**VFPMS seminar program 2016**

***Child neglect: Why action is always better than apathy***

Vernon Collins Lecture Theatre  
The Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne

**Monday 1st August 2016**

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| **Time** | **Topic** | **Speaker** |
| **8:30–9:00** | **Registration open** |  |
| 9:00–9:45 | What is neglect? A social work perspective. | Ronda Johns |
| 9:50–10:35 | What is neglect? A medical perspective. | Dr Jo Tully |
| **10:35–11:00** | **Morning tea** |  |
| 11:00–11:45 | Neglect and neurobiology – the effects of neglect on the developing brain. | Dr Jo Tully |
| 11:50–12:40 | Case-based discussion – highlighting issues around domestic squalor | Dr Anne Smith |
| **12:40–1:20** | **Lunch** |  |
| 1:20–2:55 | Interactive session – the clinical assessment of neglect and the NEGLECTING acronym; how do we gather information, what works, how can we help? | Dr Bindu Bali and Dr Merryn Redenbach |
| **2:55–3:20** | **Afternoon tea** |  |
| 3:20–3:50 | Neglect of children’s medical needs. | Dr Anne Smith |
| 3:50–5:00 | Legal issues; Aspects of Criminal and Child Protection law relating to neglect. | Dr Anne Smith |
| **5:00–5:10** | **Questions and closing comments** |  |