

Curriculum Vitae

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Summary page

Current positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor of Paediatric Priority Populations, CHW Clinical School, Sydney University (2016; Prof from 2023) Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health</i> (2012-ongoing) General Paediatrician and Refugee Health Service, Children's Hospital at Westmead (2003-ongoing) Chair University Buddhist Education Foundation Trust (2022-ongoing; trustee since 2019) Board member & Treasurer Academy of Child and Adolescent Health (2019-ongoing) Board member Riverina Medical & Dental Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (2023-ongoing)
Qualifications	<p>PhD 2009 Doctor of Philosophy (Medicine), University of Sydney</p> <p>MIPH (Hons) 2004 Master of International Public Health, University of Sydney</p> <p>FRACP 2003 Fellow, Royal Australasian College of Physicians</p> <p>DCH 1996 Diploma Child Health, CHW, University of Sydney</p> <p>MBBS 1994 Bachelor Medicine & Bachelor Surgery, University of Sydney</p>
Funding summary	<p>\$29 million total funding, \$23m as Chief Investigator, \$21m from NHMRC, \$5m for service delivery programs</p> <p>CID 2022-2025 NHMRC TCR #2015793 Pathways for Aboriginal Hearing Health: \$1.15m</p> <p>CIA 2020-2023 NHMRC MRFF #1201077 Aboriginal Community Controlled Ear-health Support System: \$0.9m</p> <p>CIA 2020: Medical Research Futures Fund/Sydney Health Partners Rapid Applied Research Translation: \$0.2m</p> <p>CIC 2020-2024 NHMRC Project Grant #1184032: Deadly ears at discharge: \$2.2m</p> <p>CIA 2019 \$1.4m donation for ENT services through Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation</p> <p>CIF 2018-2023 NHMRC CRE #1135271 PPANDORA: \$2.5m (<i>urban Aboriginal children</i>)</p> <p>CIC 2017-2019 NHMRC Project Grant #1120317: \$2.5m (<i>INFLATE RCT; autoinflation device for glue ear</i>)</p> <p>CIG 2017-2019 NHMRC Project Grant #1124822: \$2.8m (<i>SEARCH cohort study of urban Aboriginal children</i>)</p> <p>CIE 2014-2019 NHMRC CRE #1078557 Indigenous Children's Healthy Ears: \$2.5m</p> <p>CIA 2013-2017 NSW Health funding for ear health and speech service delivery \$3.2m</p> <p>CIB 2012 NHMRC Project Grant #1046266: \$1.6m (<i>WATCH RCT; watchful waiting acute otitis media</i>)</p> <p>CIH 2011 APHCRi CRE for urban Aboriginal child health: \$2.5m (<i>SEARCH cohort study</i>)</p> <p>CIH 2011 NHMRC Project Grant #1023998: \$1.7m (<i>SEARCH cohort study of urban Aboriginal children</i>)</p> <p>CIJ 2011 NHMRC Partnership Grant #1035378: \$1.3m (<i>SEARCH and partnering Aboriginal Medical Services</i>)</p>
Awards and prizes	<p>2017 RACP Rue Wright Award (\$1500) & co-supervised Best Poster winner 2017</p> <p>2015 Sydney Medical School Award for Outstanding Teaching (\$5,000)</p> <p>2012 CHW Teaching Award (Best beside or ward round teaching)</p> <p>2011 University of Sydney Teaching Award (CHW Clinical School, best CRS tutor)</p> <p>2006 Royal Australasian College Physicians Quality Assurance Prize (\$1,000)</p> <p>2006 RACP Paediatrics and Child Health Division New Investigator Prize (\$1,000)</p>
Research	<p>129 publications, 93 peer-reviewed, 1772 citations, h-index=23, i10=46, FWCI 2025: Hearin 11.7; OM/pediatrics=2.3</p> <p>Member/Acting-Chair, Scientific Advisory Committee Sydney Children's Hospitals Network HREC since 2012</p> <p>DSMB Chair for ATOMIC ears study and DSMB member for PREVIX_COMBO and BOOST studies</p> <p>2 PhD student and 2 Masters students awarded with another 3 PhD students current</p>
Government committees and other activities	<p>Member WHO World Hearing Forum, December 2019 (Geneva)</p> <p>Member Nat Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Org Core Services Framework Expert Committee 2019</p> <p>Member Dept. Health First Nations Ear Health Roundtable with Minister Ken Wyatt 2018, \$30m Aboriginal Hearing Assessment Program Design Working Group, Earhealth equipment committee</p> <p>Member Dept. Health TAG 2010 Otitis media guidelines, and 2018 Upgrade of guidelines</p> <p>Member Campaign Ref Group OATSIH for 2009 \$62m "Improving Eye and Ear Health Services"</p> <p>Member Local Organising Committee 2013 International Pediatric Association Congress (Melbourne)</p> <p>Member Aus Institute Health & Welfare Ear and Hearing Advisory Group 2023 ongoing</p> <p>Private Pilot's Licence (130 hours SE Aeroplanes <5700kg MTOW, ARN: 567396)</p>

Clinical experience

General Paediatrician

I have been on-call as a general paediatrician for at least 40 days per year since 2004.

Since 2007, I have worked at The Children's Hospital at Westmead as a General Paediatrician, where I manage common Paediatric conditions as well as rare tertiary level conditions.

I have work experience in 5 of Australia's states and territories since 1994, including in public & private hospitals, community child health centres, general and community paediatrics, emergency medicine, intensive care (paediatric and neonatal) and retrieval (NETS).

Refugee Clinic

Since 2007 I have worked in the Refugee clinic where we manage tuberculosis (active and latent), malaria, sickle cell disease, as well as cutaneous leishmaniasis and Vitamin D deficiency with and without Rickets.

I have been a strong advocate for the plight of asylum seeker and refugee children including at public forums, newspaper articles and in the medical literature. I have led the service since 2019.

Aboriginal health

My experience includes work in the Northern Territory as a senior paediatric registrar in both Darwin (6months) and Alice Springs (3 months), and as a consultant locum (Port Hedland Hospital in Western Australia, including a clinic in Jigalong- a remote aboriginal community). In these settings, the team managed acutely unwell children with severe acute diarrhoeal disease on the background of chronic illnesses.

Asia Pacific

During my work for the Diploma in Child Health (2007-2010) I was fortunate to visit health care centres, including in Vietnam as well as some remote some provincial centres in Cambodia (Siem Reap, Stung Treng, Kampong Speu, Ratanakiri), Solomon Islands (Kili Ufi), and Vanuatu (Tanna island).

We were able to support medical practitioners in these locations to either consider studying for their Diploma through distance learning and many have since successfully graduated.

I was an invited speaker at Haiphong University of Medicine and Pharmacy talking about research (2013)

I am a regular examiner for University PNG Masters of Paediatrics/Diploma in Child Health (2011, 13, 14, 17)

Other

- Option Term Ragama Hospital, Sri Lanka (Nov 1992 to Jan 1993): As a medical student I worked in a public hospital in Sri Lanka under the supervision of Professor Stella De Silva. I worked on a research project analyzing the daily dietary intake of a village family in Ragama and compared with WHO Recommended Daily Intake. We found their diet was inadequate.
- Medical Officer KIDSCAMP (summer camp for children with diabetes) from 1998-2002: I managed ~30 diabetic children (9-13 years) including ketosis and hypo-glycaemic events.

Education experience

Child and Adolescent Health Specialty Block

I was Sub Dean/Academic Leader (Education) for Children's Hospital Westmead Clinical School 2016-22. I was in charge of Assessments for the Child and Adolescent Health Specialty Block of the Sydney Medical Program since 2011 and became CAH Block Coordinator in Feb 2015. CAH is a main component of paediatric teaching of the Sydney Medical Program, with ~300 students annually (~8% of all Australian medical graduates attend CHW annually). CAH has a strong reputation (82-100% Unit of Study Survey satisfaction).

I have been part of major revisions to the CAH Block over the last 5 years, including: introduction of MCQs, introduction of the short answer Clinical Task Paper, modification of the physical examination OSCE station examination process, and the change to a flipped classroom method of teaching with online resources rather than face to face lectures and using experts in Clinical Application Sessions with Experts (CASES).

Teaching and learning

I have taught undergraduate/graduate medical students (USYD, UNSW, Flinders and WSU & Notre Dame).

I have been a tutor for three Masters of Paediatrics Units (2013-2021) and instruct/guide FRACP candidates.

Sydney Medical Program teaching:

- SMP Stage 1 & 2 introductory paediatric lectures
- SMP Stage 2 & Stage 3 Bedside student tutorials (2005-17), TBLs and Back to Basics (ongoing)
- Indigenous Health Forum Sessions (2006-ongoing) and cardiac auscultation (ongoing)
- Ethics Forum (20012-16) and other teaching (e.g., fluids prescribing)

Awards:

- Sydney Medical School Award for Outstanding Teaching 2015
- University of Sydney Teaching Award 2011 (nominated in 2007-09, 2011-16)
- Children's Hospital at Westmead JMO Clinical Teaching Award winner in 2012

Sydney Child Health Webinars

- Otitis media in Indigenous children July 2023: 156 attended feedback 100% "useful" 4.7/5)

Supervising:

Supervised Work experience student at Centre for Kidney Research Feb 2008

Supervised four University of Sydney Honours students (2 PIDJ publications, 1 MJA publication, 1 JPCH publication and one awarded GS Caird Scholarship No 2 in Population Medicine)

Supervising 6 FRACP Advanced Trainee projects (4 awarded, 2 in progress)

Examining:

Managed Assessment for Sydney Medical Program Child & Adolescent Health since 2011

I have created written exams and examined for the Diploma in Child Health (2005-9)

Assisted with FRACP exam preparation Westmead Hospital (1994) & CHW (1999)

FRACP "Regional" (i.e. organising) Examiner in 2012 & FRACP Examiner at CHW (2008-2015)

Administration experience

Member WHO World Hearing Forum 2019

I was a member of the WHO World Hearing Forum Working Group in December 2019. This body was formed to guide the publication of the World Hearing Report, with a delayed release to 2021 due to COVID-19.

Board member Riverina Medical and Dental Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (2023-ongoing)

Completed NACCHO Governance Workshop 2025 April (Sydney)

Board member Academy of Child and Adolescent Health (2020-ongoing)

I was founding member of the Academy of Child and Adolescent Health and joined the Board in 2020 and became Treasurer in 2021

I was the convenor of the ACAH Conference in Sydney (April 2022): "Gamechangers in Child and Adolescent Health", a great success.

There were 160 delegates from all 7 states and territories, despite the COVID-19 pandemic. This was a major event with a budget approaching \$100k with \$18k in sponsorships, research abstract submissions in the student, trainee, Higher Degree Research and Open categories. I designed the processes for abstract submission and marking.

Board member Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney 2019-2022:

Diploma in Child Health / International Postgraduate Paediatric Certificate Steering Committee

I was part of the management team for the DCH during the time when we expanded significantly through the Asia-Pacific region. I was instrumental in the introduction of the course to Vanuatu through my Westmead Vanuatu Taskforce links. I also managed the inaugural Australian Leadership Award Fellowship (ALAF) course run through the DCH/International Postgraduate Paediatric Certificate (bringing leading paediatricians from the Asia Pacific region to the Children's Hospital at Westmead & USYD for an intensive leadership course.

Hearing Ear health and Language Services (HEALS)

I established and managed the HEALS project from 2013-2017. HEALS was initially a NSW Health funded program to provide ENT surgery and speech pathology intervention for Aboriginal children across NSW. To date, we have assisted nearly 1000 children, providing over 8000 speech pathology sessions (>3500 hours of individual therapy) and over 350 ENT operations.

I have helped manage the program from 2019 to 2025 (total budget for this program ~\$4.5 million 2013-2026).

Academic Leader (Education), Children's Hospital Westmead Clinical School, University of Sydney

Since February 2015 I have been Sub-Dean (now called Academic Leader) Education, responsible for the entire CHW Clinical School Education activities, including: Sydney Medical Program, Pre-Intern, Electives, Masters of Medicine Paediatrics and resident medical officer teaching. There are over 500 medical students and over 40 Masters students each year.

Organising Committee for the International Paediatric Association Conference, Melbourne 2014

I was asked by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, Paediatric and Child Health Division, to join the organising committee for the International Paediatric Association meeting in Melbourne. This was a huge success which saw three thousand delegates come to Australia

Committees

Board member, Faculty of Medicine and Health & Academy of Child and Adolescent Health

Member/Acting Chair Scientific Advisory Committee, SGNH HREC

Member Medical and Dental Admission Committee (MDAAC) from 2011 to 2014

Member of SGNH Aboriginal Health Working Group through Service Improvement Unit @ CHW

Member of Sydney Medical Program Stage 3, Assessments, Pre-Internship & Procedural Skills Committee

Member Dept. Health Technical Advisory Group for 2010 Otitis media guidelines & 2020 Update

Member Campaign Ref Group OATSIH for "Improving Eye and Ear Health Services" for Indigenous Australians for Better Education and Employment Outcomes"

Member National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Core Services Framework Committee 2019

Member Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Technical Advisory Group for Ear Health data 2023

Research experience

Summary of research experience

- PhD (University of Sydney): "Epidemiology and management of otitis media in Indigenous and non-Indigenous children" and under the supervision of Professors Jonathan Craig, Peter Morris & Peter McIntyre
- Chief Investigator/Leadership Group/Steering Committee:
 - SEARCH (Study of Environment on Aboriginal Resilience and Child Health)
 - NHMRC WATCH (Watchful waiting for AOM in Aboriginal children)
 - NHMRC INFLATE (Autoinflation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with glue ear)
 - NHMRC CRE_ICHEAR (Indigenous Children's Healthy Ears)
- Supervising several Basic/Advanced paediatric trainees, SMP Honours Students, SMP MD research students.
 - 4 Masters students (Dentistry, Psychology and 2 in Medicine); 2 completed
 - 5 PhD students (Faculty of Medicine and Health); two primary (one completed 2023; one submitting 2024) and three as co-supervisor (1 USYD; 2 UNSW students; 2 commenced in 2024 and 1 commencing in 2025)
- Sydney Children's Hospitals Network Human Research Ethics Scientific Advisory Committee since 2012
- Funding totaling \$22 million as Chief Investigator (\$20 million NHMRC and \$5 million non-NHMRC)
- 129 publications, 93 peer-reviewed, 1772 citations, h-index=23, i10=46 Scival FWCI 2025: Hearin 11.7; OM/pediatrics=2.3
- National Health & Medical Research Council MRFF Grant Review Panel for Indigenous stream 2021, and invited in 2024
- Marked 5 PhD theses (last in 2024) and reviewer for NHMRC Project Grant #1046477 (2012)
- Reviewer for Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation Grant 12517 (2012)
- Currently working on several dozen distinct research projects at various stages of completion

NHMRC funding

CID	NHMRC Targeted Call for Research into Hearing Health #2015793 "Pathways for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Hearing Health: the pathway project" Jacqueline Stephens, Leanne Quirino, Jonathan Craig, Hasantha Gunasekera, Courtney Ryder, Andrea McKivett, Susan Woolfenden, Eng Ooi, Kirsten Howard, Trish Williams	\$1,150,000 2022-2025
CIA	Medical Research Futures Fund #1211077 "ACCESS: Aboriginal Community Controlled Ear health Support System: developing, embedding and evaluating best practice models of care" Hasantha Gunasekera, Darryl Wright, Susan Woolfenden, Jamie Newman, Sandra Bailey, Kathleen Falster, Emily Banks, Jonathan Craig, Juanita Sherwood, Armando Teixeira-Pinto.	\$887,186 2020-2025
CIA	Medical Research Futures Fund Rapid Applied Research Translation Round 3 (Sydney Health Partners) "Hearing ear health and language services: evaluation and scale-up of a primary care health service delivery program for Aboriginal children" Hasantha Gunasekera	\$200,000 2019-2022
CIC	Clinical Trials Grant #1184032 "Deadly ears at discharge- a hospital based randomised controlled trial of an additional ear and hearing assessment to inform discharge planning by a trained Aboriginal ear health worker in Aboriginal children with chronic ear infection. Peter Morris, Amanda Leach, Hasantha Gunasekera, Gabrielle McCallum, Victor Oguoma, Heidi Smith-Vaughan, Heather D'Antoine.	\$2,212,847 2020-2024
CIF	CRE #1135271 "Partnership Pathways to better care AND Outcomes foR Aboriginal young people (PPANDORA)" Jonathan Craig, Sally Redman, Sandra Eades, Emily Banks, Allison Tong, Hasantha Gunasekera, Michelle Dickson, Anna Williamson, Kirsten Howard, Sally Green.	\$2,500,000 2018-2023
CIG	Project Grant #1124822 "Evidence for action to improve the health of urban Aboriginal children and adolescents: The SEARCH Study". Emily Banks, Sandra Eades, Sally Redman, Anna Williamson, Hasantha Gunasekera, Kathleen Clapham, Alison Purcell, Susan Woolfenden.	\$2,877,467 2017-21
CIC	Project Grant #1120317 "A multi-centre randomised controlled trial to compare nasal balloon autoinflation versus no nasal balloon autoinflation for otitis media with effusion in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (the INFLATE trial)". Penny Abbott, Jennifer Reath, Hasantha Gunasekera, Amanda Leach, Kelvin Kong, Deborah Askew, Frederico Girosi, Wendy Hu, Tim Usherwood, Sonja Lujic.	\$2,534,580 2017-20

CIE	CRE #1078557 Indigenous Children's Healthy EARs Leach A, Kong K, Morris P, Richmond P, Gunasekera H, Brown N, Lehmann D, Torzillo P, Mulholland E, and Chang A. (Application was equal top ranked in country; scored 7/7)	\$2,499,750 2015-19
AI	Targeted grant #1072542 "Building capacity for FASD screening and diagnosis through a prevalence study: The Cherbourg Project" Professor Elizabeth Elliott	\$693,729 2014-16
CIB	Project Grant #1046266 "Randomised controlled trial of antimicrobial treatment versus watchful waiting for acute otitis media in low risk Aboriginal children" Jennifer Reath, Hasantha Gunasekera, Amanda Leach, Penny Abbott, Deborah Askew, Frederico Girosi, Kelvin Kong, Chelsea Bond, Wendy Hu	\$1,640,326 2014-18
CIH	Project Grant #1023998 "Longitudinal investigation of health outcomes in urban Aboriginal children: SEARCH follow-up" Emily Banks, Sandra Eades, Catherine D'Este, Sandra Bailey, Sally Redman, Alison Purcell, Anna Williamson, Hasantha Gunasekera, Peter McIntyre, Kathleen Clapham	\$1,727,460 2012-16
CIJ	Partnership Grant #1035378 "SEARCH: better evidence, better health for urban Aboriginal children" Jonathan Craig, Emily Banks, Sandra Eades, Catherine D'Este, Sandra Bailey, Sally Redman, Anna Williamson, S Pope, Carmen Parter, Hasantha Gunasekera	\$1,395,760 2012-14
AI	Project Grant #512685 "Ear Health, hearing, speech and language development in urban Aboriginal children". Eades S, McIntyre P, Oates K, Daniels J, Woolfenden S.	\$430,750 2008-10
CIA	Public Health Postgraduate Scholarship #402927	2006-08
CIA	Training Scholarship for Indigenous Health Research #402926	2006-08

Non-NHMRC funding

1. **Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute Centre for Research Excellence "Urban Aboriginal Child Health" \$2,500,000 (2013-2017)**
Emily Banks, Jonathan Craig, Sandra Bailey, Sally Redman, Catherine D'Este, Debra Fernando, Anna Williamson, Hasantha Gunasekera, Dea Thiele, Alison Purcell, Sue Woolfenden, Darryl Wright, Selena Lyons, Beverley Raphael, Debbie Barwick, Timothy Senior, Kirsten Howard
2. Australian Leadership Award Fellowship 2009 for Ni Vanuatu doctor in Australia (award=\$168,184).
3. NSW Health HEALS: Hearing, Ear health, Language Services for Aboriginal children
 - a. 2013 awarded \$950k: output = 3008 speech therapy sessions for 271 children & 92 ENT operations
 - b. 2014 awarded \$800k: output = 2852 speech therapy sessions for 268 children & 100 ENT operations
 - c. 2015 awarded \$533k: output = 570 speech therapy sessions & 41 ENT operations (and ongoing)
 - d. 2016 awarded \$805k: output = ongoing
4. Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation \$1.4m for HEALS continuation 2019 to 2022 = ongoing

Publications

Peer review original publications (underlined = author's first publication, including students)

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13. Sheikh M, Wang S, Pal A, Wood N, Gunasekera H, and MacIntyre CR; Vitamin D deficiency in refugee children from conflict zones. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* 2011; 13(1): 87-93.
14. Gray K, Wood N, Gunasekera H, Sheikh M, Hazelton B, Barzi F, Isaacs D. Vitamin D and tuberculosis status in refugee children. *Pediatric infectious disease journal* 2012; 31(5), 521-523.
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Convenor / Chair

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Member of Conference Organising Committee

3. International Paediatric Association ICP, Melbourne (2013)
4. Children's Hospital at Westmead Paediatric Update (2011 & 2012)
5. Children's Hospital at Westmead Refugee Health Conference (May 2014 & 2019)
6. OMOZ Otitis Media Australia, Newcastle (Sep 2016, Aug 2024)

Session Chair

1. International Paediatric Association ICP 2013, Melbourne
 - a. Chaired session on ADHD (Prof Darryl Efron)

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- b. Chaired session on FASD (Prof Elizabeth Elliott)
- 2. RACP 2012: Chaired session on Between the Flags implementation
- 3. OMOZ 2014: Chaired session on Healthcare delivery for otitis media in Australia
- 4. OMOZ 2016: Chaired session on clinical research in otitis media

International Panel Member (International Society of Otitis Media)

- 1. ISOM Epidemiology Panel 2015 (Maryland, USA)
- 2. ISOM Epidemiology Panel 2019 (Los Angeles, USA)
- 3. ISOM Epidemiology Panel 2023 (Milwaukee, USA)

Invited Speaker

- 1. The 4th Annual NSW Physicians' & Paediatricians' Forum, Sydney (May, 2005)
'Locum tenens- a great way to travel and consider options'
- 2. Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council Seminar, Sydney (March, 2007)
'The management of otitis media in Aboriginal children'
- 3. GP Weekend, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney
 - a. August 2009: 'The management of otitis media in Aboriginal and other children'
 - b. August, 2010: 'The management of disadvantaged children'
 - c. August, 2012: 'Tools to critically appraise journal articles'
 - d. August, 2013: 'Paediatric case histories'
 - e. August 2014: 'Paediatric case histories'
 - f. August 2015: 'Paediatric case histories'
 - g. August 2017: 'Otitis media in Australian Aboriginal children'
- 4. UNSW Medical Student's Aid Project: MSAP Series (May 2014)
'Indigenous child health'
- 5. OMOZ (Otitis Media Australia), Melbourne (August, 2014)
'Healthcare delivery: the HEALS project'
- 6. APLS PAC 2015 Conference, Coogee, Sydney (October 2015)
'The Indigenous child in ED'
- 7. Paediatric Update, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney
 - a. November, 2015: 'Refugee health'
 - b. November 2019: 'Refugee health' & 'Aboriginal health'
- 8. Sydney Children's Hospitals Network. Child Population Health Research Forum. (October 2016)
'Hearing EAR health and Language Services (HEALS): service delivery project of SEARCH'
- 9. Orange Clinical School, University of Sydney, GP dinner (September, 2017)
'The flipped classroom'
- 10. OMOZ Otitis Media Australia (August, 2018) Plenary
'Plenary 8: OM Guideline Implementation'
- 11. University of Sydney Faculty of Medicine and Health, Stepping Stones ECR workshop (June, 2019)
'Building connections with consumers and community'
- 12. Crossing Borders, The University of NSW (August, 2019)
'Refugee health'
- 13. Global Home, Australian Medical Students Association (August, 2019)
'Destiny of the Diaspora"
- 14. Paediatric Refugee Health Conference (August, 2019)
'The history of Australia's immigration detention policies"
- 15. Academy of Child and Adolescent Health, Adelaide (October, 2019)
'Aboriginal health'
- 16. Australian Medical Students Association (April, 2022)
'Raising the Criminal Age of Responsibility' Panel

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17. Sydney Child Health Program Webinar (July 2023)

'Otitis media in Indigenous children'

Speaker

18. Royal Australasian College Physicians Annual Scientific Meeting, Brisbane 2002

'Antenatal ultrasound to detect VU reflux and obstructive uropathy: a diagnostic test meta-analysis'

19. Otitis Media Workshop, Darwin 2006

'The global burden of childhood otitis media: a systematic review'

20. Royal Australasian College of Physicians Congress, Cairns 2006

'The global burden of childhood otitis media and hearing impairment: a systematic review'

'Sex and drugs in popular movies: what is the public health message?' (won RACP New Investigator Prize)

'Safety and efficacy of blood glucose management practices at a diabetes summer camp' (won RACP Quality Assurance Prize)

'The management of otitis media in Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australian children: an analysis of general practice encounters'

21. OM2007: 9th International Symposium on recent advances in otitis media, Florida 2007

'The global burden of childhood otitis media and hearing impairment: a systematic review.'

22. International Paediatric Association Congress, Athens 2007

'The management of otitis media in Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australian children: an analysis of general practice encounters'

'The management of otitis media: a survey of Australian Aboriginal Medical Services.'

23. Royal Australasian College of Physicians Congress, Adelaide 2008

'Paediatric IV cannulation: are steps to increase success all in vein?'

24. Children's Hospital at Westmead GP weekend, Westmead 2008

GP Case presentations (X2 sessions)

25. OM2009: 10th International Symposium on recent advances in otitis media, Seoul 2009

'Otitis media in Aboriginal children: the discordance between burden of illness and access to services in rural/remote and urban children'

26. Royal Australasian College of Physicians Congress, Sydney 2009

'Otitis media in Aboriginal children: the discordance between burden of illness and access to services in rural/remote and urban children'

27. IPA2010: International Paediatric Association Congress in South Africa, Johannesburg 2010

'Paediatric IV cannulation: are steps to increase success all in vein?'

28. Royal Australasian College of Physicians Congress, Darwin 2011

'Healthy kids, healthy future: ear health, speech and language among urban Aboriginal children (the SEARCH study)'

29. OM2011: 10th Symposium on recent advances in otitis media, New Orleans 2011

'Chronic suppurative otitis media: prevalence'

30. EOPHEA: Equal Opportunity Practitioners Higher Education Australasia, Auckland 2011

'Delivery of healthcare to Aboriginal children in a tertiary centre'

31. Recent Advances in Otitis Media, Stockholm 2013:

'Protocol for an RCT of watchful waiting versus antibiotics for acute otitis media without perforation in Aboriginal children'

32. Royal Australasian College of Physicians Congress, Cairns 2015

'Hearing Ear health And Language Services (HEALS)' (RACP Rue Wright Finalist)

33. International Paediatric Association, Vancouver 2016

'Urinary tract infections in febrile children presenting to Emergency: spectrum of bacteria and antibiotic susceptibilities' (Poster)

34. Association of Medical Educators Europe, Vienna 2019

'The discriminatory power of examiners' OSCE global ratings to other areas of a paediatric assessment program'

Delegate

35. International Paediatric Association SE Asian Region Conference (Taiwan '00)

36. The 5th Commonwealth Congress on Diarrhoea & Malnutrition (Darwin '01)

37. RACP Congresses (Hobart '03, Wellington '05, Melbourne '07, Adelaide '08, Sydney '09)

38. International symposia on recent advances in otitis media (Amsterdam '05, Florida '07, Seoul '09)

39. NSW Aboriginal Health Research Conference (Sydney '05, Sydney '08)

40. CHW 2nd Annual Paediatric Allergy Update (September '07)

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41. CHW & University of Sydney, Postgraduate Supervisors Course (Sep-Oct '10)
42. Association of Medical Education AMEE (Lyon '12)
43. Association of Medical Education AMEE (Milan '14)
44. Paediatric Dermatology (Bangkok '15)
45. Association of Medical Education AMEE (Barcelona '16)
46. Association of Medical Education AMEE (Helsinki '17)
47. Ottawa Medical Education Assessment Conference (Kuala Lumpur '20)

Workshops

- Discipline of Paediatrics and Child Health Postgraduate Supervision Development Program Seminar Dec 2010
- University of Western Sydney GP ear health training workshop, May 2011
- Sydney Clinical and Simulation Centre Train the Trainer Course May 2012
- Marlow Hampshire Research Institute Leadership Development Program, Sydney, October & November 2015
- Royal Australasian College of Physicians Cultural Competency Workshop, Sydney: July 2016
- Good Clinical Practice (GCP) in Clinical Research Workshop, Sydney: March 2017 and June 2022
- Royal Australasian College of Physicians Supervisors Workshop 1-3, Sydney: March 2017-Nov 2019
- USYD High Impact AP&D Webinar; October 2017
- USYD Student Data Research Roundtable, November 2021
- National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Governance Workshop; Sydney, April 2025

Referees

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