

Program of Speakers



CHAIR: Laureate Professor Nicholas Talley

Professor Talley is currently Pro Vice-Chancellor, Global Research at the University of Newcastle, Australia. He is an expert clinician, educator and researcher. He has published over 890 original and review articles in the peer-reviewed literature, and is considered one of the world's most influential clinician-researchers, and is also a leading medical educator and the author of the highly regarded textbooks *Clinical Examination* and *Examination Medicine*. In June 2014, Professor Talley was inaugurated as one of the first 15 Fellows of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences (FAHMS) and was elected to the Executive of the Academy.

He has held roles as Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutics* for 6 years, and completed two 3- year terms (as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Gastroenterology*). He is a Section Editor for the on-line textbook Up To Date. Professor Talley was formerly Professor of Medicine and Professor of Epidemiology and Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Florida, USA, and previously Foundation Professor of Medicine at the University of Sydney.

Professor Talley is a Staff Specialist Gastroenterologist at John Hunter Hospital and current researcher with the Mayo Clinic, University of North Carolina and the Karolinska Institute. He is a Fellow and Past President of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians; Fellow the Royal College of Physicians (both London and Edinburgh), the American College of Physicians, the American College of Gastroenterology and the AGA. He is the recipient of a number of prestigious awards.

PROFESSOR ANDREW WILSON - FACILITATOR

Professor Andrew Wilson is Director of the Menzies Centre for Health Policy at the University of Sydney. His past appointments include Chief Health Officer and Deputy Director General Public Health, NSW Health; Deputy Director General Policy, Strategy and Resourcing, Queensland Health; Executive Dean, Faculty of Health, Queensland University of Technology; Professor of Public Health, and Deputy Head of the School of Population Health, and Deputy Dean and Director of Research, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Queensland.



Louise Alison BAUR AM, PhD, FRACP, FAHMS

Louise Baur is the Professor of Child & Adolescent Health at the University of Sydney and Head of The Children's Hospital at Westmead Clinical School. She also has a conjoint position in the Sydney School of Public Health. In addition, Louise is a consultant paediatrician at the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network where she is an active member – and former Head - of Weight Management Services, a multidisciplinary clinical service for children and adolescents affected by obesity. She is Director of the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in the Early Prevention of Obesity in Childhood (EPOCH; www.earlychildhoodobesity.com).



Professor Timothy P Gill



Professor Tim Gill is currently Professor of Public Health Nutrition at the Boden Institute of Obesity, Nutrition, Exercise and Eating Disorders and Principal Research Fellow within the Prevention Research Collaboration at the School of Public Health. He has wide experience as an academic and within government departments and health agencies. His research interests are in the epidemiology of obesity and improving food environments and public guidance for the prevention and management of obesity and associated illness both within Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. Professor Gill has authored several key reports on obesity for State and Federal Government departments as well as national and international agencies and has served on a number of World Health Organization expert committees on obesity and chronic disease. He has also produced many original papers and book chapters on obesity, nutrition and public health.

Dr Melanie Lowe

Dr Melanie Lowe is a Research Fellow within the Place, Health and Liveability Research Program at the McCaughey VicHealth Community Wellbeing Unit, University of Melbourne. Her research spans the urban planning and public health fields, examining how policy and planning can support the creation of healthier urban environments. She has also published work on policy options with co-benefits for mitigating obesity and climate change. Prior to entering the research field, Melanie worked as a physiotherapist.

Dr Lowe is presenting on environmental considerations such as urban and regional planning initiatives.



Dr Georgia Rigas — chair RACGP Obesity Management Network



Dr Rigas is a vocationally trained General Practitioner, with a particular interest on the multi-generational effects of metabolic disease, in particular obesity, PCOS and diabetes.

Dr Rigas was raised in Sydney, and obtained her medical degree from the UNSW. She spent several years abroad, and during this period completed her post graduate medical training, qualifying as a General Practitioner in the United Kingdom (UK). Whilst in the UK she also completed her Diploma in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Diploma in Family Planning & Reproductive Health and the Diploma in Children's Health.

She returned to Australia with her young family, where she pursued her interest in obesity management. Currently she is involved with a number of bariatric research projects at St George Private Hospital, the largest bariatric unit in Australia.

Dr Rigas is committed to ongoing education and is the founding Chair of the RACGP Obesity Management Network. Dr Rigas brings a holistic and emotionally aware approach to chronic disease management, which she believes is essentially a lifelong partnership between the patient and their primary health care team.

Professor Anna Peeters

Professor Anna Peeters is Professor of Epidemiology and Equity in Public Health & Head of Obesity and Population Health in the School of Health and Social Development at Deakin University. She is a public health researcher, particularly interested in the provision of information to facilitate objective and equitable choices in public health by policy makers, practitioners and the public. Anna is also on the council of the Australia New Zealand Obesity Society (President 2011-14), and on advisory boards and steering committees for the Parent's Jury, the Victorian government's Equity Focused Health Impact Assessment advisory group and WorkHealth advisory group, and on the World Cancer Research Fund's Policy Advisory Group. Anna has recently been awarded the prestigious World Obesity Federation Andre Mayer Award for 2014 and a Churchill Award (2014).



Professor Peeters will present on health research, policy, planning and translation from the local perspective such as medical colleges and health associations, to COAG where politics and recommendations to government for action on obesity are required.

Professor Joseph Proietto



Professor Joseph Proietto is an Endocrinologist specialising in Diabetes and Obesity. He is a world-renowned investigator in the management of obesity. Professor Proietto established the first obesity clinic in Victoria at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and is now head of the weight control clinic at Austin Health. He was the inaugural Sir Edward Dunlop Medical Research Foundation Professor of Medicine and Head of the Metabolic Disorders Research Group in the Department of Medicine, Austin Health, The University of Melbourne. He has been an invited panel member on several Government Committees including the National Preventative Health Taskforce Obesity Working Group, the Department of Human Services Bariatric Surgery Working Group and the National Health and Medical Research Committee Obesity Guidelines Working Committee. He has published over 180 articles and several book chapters on obesity and diabetes. We welcome him to present on effective therapies including developing clinical advice to provide care to people via models of care, clinical pathways and the like.

Ms Jane Martin

Jane Martin, BA (Hons), MPH, is an Honorary Fellow at Melbourne University and a Senior Fellow at Deakin University.

She leads the OPC, a partnership between Cancer Council Victoria, Diabetes Victoria and the WHO Collaborating Centre for Obesity Prevention at Deakin University. Jane advocates for policy and regulatory reform to prevent overweight and obesity, with a focus on food marketing, labelling, and tax and pricing measures.



For over twenty-five years, Jane has worked extensively in public health advocacy, firstly in tobacco control then in obesity prevention and alcohol policy. Her interests lie in advocacy, policy oriented research and partnerships to support policy reform. She collaborates on research grants, authors academic papers, lectures and is active in the media. Jane is the recipient of a Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship and is an alumnus of the Williamson Community Leadership Program. She is Vice President of the Australian New Zealand Obesity Society and a board member of Family Planning Victoria.

Ms Amanda Adrian – co facilitator

Amanda Adrian LLB (UNSW), BA (UNE), RN, FACN.



Amanda has many years of experience in the health industry in management, safety and quality improvement in health care, nursing, policy development and review, education, law and regulation, policy and ethics in health care.

Before returning to her own private practice, Amanda was the inaugural Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council, established as part of the national registration and accreditation scheme for health professionals.

Amanda is the Principal of Amanda Adrian and Associates undertaking a range of projects relating to the above areas of knowledge, skills and experience. Amanda has been particularly active in projects relating to the review and development in national health regulatory policy both in Australia and overseas; and in the mediation of conflict and disputes in the health system. Amanda was the also the Health Care Complaints Commissioner in NSW.

Amanda provided expert policy and regulatory advice to the CPMC Scientific Advisory Committee.

Ms Sophie Scott – co Facilitator

Sophie Scott is the national medical reporter for the ABC, in addition to being a prominent public speaker. Sophie has won numerous awards for excellence in medical and health journalism, including an Australian Museum Eureka award and multiple awards from various medical colleges. Sophie's reports appear on the ABC news, Lateline, and 7:30. Sophie hosts the Health Quarter on ABC News 24 and is a frequent guest on Richard Glover's 702 Drive. She is an ambassador for Bowel Cancer Australia to raise awareness of cancer screening. She is the author of two books, Live a Longer Life and Roadtesting Happiness.



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