

6–8 September 2023  
14<sup>th</sup> National Paediatric Bioethics Conference  
**The Ethics of Innovation**

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## Day 1

## Wednesday, 6th September

**12.15- 12.30pm**

**Ella Latham Theatre**

### Conference Opening

**Ms Bernadette McDonald**, Chief Executive Officer, The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne

**Prof Lynn Gillam, Academic Director & Prof John Massie, Clinical Director**, Children's Bioethics Centre, The Royal Children's Hospital

**12:30- 1:30pm**

### Session 1: Rethinking Innovation - A Working Ethics Framework for Paediatrics

**A/Prof Bryanna Moore**, Dept of Bioethics & Health Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), Galveston, Texas, USA

*Chaired by Prof Lynn Gillam*

**1.30- 2.00pm**

**Break**

**2.00- 3.30 pm**

### Session 2: Innovation: from theory to practice

**2.00- 2.30pm**

**What makes a medicine innovative and when should ethics be considered?**

**Mr Jamie Lam**, Qld Children's Hospital & School of Pharmacy

**2.30 – 3.30pm**

**Dangling the Miracle: informed consent for innovative treatments that detract from quality of life for children with life-limiting illnesses.**

**Dr Janine Winters**, Bioethics Centre, University of Otago

*Chaired by Ms Sharon Feldman*

**3.30- 4.00pm**

**Break**

**4.00- 5.30 pm**

### Session 3: Paradigm shifts in orthopaedic surgery

*Presenters:* **Dr Michael Johnson** (Director of Orthopaedics, RCH)

**Prof Kerr Graham** (Emeritus Professor, Dept of Orthopaedics)

*Panellists:* **A/Prof Bryanna Moore, Nathalie Webb** (Chief of Surgery, RCH), **Dr Giuliana Antolovich** (Paediatrician, RCH).

*Facilitated by Prof John Massie*

**6.00- 7.30pm**

### Session 4: Friends of the CBC hypothetical

**Navigating familiar ethical dilemmas with new tools**

*Chaired by Prof John Massie, Moderated by Prof Lynn Gillam*  
**RCH Foundation, Level 2, 48 Flemington Road**

**Day 2:**

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September**

**7.30- 8.30am**

**Session 5: Artificial Intelligence at RCH- the good, the bad and the ugly (RCH Medical Staff Association Breakfast)**

*Speakers:* **Prof. Mike South** (Paediatrician, RCH), **Dr Tim Cain** (Medical Imaging, RCH)

*Chaired by Dr Amanda Moody, Facilitated by Prof John Massie*

**Vernon Collins Theatre, HELP Precinct (Level 1)**

**9.00am- 10.30am**

**Session 6: Ethical challenges in clinical research**

**9.00-9.25 am**

**Not a Lottery – A process for random selection for clinical trial participation**

**Ms Katherine Lieschke** (MCRI), **Dr Ian Woodcock** (Neurologist, RCH), **Ms Sophie Gatenby**, (HREC, RCH)

**9.25-10.40 am**

**Alternative forms of consent in clinical research: A joint session**

*Facilitated by Dr Amir Zayegh (Royal Women's Hospital)*

*Panellists:* **Dr Trisha Prentice** (Neonatologist, RCH), **Ms Danielle Cordon** (RWH HREC Chair, Lawyer), **Bianca Devsam** (Research Nurse, MCRI) **Ms Caitlin Green** (Parent) **Dr Louise Owen** (Neonatologist)

*Chaired by Sharon Feldman*

**10.40- 11.00am**

**Break**

**11.00am- 12.00pm**

**Session 7: The ethics of integrating artificial intelligence into paediatric genomic medicine**

**Dr Danya Vears** (MCRI), **Mr Jack Harrison** (Masters student, University of Melbourne)

*Chaired by Dr Chris Gyngell*

**12.00- 12.30pm**

**Break**

## Day 2:

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September (cont')

12.30- 2.00 pm

### Session 8: Keynote: Hope, humility and innovation

**Prof. Ian Kerridge**, (Haematologist RNSH, University of Sydney)

*Commentators:* **Dr Molly Williams** (Oncologist, RCH), **A/Prof Jeremy Lewin** (Oncologist, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre)

*Chaired by Clare Delany*

2.00- 2.30pm

Break

2.30- 3.30pm

### Session 9: New therapies and challenges for decision-making

2.30-3.30

**Bariatric surgery in adolescence: applying ethical principles to support decision making in clinical practice**

**Ms Daniella Tassoni** (Snr Dietician, RCH), **Dr Zoe McCallum** (NDD, RCH)

3.00-3.30

**When the stakes are high: Sharing decision-making for innovative therapies in critical care**

**Dr Trisha Prentice** (Neonatologist, RCH)

*Chaired by Dr Jenny O'Neill*

3.30- 4.00pm

Break

4.00- 5.15pm

### Session 10: A clinician, an ethicist and a parent walk into a clinic...

**Ms Anne Preisz**, **Dr Phil Britton**, Sydney Children's Health Network.

**Dr Mel Drinkwater** (SCHN CE Fellow),

**Mrs Madeline Clenton** (Parent).

*Panel session, moderated by Lynn Gillam*

**Day 3:**

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**9.30 - 10.30am**

**Session 11: Ethical complexities of working in new ways**

**9.30-10.00**

**Gender-affirming care: opportunities and challenges where care is consumer-led**

**Mr Daniel Wright** (PhD Candidate, University of Melbourne)

**10.00-10.30**

**Managing unintended negative consequences of innovation- an EMR story**

**Ms Rebecca Mills** (Senior Social Worker, RCH)

*Chaired by Dr Georgina Hall*

**10.30- 11.00am**

**Break**

**11.00am- 12.15pm**

**Session 12: High cost and novel therapies- what's the way forward?**

**Outlining the challenges for RCH.**

**Dr Tom Connell** (Chief Medical Officer, RCH)

**"Jagged little pill" - Tackling the intractable issue of high-cost medicines in paediatric care.**

**Ms Anne Preisz, Ms Sophie Brown, Ms Deshina Naidoo** (Sydney Children's Hospital Network)

**An innovative approach to collaborate on novel therapies in paediatrics.**

**Ms Deshina Naidoo** (National Paediatric Medicines Forum)

*Chaired by Prof John Massie*

**12.15- 12.30pm**

**Brief Break**

**12.30- 1.30pm**

**Session 13: Wrapping up on Innovation - Ethical disruptors and markers for navigating innovation**

**Profs John Massie, Lynn Gillam, Clare Delany  
A/Prof Bryanna Moore**

**Announcement of Patron's prize**

**Conference close**