



International Conference on Surgical Neonatology

Sat 8th – Sun 9th March 2025

Preconference workshops on Friday 7th March

Venue: State Library of New South Wales
Sydney, Australia



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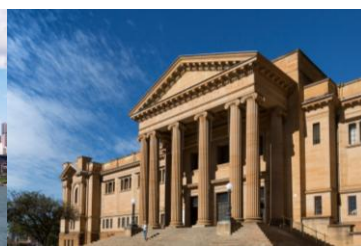
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Conference program: Saturday 8th March

07.30	Registration Counter Opens	
08.00-08.15	Acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land	
08.15-08.30	Welcoming the delegates, housekeeping	
08.30-09.10	Advances in in-utero fetal surgery for infants with congenital diaphragmatic hernia, and spina bifida	Glenn Gardener
09.10-09.50	Neonatal anaesthesia on the ward	Ann Duffield
09.50-10.30	Multidisciplinary care of the infant and child with “ultra short” gut – outcomes to adulthood	Jason Yap
10.30-11.00	Morning tea	
11.00-11.40	Paediatric intestinal transplant: practical realities and future possibilities	Geoffrey Bond
11.40-12.40	Oral presentation of best research papers: 8 minutes each (5 minutes for presentation and 3 minutes for discussion)	Moderated by chairpersons
12.40-13.40	Lunch Break	
13.40-14.20	Saving the gut - surgical strategies and thrombolysis to rescue ischaemic bowel	Gordon Thomas
14.20-15.00	Scholastic outcomes of CDH survivors	Hari Ravindranathan
15.00-15.30	Afternoon tea	
15.30-16.10	How short is too short (gut)?	Geoffrey Bond
16.10-16.50	The neonate as an organ donor and organ recipient	Gordon Thomas



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07.30	Registration Counter Opens	
08.00-08.15	Acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land	
08.15-08.30	Welcoming the delegates, housekeeping	
08.30-09.10	New techniques for oesophageal atresia and its complications- Indwelling balloons, Endovacs, tracheopexies and internal traction	Dylan Wanaguru
09.10-09.50	What happens if that trachea oesophageal fistula (TOF) comes back again? Management and prognosis of recurrent TOF	Shyan Vijayasekaran
09.50-10.30	Multidisciplinary care of the infant (and family) with TOF after surgery – long term issues and solutions	Usha Krishnan
10.30-11.00	Morning tea	
11.00-11.40	Do you need a neurosurgeon for preterm infants with post- haemorrhagic hydrocephalus?	Erica Jacobson
11.40-12.40	Oral presentation of best research papers: 8 minutes each (5 minutes for presentation and 3 minutes for discussion)	Moderated by chairpersons
12.40-13.40	Lunch Break	
13.40-14.20	Gastroschisis: Outcome of 110 babies managed with silo reduction	Parshotam Gera
14.20-15.00	What is new in paediatric ECMO?	Ravi Thiagarajan
15.00-15.30	Afternoon tea	
15.30-16.10	Is general anaesthesia neurotoxic to the child?	Justin Skowno
16.10-16.50	Management of complex urological conditions in neonates	Naeem Samnakay
16.50-17.30	Is Balloon Atrial Septostomy necessary for D-TGA?	Ravi Thiagarajan

Deadline for abstract submissions is over. Congratulations to those whose research papers have been accepted for presentation.



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Pre-conference workshops



Venue: Royal Hospital for Women, Randwick, SIM Lab, Sydney

(Delegates will rotate through these four workshops)

08.00-08.30	Registration	
08.30-10.00	How to organise an urgent laparotomy in your NICU when you don't usually have to	Meredith Ward
10.00-10.30	Morning tea	
10.30-12.00	No airway – tricks and tips for when endotracheal intubation fails	John Awad
12.00-13.00	Lunch	
13.00-14.30	Managing stomas and wounds - latest advances, convalescent care and new wound management strategies	Stoma Team: Sydney Children's and Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick
14.30-15.00	Afternoon tea	
15.00-16.30	No veins – tricks and tips for the infant with impossible intravenous access	Ann Duffield, John Awad

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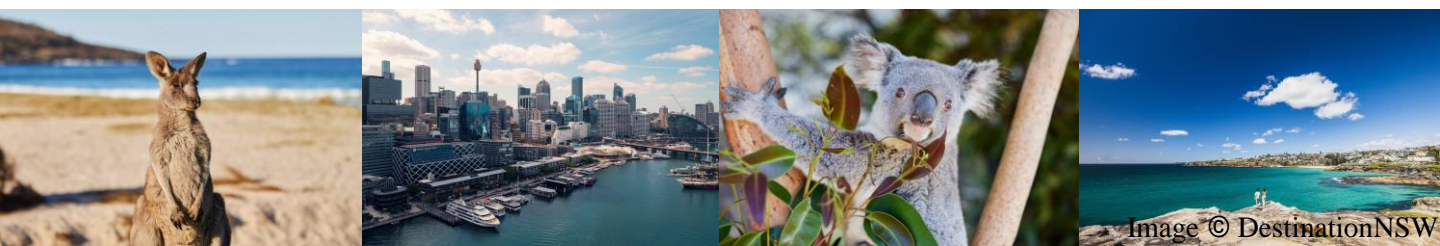
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