



Influenza Specialist Group Scientific Conference 2010

Sunday 31 January and Monday 1 February 2010

Day One: Sunday 31 January 2010

Hilton Melbourne Airport, Macedon Room South

4.30pm *Arrival drinks and canapés*

5.00pm **Welcome and introduction**

Prof Lou Irving
(Conference Chair)

- Prof Lou Irving is Director of Respiratory Medicine at Melbourne Health, VIC and Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group

5.10pm **Update on NI resistance in circulating strains and preliminary results of oseltamivir study**

Mr Aeron Hurt

- Mr Aeron Hurt is a senior scientist involved in antiviral drug studies at the WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza, Melbourne

5.40pm **WA case study: pandemic H1N1 influenza NI resistance**

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

6.15pm *Entrée served*

6.30pm **Deployment of NI stockpile 2009 season**

Mr Rodney Moran

- Mr Rodney Moran is Manager, Policy Planning and Information & Acting Manager, Enteric Disease Control, Communicable Disease Prevention and Control, DHS, VIC

7.00pm *Main course served*

7.30pm **Discussion: use of antiviral treatments during inter-pandemic periods and review of scientific evidence**

Dr Rod Pearce and Dr
David Smith

- Dr Rod Pearce is an Adelaide GP, Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group and GP representative on the AMA Federal Council
- 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

8.00pm **Impact of H1N1 on intensive care units in ANZ**

Dr Andrew Davies

- Dr Andrew Davies is Deputy Director of Intensive Care (Head of Trauma ICU) at the Alfred Hospital, Vic; and a member of the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society

8.40pm *Dessert served*

8.45pm **Healthcare worker uptake of H1N1 vaccine: ISG research findings**

Mr Kim Sampson and Ms
Sarah Cornhill

- Mr Kim Sampson, Executive Officer of the Influenza Specialist Group
- Ms Sarah Cornhill, Director, Healthcare Practice, Burson-Marsteller

9.00pm **Summary and overview**

Prof Lou Irving
(Chairman)

9.10pm **Close**

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- 8.45am** **Coffee**
- 9.00am **Welcome and introduction** Prof Lou Irving
(Conference Chair)
- Prof Lou Irving is Director of Respiratory Medicine at Melbourne Health, VIC and Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group
- 9.10am **Epidemiology of pandemic H1N1 influenza** Assoc/Prof Heath Kelly
- A/Prof Heath Kelly is Head of Epidemiology and Surveillance at the Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory (VIDRL) in Melbourne
- 9.40am **Pandemic H1N1 influenza: Australian Government response** Dr Andrea Forde
and Mr Rodney Moran
- Dr Andrea Forde, Medical Advisor, Department of Health & Ageing
 - Mr Rodney Moran is Manager, Policy Planning and Information & Acting Manager, Enteric Disease Control, Communicable Disease Prevention and Control, Department of Human Services, VIC
- 10.10am **Review of data on pandemic H1N1 vaccine immune response** 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
- 10.40am** **Morning tea**
- 11.10am **Victorian school closures during the pandemic H1N1 influenza 2009** Dr Michael Ackland
- Dr Michael Ackland, Senior Medical Advisor, Office of the Chief Health Officer Health Protection Branch, Department of Human Services, VIC
- 11.30am **Non-pharmaceutical measures for epidemic and pandemic influenza** Prof Raina MacIntyre
- Prof Raina MacIntyre is the Head of School of Public Health and Community Medicine for the University of New South Wales
- 12.00pm **Discussion: H1N1 pandemic key learnings and applications for seasonal influenza** Dr Alan Hampson and Dr
Peter Eizenberg
- Dr Alan Hampson is Chariman of the Influenza Specialists Group
 - Dr Peter Eizenberg, North East Valley Division of GP's immunization program

12.40pm Lunch break

- 1.20pm **2009-2010 influenza season update** Dr Ian Barr
- Dr Barr is the Deputy Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza, VIC
- 1.50pm **Introduction of NIP for Australians <65 years at-risk of severe complications from influenza** Dr Bronwen Harvey and Ms Julianne Quaine
- Dr Bronwen Harvey, Medical Advisor, Office of Health Protection, Department of Health and Ageing
 - Ms Julianne Quaine, Assistant Secretary, Immunisation Branch, Office of Health Protection, Department of Health and Ageing
- 2.20pm **Influenza Specialist Group 2010: core activities and objectives** Mr Kim Sampson
- Mr Kim Sampson is the Executive Officer of the Influenza Specialist Group
- 2.40pm **Reducing the impact of seasonal and pandemic influenza in Aboriginal communities** Dr Peter Markey
- Dr Peter Markey, Centre for Disease Control, Department of Health and Families, NT
- 3.10pm Afternoon tea**
- 3.40pm **Public and media attitudes and understandings of pandemic H1N1 influenza in Australia and internationally** Dr Holly Seale
- Dr Holly Seale, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of New South Wales
- 4.10pm **Influenza activity tracking and monitoring via digital tools** Ms Sandra Carlson
- Ms Sandra Carlson, Flu-tracking Statistician, Hunter New England Population Health, University of Newcastle NSW
- 4.40pm **Pandemic H1N1 influenza poll results and summary of conference** Prof Lou Irving
(Conference Chair)
- Prof Lou Irving is Director of Respiratory Medicine at Melbourne Health, VIC and Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group
- 5.00pm **Close**