

Healthy Development Adelaide

A Research & Innovation Cluster in South Australia

Indigenous Women's & Children's Health *what are we doing to close the gap?*

Date: Thursday 29 April 2010
Time: 4.30 - 7.00pm
Venue: State Library of South Australia
Institute Building Lecture Theatre
(corner of Kintore Ave and North Tce)

*Registration 4.15pm for 4.30pm start
Food & drink provided after conclusion of talks
All Welcome - Free admission*

Seats limited, RSVPs by Thursday 22 April

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SPEAKERS

Dr Alice Rumbold

Optimising the care of Aboriginal women during pregnancy
Senior Research Fellow, The Robinson Institute, University of Adelaide

Ms Karen Glover

Improving Aboriginal birthing outcomes in metropolitan Adelaide
Director Aboriginal Health, Children Youth and Women's Health Service

Professor Kerin O'Dea

Intergenerational factors affecting Indigenous child health
Director, Sansom Institute for Health Research, University of South Australia

Dr Gurmeet Singh * Speaker Change

An Aboriginal birth cohort: from the cradle to the grave
Senior Research Fellow, Menzies School of Health Research

CHAIR

Dr Jenny Baker

A/Professor in Aboriginal Health, School of Population Health and Clinical Practice,
University of Adelaide

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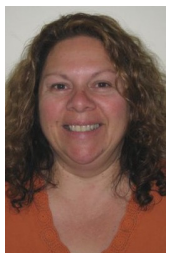
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Speaker Profiles



Dr Alice Rumbold is a Senior Research Fellow within the Robinson Institute, and currently holds a joint appointment with the University of Adelaide and the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin.

She is an epidemiologist, and her research is centred on improving reproductive and perinatal outcomes. Much of her current research focuses on optimising the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, including examining the occurrence and impact of common infections such as Human Papillomavirus, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea, as well as investigating access to and the quality of care in pregnancy. She is the 2009-2010 South Australian Young Tall Poppy of the Year.



Ms Karen Glover is Director of Aboriginal Health at the Children, Youth and Women's Health Service (CYWHS).

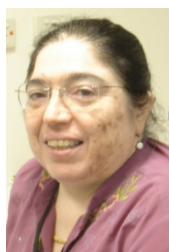
Karen is a Mein:tnk Wotjobaluk woman from the South East of South Australia and north west of Victoria. Karen chairs the Aboriginal Advisory Group of the Aboriginal Families Study where she plays a key role in building research capacity and mentoring Aboriginal researchers and brings experience developing partnerships involving intersectoral collaboration.

Karen also plays a key role in the development of the Metropolitan Aboriginal Family Birthing program, a health reform initiative, involving a new workforce and a new service model.



Professor Kerin O'Dea leads the Sansom Institute for Health Research at UniSA. Prior to joining UniSA she held a number of senior academic and research leadership positions. From 2006-2009, as Professorial Fellow, University of Melbourne, Department of Medicine, St Vincent's Hospital; 2000-2005, as Director, Menzies School of Health Research, Darwin NT; and from 1998-2000, as Professor and Head of Centre for Population Health and Nutrition, Monash University.

Kerin is a nutrition scientist and public health researcher who has made major contributions to understanding relationship between diet and chronic diseases, particularly type 2 diabetes and related conditions and best known nationally and internationally for her work on: impact of diet and lifestyle change on risk of type 2 diabetes in Australian Aborigines, with a focus on therapeutic and preventive implications; epidemiology of diabetes and related conditions in Indigenous Australian populations; role of diet in aetiology, treatment and prevention of type 2 diabetes; factors affecting metabolic responses to carbohydrates; and improving population health through improving nutritional quality of the food supply. Kerin has been active on numerous national committees over many years advising government on health and medical research, Indigenous health, nutrition, and diabetes. Kerin has recently been appointed a Council member of NHMRC and inaugural Chair of the new Prevention and Community Health Committee.



Dr Gurmeet Singh is a Senior Research Fellow at the Menzies School of Health Research, Darwin with a special interest in early antecedents of chronic disease. She has been an integral part of the ABC Study, founded by Dr. Susan Sayers, for the last 12 years, with involvement in all aspects of the study from planning to implementation.

She is committed to using the wealth of data collected by the ABC Study to provide the most comprehensive data on early antecedents which will inform policy to ameliorate the burden of chronic disease in Aboriginal communities.