

## MEDIA RELEASE

# Health Researchers Join Forces to share knowledge

Health Directorate Director-General Dr Peggy Brown focussed today on the importance of translating robust research into good clinical practice for the benefit of patients, colleagues and the wider community.

The Director General, Health Directorate, Dr Peggy Brown today opened the Canberra Health Annual Research Meeting to be held from 6 – 9 June at Canberra Hospital.

"Health researchers are both those who work as clinicians (doctors, nurses and allied health staff) as well as conducting research or scientists who conduct research on health related issues," Dr Brown said.

"Each day there will be keynote presentations from eminent health researchers from around Australia providing opportunity for health researchers to showcase their research activity amongst their peers."

"The meeting will feature a broad range of keynote speakers, oral presentations and poster presentations from a very wide array of researchers from the participating institutions."

"Presenters from across the Health Directorate, the Australian Institute of Sport, the Australian National University Medical School, John Curtin School for Medical Research, the University of Canberra and the University of NSW at the Australian Defence Force Academy will speak at the meeting," the Director-General said.

An ABC National Radio broadcast "Life Matters" on the subject of Obesity and its many complications will be hosted by Richard Aedy during the Grand Rounds session on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, which promises to be a highlight of the meeting.

The panellists include Professor Gary Egger, author of planet obesity, Professor Julio Licinio from the John Curtin School for Medical Research, Dr Rosemary Korda from the ANU College of Medicine, Biology and Environment and Professor Caroline McMillen from the University of South Australia.

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### **CHARM: Canberra Health Annual Research Meeting**

#### **PROGRAM**

### Monday 6 June 2011

8.45 – 9.15 Registration and Official Opening by Dr Peggy Brown, Director General,

Health Directorate

The Canberra Hospital Auditorium Foyer

Session Chair Professor Paul Gatenby

**Oral Presentation** 

9.15 – 9.30 Paul Maguire – Pandemic influenza: willingness of people with

schizophrenia to adopt protective measures

**Merit Presentation** 

9.30 – 10.00 Claire Larter – Enhanced hepatocellular carcinoma development in obesity

is associated with perturbed serum adipokine and chemokine levels

**Oral Presentations** 

10.00 – 10.15 Sophia Ang – The unfolded protein response confers resistance to 5-

flurorouracil in colorectal cancer

10.15 – 10.30 Angie Fearon – Greater trochanteric pain syndrome is as painful and

functionally debilitating as severe OA of the hip, a prospective case control

study

**Morning Tea** 

10.30 – 10.45 Canberra Hospital Auditorium Foyer

Session Chair Professor Frank Bowden

**Merit Presentation** 

10.45 – 11.15 Bernie Bissett – Inspiratory muscle training is safe in selected ventilator-

dependent patients: a case series

**Oral Presentations** 

11.15 – 11.30 Diana Perriman – A randomised controlled trial of strengthening versus

postural re-education for age-related thoracic hyperkyphosis

11.30 – 11.45 Daphne Premnath – Does timing of initial surfactant treatment make a

difference in rates of chronic lung disease/mortality in very low birth rate

infants?

11.45 – 12.00 Erin Walker – Clinical and biological implications of monoallelic expression

in brain tumor subgroups

Keynote Speaker	
12.00 - 12.45	Professor Julio Licinio (JCSMR, Canberra) – Pharmacogenomic approaches
	to obesity and depression.
Lunch	
12.45 – 13.15	Canberra Hospital Auditorium Foyer
Session Chair	Professor Geoff Farrell
Keynote Speaker	
13.15 - 14.00	Professor Moira Clay (Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, Perth) –
	Holding hands in the traffic
<b>Oral Presentations</b>	
14.00 – 14.15	Richard Singer – Long-term high dose cholecalciferol in patients with heavy proteinuria
14.15 – 14.30	Teddy Quan – Breech preterm infants are at risk of developmental dysplasia of the hip
14.30 – 14.45	Phoebe Moore – Experience with the use of 30% O2 to resuscitate premature infants
14.45 – 15.00	Catherine Maher - Parent forum to implement family centred care in new NICU design
15.00 – 15.15	Patrick Aouad – Prevalence and prognostic value of the dense middle and posterior cerebral artery signs in acute ischaemic stroke
15.15 – 15.30	Fangfei Li – Inert polypyridyl ruthenium (11) complexes as antimicrobial
13.13	agents
15.30 – 15.45	Brett Lidbury – Learning from Pathology databases to improve diagnosis of infectious diseases
15.45 – 16.00	Ma Junaliah T Tuazon – The role of tumor necrosis factor (TNF) in the pathogenesis of poxviral diseases

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16.00 – 16.30 Afternoon tea