

The SA Immunisation Research Network Presents a Symposium on The HPV Vaccine - Key Considerations and Challenges

12 November 2007

3:00 – 8:15pm

National Wine Centre of Australia, Hickenbotham Room



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This symposium will provide an opportunity to learn about and discuss the human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine. The target audiences include:

- Researchers from various disciplines
- Postgraduate students
- Health policy makers
- Primary health care providers including general practitioners, practice nurses and specialist immunisation nurses
- Medical specialists with an interest in HPV
- School health officials
- Anyone involved in the SA HPV immunisation program.

The main aim of the symposium is to provide the latest information and stimulate discussion about all aspects of the HPV including:

- Scientific considerations in developing HPV vaccines
- Economic and political considerations in funding HPV vaccines
- Ethical considerations in vaccinating against HPV
- Practical challenges in rolling out an HPV vaccination program
- HPV vaccine safety
- Community perceptions of HPV vaccination.



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Preliminary Program

3:00pm	Coffee and tea on arrival
3:15pm	Welcome by Professor David Gordon, Head, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, Flinders University of SA
3:25pm	HPV and Cervical Cancer by Dr Margaret Davy AM, Director, Gynaecological Oncology, Royal Adelaide Hospital
3:45pm	HPV and Genital Warts by Dr Russell Waddell, Clinic 275, Royal Adelaide Hospital
4:05pm	The Science of HPV Vaccine Development by Professor Ian Frazer, Director, Diamantina Institute for Cancer, Immunology and Metabolic Medicine, University of Queensland
4:45pm	The Economic and Political Considerations in HPV Vaccination by Professor Christian Gericke, Chair in Public Health Policy, Discipline of Public Health, University of Adelaide
5:25pm	Questions and Discussion
5:45pm	Break for Refreshments
6:30pm	Ethics of HPV Vaccination by Dr Jennie Louise, Discipline of Philosophy, and Associate Professor Annette Braunack-Mayer, Discipline of Public Health, University of Adelaide
6:50pm	Practical Challenges of HPV Vaccination Programs by Ms Maureen Watson, Manager, SA Immunisation Coordination Unit, Communicable Disease Control Branch, SA Department of Health
7:10pm	HPV Vaccine Safety by Dr Michael Gold, Head, Allergy and Immunology, CYWHS and Senior Lecturer, Discipline of Paediatrics, University of Adelaide
7:30pm	Community Perceptions of HPV Vaccination by Dr Helen Marshall, Head, Paediatric Trials Unit, University of Adelaide
7:50pm	Questions and Discussion
8:15pm	Close



About the Keynote Speakers

Professor Ian Frazer

Ian Frazer is a world renowned immunologist and head of the University of Queensland's Diamantina Institute for Cancer, Immunology and Metabolic Medicine at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. He is best known for his work on the development of a cervical cancer vaccine, which works by protecting women from Human papillomavirus (HPV). In 2005 Frazer and his research groups undertook clinical study of a vaccine against human papillomavirus, which was 100% effective in preventing common cervical cancers caused by the virus. The vaccine has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration and has been approved for use in the European Union. Ian Frazer personally administered the first publicly available injection of the vaccine in Australia in August 2006. He is also involved in a large clinical trial taking place in Australia and China of a therapeutic vaccine against genital warts. In January 2006 he was named Australian of the Year. Also in that year, he received the Cancer Research Institute's William B. Coley Award for Distinguished Research in Basic and Tumor Immunology along with Harald zur Hausen. He was awarded the Florey Medal for biomedical research in March 2007.

Professor Christian Gericke

Professor Gericke holds the Chair in Public Health Policy at the University of Adelaide, Australia, and is Co-Director of the Australian Institute of Health Policy Studies. He is also a full faculty member of the Berlin University of Technology and an Honorary Senior Fellow of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. Prior to his appointment in Australia he was Associate Professor and Deputy Head of the Department of Health Care Management, WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Systems Research and Management, Berlin University of Technology. Professor Gericke studied medicine in Berlin, Montpellier and Boston and received a research-based M.D. in neurosciences from the Free University of Berlin. After completing a neurology residency in Berlin, Strasbourg and Geneva, he studied tropical medicine in Marseille, obtained a M.P.H. from the University of Cambridge and a M.Sc. in Health Policy, Planning and Financing from the London School of Economics/ London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. He is a Fellow of the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (FAFPHM) of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. His areas of expertise and research interests are in international health systems and policies, health care management, health services research, and the economic evaluation of health interventions.

