Close: 2nd July 2013
    [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/quote/pa-files/PAR-12-140.html]

- Leukaemia Foundation:
  - Postdoctoral Fellowship
  - Applications Close: 5th July 2013

- Cancer Institute NSW:
  - Collaboration and Exchange Award
  - Applications Close: 5th July 2013

Cardiology

June

- Heart Foundation:
  - Australian Indigenous Scholarship
  - Applications Close: 28th June 2013
    [http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/research/funding/Pages/health-professional-scholarships.aspx]

July

- Australian Rotary Health / Rotary Club of Blacktown City:
  - PhD Scholarship investigating children’s cardiac
  - Applications Close: 9th July 2013
    [https://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/Information-About/Research/Current-Opportunities.aspx]

August

- Leukaemia Foundation:
  - Career Establishment Grants
  - Applications Close: 2nd August 2013

September

- Leukaemia Foundation:
  - PhD Scholarship (Clinical)
  - Applications Close: 13th September 2013

- Leukaemia & Lymphoma Society:
  - Career Development Program - Scholar
  - Career Development Program - Special Fellow in Clinical Research
  - Career Development Program - Scholar in Clinical Research
  - Career Development Program - Fellow
  - Applications Close: 15th September 2013
    [http://www.lls.org/researchershealthcareprofessionals/academicgrants/careerdevelopment]

- Cancer Institute NSW:
  - Translational Cancer Research Units
  - Applications Close: 30th September 2013
Funding Opportunities

Endocrinology

Applications Accepted Throughout the Year
• Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF):
  » Conference Support

June
• Australian Diabetes Society
  » ADS-Sanofi Diabetes Research Grant
  Applications Close: 28th June 2013

July
• The Manpei Suzuki Diabetes Foundation:
  » Manpei Suzuki International Prize for Diabetes Research
  Applications Close: 1st July 2013
  http://www.manjeisuzukiprize.org/howto.html

August
• Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF):
  » Postdoctoral Fellowships
  » Innovative Grants / Pilot & Research Tool Grants
  » Advanced Postdoctoral Fellowships
  » Career Development Awards
  » Early-Career Patient-Oriented Diabetes Research Awards
  Applications Close: 30th August 2013
  http://jdrf.org/grant-center/information-for-applicants/grant-mechanism-descriptions/

Gastroenterology

Applications Accepted Throughout the Year
• The Broad Medical Foundation:
  » Scientific & Medical Research
  http://broadmedical.org/funding/what_we_fund.html

July
• National Cancer Institute / NIH / DHHS:
  » Role of the microflora in etiology of gastro-intestinal cancer
  Applications Close: 2nd July 2013
  http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-12-140.html

Neurology / Neuroscience

Applications Accepted Throughout the Year
• Gastroenterological Society of Australia (GEAS):
  » Bushell Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
  » Olympus / St Marks Endoscopy Fellowship
  » Ferring Pharmaceuticals Travelling Fellowships
  » Fresenius Kabi Junior Travel Award – July
  » Abbvie/GESA IBD Clinical Research Grant
  Applications Close: 31st July 2013

Immunology / Infectious Diseases:

• Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP):
  » Richard Kemp Memorial Fellowship
  Applications Close: 12th August 2013

Neonatology

August
• Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP):
  » Eric Burman Travel Fellowship
  Applications Close: 12th August 2013

Nephrology

August
• Kidney Health Australia:
  » Nursing Scholarship
  » Research Grant Program
  » Science Graduate Scholarships for Post-Graduate study
  » Medical Post-Graduate Scholarships in Public Health
  Applications Close: 31st August 2013

Neurology / Neuroscience

June
• Brain Foundation:
  » Research Gifts Program
  Applications Close: 28th June 2013

Rheumatology

July
• Arthritis Australia:
  » Australian Rheumatology Association Head Fellowship
  » Project Grant
  » Grant-in-Aid
  Applications Close: 5th July 2013

Population Health / Community Child Health

July
• William T. Grant Foundation:
  » William T. Grant Scholars
  Applications Close: 8th July 2013
  http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/fellowships/william_t_grant_scholars

Respiratory

July
• Royal Australasian College of Physicians:
  » ResMed Foundation/Sleep Health Foundation Research Entry Scholarship
  Applications Close: 8th July 2013

Rural Health

July
• Royal Australasian College of Physicians:
  » Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation Research Entry Scholarship in Rural Health
  Applications Close: 8th July 2013

CDMRP Department of Defense (US):
• Autism Research Program - Idea Development Award
• Autism Research Program - Pilot Award
Applications Close: 2nd July 2013
http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/arp.shtml

Australian Rotary Health / Rotary Club of Cronulla:
• PhD Scholarship investigating Motor Neuron Disease
Applications Close: 5th July 2013

Population Health / Community Child Health

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• William T. Grant Foundation:
  » William T. Grant Scholars
  Applications Close: 8th July 2013
  http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/fellowships/william_t_grant_scholars

Rural Health

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• Royal Australasian College of Physicians:
  » Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation Research Entry Scholarship in Rural Health
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Rural Health

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• Royal Australasian College of Physicians:
  » Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation Research Entry Scholarship in Rural Health
  Applications Close: 8th July 2013
On Campus

June
26th June | 1-2pm
› Sydney Children’s Hospital Grand Rounds
Fiji - Working with our Pacific neighbours - Sue Woolfenden & Dimitra Tzioumi (Community Child Health)
John Beveridge Lecture Theatre, Level 1, Sydney Children’s Hospital

26th June | 1-2pm
› The Royal Arrival: Why the Duchess should have a caesarean - Exploring modes of birth and intervention
Level 4 Seminar Space, Lowy Cancer Research Centre, Kensington Campus
http://med.unsw.edu.au/event/royal-arrival-why-duchess-should-have-caesarean-exploring-modes-birth-and-intervention-

27th June | 9am-5pm
Inaugural Kirby Institute Symposium 2013
Mathews Theatre A and Pavilions, Kensington Campus

July
2nd July | 9am
› Making e-Health Safe
This one-day workshop will:
• Present the latest international data on the risks of e-health to patient safety
• Showcase stories from the frontline
• Examine governance models for e-health safety
Boral Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, AGSM Building, Kensington Campus
http://med.unsw.edu.au/event/making-e-health-safe-

10th July | 11am-12noon
› Lowy Cancer Research Centre Seminar - Prof Vincent Hascall
Dr. Hascall’s specialty interests include connective tissue biology and the role of hyaluronan in inflammatory pathologies, including diabetes and asthma.
Level 4, Lowy Cancer Research Centre, Kensington Campus
http://med.unsw.edu.au/event/lowy-cancer-research-centre-seminar-prof-vincent-hascall-

24th July | 2pm
› UNSW Medicine 3-Minute Thesis Competition
Wallace Wurth, LG03, Kensington Campus

30th July | 9:30am-12:30pm
› Research Projects: Principles in preparing a budget application
This practical workshop will work through practical examples and provide advice based on the GMOs experience in supporting researchers to:
• identify components of a budget
• calculate a budget
• meet the challenges of costing
• consider the variables in budget expectations for different funding applications
John Goodsell Building, Room LG19, Kensington Campus
http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/research-projects-principles-preparing-budget-application-repeat-workshop-

31st July | 1:30pm-4pm
› Seeking Funding - application principles and strategic considerations - Repeat 1
How do you make a funding application stand out / resonate with a review panel? This workshop analyses the essential requirements and provides advice, practice and feedback in writing techniques that support a strategic application.
John Goodsell Building, Room LG19, Kensington Campus
http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/seeking-funding-application-principles-and-strategic-considerations-repeat-1-

August
1st August | 12:30pm
› Australian Institute of Health Innovation (AIHI) Accreditation and Research Symposium
HalfdayAccreditationandResearchSymposiumdiscussingHealthSystems in Europe. This symposium is targeted towards those that have an interest in accreditation and health systems research both in the Australian health care system as well as internationally.
John B Reid Theatre, Ground Floor, AGSM Building, Kensington Campus
http://med.unsw.edu.au/event/aihi-accreditation-and-research-symposium-

2nd August | 10am-12noon
› Supervisor Development: Supporting HDR students’ academic reading and literature review - Repeat Session
This practical workshop is presented by Pam Mert, Learning Advisor with the Learning Centre at UNSW and will comprise two main areas:
1. Understanding your HDR and their reading practice – best reading practice, techniques of reading (including note taking and analysis), implications of reading style, how to support your student to achieve census date (tips and traps)
2. Understanding why reading matters to the process of Annotated Bibliography, Literature, Proposal, Confirmation.
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http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/supervisor-development-supporting-hdr-students-academic-reading-and-literature-review-repeat-

7th August | 11am-12noon
› CCIA Seminar Series - A/Prof Linda Bendall
Dr. Bendall is a Senior Research Fellow at The University of Sydney and Heads the Leukemia Cell Biology Research Group at the Westmead Institute for Cancer Research.
Level 4, Lowy Cancer Research Centre, Kensington Campus
http://med.unsw.edu.au/event/ccia-seminar-series-aprof-linda-bendall-

14th August | 11am-12noon
› Lowy Cancer Research Centre Seminar - Prof Sue Clark
Prof Sue Clark’s research over the last 15 years has contributed significantly to the field of DNA methylation in development and cancer, both with the advancement of new technologies for methylation detection, as well as in the understanding of the biological processes that lead to abnormal methylation patterns in cancer.
Level 4, Lowy Cancer Research Centre, Kensington Campus
http://med.unsw.edu.au/event/lowy-cancer-research-centre-seminar-prof-sue-clark-

15th August | 1pm-4pm
› Research Projects: Principles in preparing a budget application - repeat workshop
John Goodsell Building, Room LG19, Kensington Campus
http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/research-projects-principles-preparing-budget-application-repeat-workshop-

20th August | 10am-12:30pm
› Seeking Funding - application principles and strategic considerations (Repeat 2)
John Goodsell Building, Room LG19, Kensington Campus
http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/seeking-funding-application-principles-and-strategic-considerations-repeat-2-

21st August | 11am-12noon
› Lowy Cancer Research Centre Seminar - Prof Nick Hayward
Prof Hayward is the Head, of the Oncogenomics Laboratory at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research The Oncogenomics Laboratory identifies novel...
cancer genes and studies the way in which defects in these genes are associated with cancer predisposition or development. In particular the lab focuses on melanoma, oesophageal cancer, and endocrine tumours.

Level 4, Lowy Cancer Research Centre, Kensington Campus
http://med.unsw.edu.au/event/lowy-cancer-research-centre-seminar-prof-nick-hayward#UZCCLEp27eM

22nd August | 9:30am-12:30pm
Research Projects: Managing a budget throughout the project
This practical workshop will provide context, work through practical examples and advise researchers on how to:
- read and interpret a Research Statement
- identify risks in adjusting your budget to match actual money received
- track your budget, considering funding conditions and obligations
- identify milestones and agreed deliverables in your project
John Goodsell Building, Room LG19, Kensington Campus
http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/research-projects-managing-budget-throughout-project

9th September | 4:30pm-7:30pm
- UNSW Interfaculty Final 3-Minute Thesis
Leighton Hall, John Niland Scientia Building
http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/3-minute-thesis-competition

12th September | 1:30pm-4pm
- Seeking Funding - application principles and strategic considerations - Repeat 3
John Goodsell Building, Room LG19, Kensington Campus

12th September | 4:30pm-6:30pm
- Induction for Postgraduate Researchers - Semester 2 Attendance at the Postgraduate Researchers Induction is compulsory for all candidates commencing a PhD or Masters research degrees and ensures a smooth transition to research study at UNSW.
Leighton Hall, Scientia, Kensington Campus
http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/induction-for-postgraduate-researchers

5th September | 12pm-2pm
Annual Progress Review Seminar
The Annual Progress Review Seminar aims to provide all postgraduate candidates with details on the Annual Progress Reviews process and covers the associated policies and procedures.
Venue TBC - check website
http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/annual-progress-review-seminar

26th September | 1pm-4pm
Research Projects: Managing a budget throughout the project - repeat workshop
John Goodsell Building, Room LG19, Kensington Campus
http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/research-projects-managing-budget-throughout-project-repeat-workshop

11th October | 10am-12noon
Supervisor Development: Supporting HDR students’ thesis writing - Repeat 1
This practical workshop will first discuss common issues that can lead to ‘writer’s block’ and similar phenomena and suggest ways of overcoming these. The workshop will then examine typical structures of doctoral theses and of introductions and discussions in particular as these are considered to be most challenging to write.
John Goodsell Building, Room LG19, Kensington Campus

23rd October | 12pm-2pm
Thesis Submission Seminar
This seminar provides essential information on the process of Thesis Submission at UNSW and the relevant policies and procedures involved.
Venue TBC - check website
http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/thesis-submission-seminar

25th October | 10am-12:30pm
Publications: Writing for Publication in Academic Journals - Repeat 2
The aim of this workshop is to offer participants a range of tools and suggestions for structuring and writing a journal article as well as for navigating the peer review process.
John Goodsell Building, Room LG19, Kensington Campus
http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/publications-writing-publication-academic-journals-repeat-1

15th November | 8am-9am
Cancer Survivors: Charting an agenda for research, treatment and quality of care
Level 4 Seminar Space, Lowy Cancer Research Centre, Kensington Campus

External Events

July
10th—12th July
- Primary Health Care Research Conference: Allies for better primary health care
The Hilton, Sydney

24th—26th July
- Occupational Therapy Australia: 25th National Conference & Exhibition
Adelaide, South Australia

August
8th—10th August
- Asia Pacific Autism Conference
Adelaide Convention Centre

9th—10th August
- 2013 Inaugural Australian Rare Lung Disease Short Course
Sydney, NSW

21st—23rd August
- Australian & New Zealand Spinal Cord Society Annual Scientific Meeting
Sydney Convention Centre

24th—27th August
- Australian College of Young People’s Nurses & 4th International Congress on Paediatric Nursing
Melbourne, Victoria

September
5th—6th September
- Neuro-Ophthalmology Society of Australia 29th Annual Clinical & Scientific Meeting
Sheraton Noosa Resort & Spa, QLD

7th—8th September
- NeuroVision Training Weekend (predominantly afferent Neuro-Ophthalmology)
Sheraton Noosa Resort & Spa, QLD

11th—13th September
- ARMS Conference 2013
Adelaide, SA

23rd—24th September
- 3rd PANZ Substantive Use Conference
Gold Coast, QLD

24th—27th September
- 8th Conference of The Australian College of Nurse Practitioners
Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart
http://www.acnp2013.com/program-details

30th September — 2nd October
- International Physician Assessment Coalition Annual Conference
Queenstown, New Zealand
http://www.ipac4physicians.com/

October
15th October
- 2013 National Drug Trends Conference
Highs and low of contemporary drugs in Australia EPS and pharmaceutical opioids’
State Library of Victoria Conference Centre, Melbourne

17th—18th October
- 10th National Allied Health Conference
Brisbane, QLD
http://www.ahpa.com.au

27th — 30th October
- 15th World Conference on Lung Cancer
Sydney, NSW
http://www.2013worldlungcancer.org/

30th October — 2nd November
- Infant and Early Childhood Social and Emotional Wellbeing Conference
Canberra, ACT
http://www.iecsewc2013.net.au
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