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COALITION

25th ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING PROGRAM



4-5 FEBRUARY 2024

CHAired BY
A/Prof Lou Irving



HYBRID EVENT: PARKROYAL Melbourne Airport, Tullamarine



The Immunisation Coalition is a not-for-profit charity-registered organisation.

Key activity highlights of 2023

- 27 separate media alerts
- 4 consumer surveys
- 5 major public awareness campaigns
- Daily media bulletin to 1,200 HCP subscribers
- Weekly newsletter to 5,200 HCP subscribers
- Updated vaccine-specific Guides for Healthcare Professionals (11 in total)
- Annual free public Influenza Vaccination Day (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne). Over 1,000 vaccines administered and attended by dignitaries and the media
- RACGP CPD Provider approval (January)
- 19 education events attracting over 5,000 delegates (mix of hybrid meetings, full-day programs, webinars and workshops; CPD and non-CPD)
- Updated PneumoSmart Tool aligned with Australian Immunisation Handbook
- 8 Industry medical presentations (various infectious disease areas) to the IC Scientific Advisory Committee
- Continued development of CoRiCal (Covid Vaccination Risk Calculator) for HCPs
- Fortnightly roundtable forum with industry, government, and vaccine providers to discuss vaccine-related issues
- Commenced a Point-of-Care-Testing program in GP Practice, aimed at reducing time between diagnosis and treatment

Message from the incoming CEO

As an organisation of 8 staff, and with the support of the Board, Scientific Advisory Committee and GP Education Committee, the Immunisation Coalition achieved a lot in 2023.

Behind the services we offer to both healthcare professionals and the public is a dedicated team, passionate about providing high quality, relevant, vaccination-based information focused on helping to protect all Australians against harmful infectious diseases.

I look forward to leading the organisation as we continue offering these services in 2024, to help improve vaccination rates across all age groups, and to support a free vaccination position for those most in need.

2024 is gearing up to be an exciting year with the availability of new innovative vaccines, and the inaugural year of operation of the Australian Centre for Disease Control. We look forward to supporting both.

Finally, we are grateful to our Immunisation Coalition members and sponsors for their continued support, that ensures both sustainability and expansion of our services to HCPs, the public and the Government.

Sincerely,

Andrew Minton, PhD
Chief Executive Officer

The Immunisation Coalition acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we conduct our work. We pay respects to them and their Elders past, present and emerging.

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Monday 5 February 2024

*All times are AEDT

Session 1: Latest Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases

Time	Session Title	Speaker
17:15	Welcome and introduction	A/Prof Lou Irving
17:45	Epidemiology review of 2023 flu season	Prof Ian Barr
18:15	A WHO perspective on new vaccines with a focus on dengue	Prof Annelies Wilder-Smith
18:40	Entrees	
18:50	UK Primary Care response to COVID-19	Prof Richard Hobbs
19:10	Main Course	

Session 2: Latest Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases

Time	Session Title	Speaker
19:30	Influenza and COVID-19 effects of and on chronic disease	A/Prof Kirsty Short
19:50	The history & future of respiratory viral disease surveillance	Prof Allen Cheng
20:10	Dessert	
20:20	COVID-19 and Disease X	Prof Kanta Subbarao
20:40	Special activity and closing comments	
21:00	Day One Close	

Time	Session Title	Speaker
8:30	Welcome and introduction	A/Prof Lou Irving
8:40	Recent pandemics and informed predictions	Prof Stanley Perlman

Session 3: Economics and Long-Term Implications of Vaccines

Time	Session Title	Speaker
9:05	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	A/Prof Anthony Newall
9:25	Adult pneumococcal vaccination	Prof Tony Korman
9:45	Pneumococcal conjugate vaccines in children	Dr Sanjay Jayasinghe
10:05	Panel discussion	
10:25	Morning Break	

Session 4: Zoster

Time	Session Title	Speaker
10:45	Epidemiology of Zoster in the vaccine age (and immunological advances)	Prof Tony Cunningham
11:05	The economic and individual value of Shingrix vaccination in older individuals and the immunocompromised	Prof Katie Flanagan
11:25	Additional benefits of vaccination (dementia, depression etc)	A/Prof Michael Woodward
11:45	Panel discussion	
12:00	Lunch	

Session 5: Primary Care and Vaccination

Time	Session Title	Speaker
13:00	Optimising vaccine uptake strategies and targeting high risk patients	Dr Lisa Beecham
13:20	A nurse perspective	Angela Newbound
13:40	A pharmacist perspective	Brenton Hart
14:00	Innovating vaccine delivery	Prof Nigel Stocks
14:20	Panel discussion	
14:40	Afternoon Break	

Session 6: Respiratory Virus Vaccines: Today and Tomorrow's Outlook

Time	Session Title	Speaker
15:00	SNOTWATCH: Ecological approaches to understanding the impact of respiratory viruses	Prof Jim Buttery
15:20	COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness	A/Prof Bette Liu
15:40	New technology vaccines: Safety and efficacy	Prof Margie Danchin
16:00	Panel discussion	
16:25	Summary and closing comments	A/Prof Lou Irving
16:30	Day Two Close	

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This 2-day event is approved for 8.5 hours of CPD accreditation for online participants



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