



The Royal Children's Hospital Children's Bioethics Centre

# 2009 Children's Bioethics Conference

20th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child – "Ethics in Practice"  
 Tuesday 24th November 2009, Ella Latham Theatre, RCH

8.30am	Registration
9.00am	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Prof Christine Kilpatrick – (RCH CEO)</p> <p><i>Introducing the UN Declaration on the Convention on the Rights of the Child</i></p> <p>Mr Joseph Santamaria (The Victorian Bar)</p>
9.35am	<p><b>Keynote Address: Ethics of Paediatric Pain Relief</b></p> <p>Prof Neil L. Schechter (Director, Pain Relief Program, Connecticut Children's Medical Center)</p>
10.15am	Discussion
10.30am	Morning tea break
10.50am	<p><b>Promoting 'best interests': minimising suffering for children</b></p> <p>Chair: Prof Terry Nolan (University of Melbourne)</p>
10.55am	<p><i>'Institutional barriers' to pain management</i></p> <p>Dr Jane Munro (RCH)</p>
11:20am	<p><i>The choices we make: ethical challenges in paediatric palliative care</i></p> <p>Dr Jenny Hynson (RCH)</p>
11.45am	<p>Hypothetical Case Discussion</p> <p>A/Prof Lynn Gillam (RCH)</p>
12.25pm	<p>Lunch break</p> <p>Flemington Primary School Children's Choir</p>
1.25pm	<p><b>Upholding the rights of children in a medical context:</b></p> <p><b>Part 1: Children's Rights in General</b></p> <p>Chair: Dr Hugo Gold (Children's Bioethics Centre RCH)</p>
1.30pm	<p><i>Children's rights, parents' rights?</i></p> <p>A/Prof Lynn Gillam (RCH)</p>
1.50pm	<p><i>The role of the courts in upholding children's rights</i></p> <p>Chief Justice Alastair Nicholson (Family Court of Australia)</p>
2.10pm	Discussion
2.30pm	<p><b>Part 2: Children's rights in particular situations</b></p> <p><i>Adolescents and their right to confidentiality</i></p> <p>Prof Susan Sawyer (RCH)</p>
2.50pm	<p><i>The rights of children not able to speak for themselves</i></p> <p>Prof Dinah Reddihough (RCH)</p>
3.10pm	<p><i>Rights of an infant with Disorders of Sexual Development</i></p> <p>Prof Garry Warne (RCH)</p>
3.30pm	Discussion
4.00pm	Afternoon tea break
4.30pm	<p>Hypothetical Case Discussion</p> <p>Chair: Prof Terry Dwyer (MCRI)</p> <p>A/Prof Lynn Gillam (RCH)</p>
5.30pm	<p>Conference close</p> <p>Dr Hugo Gold (RCH)</p>