



Launch of UNSW Vaccine & Infection Research Lab (UNSW-VIRL)

When: Tuesday, March 28, 2017: 9am – midday
Where: Oceanic West Room, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 242 Arden Street, Coogee
(free event – registration is essential) [REGISTER HERE](#)
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Mission statement

To reduce the immunisation gap between adults and children through research, teaching and advocacy, with a special focus on the elderly, high risk and vulnerable populations.

Who we are

We are a group of academic researchers based at SPHCM UNSW, who are recognised international leaders in immunisation and vaccinology research. Our primary area of focus is adult and high risk group immunisation, with a focus on vulnerable populations including the elderly, migrants, refugees, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, immunosuppressed people and health workers. Our research expertise spans clinical trials, epidemiology, mathematical modelling, health economics, big data and data linkage, social and behavioural research, as well as policy and evaluation. We engage in research, advocacy and teaching, with several options for higher studies in infectious diseases and vaccinology.

PROGRAM

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Time	Topic
9:00 am	Registration desk opens: tea & coffee served
10:00 am	Acknowledgment of country & welcome; Introduction to UNSW VIRL Professor Raina MacIntyre, Director, UNSW - VIRL & Head of School of Public Health & Community Medicine, UNSW, Sydney
10:10 am	Launch of UNSW VIRL Professor Rodney Phillips, Dean of UNSW Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Sydney
10:20 am	Perspectives from The Kirby Institute for Infection and Immunity Professor David Cooper, Director, Kirby Institute, Sydney
10:30 am	Short break (doorstop interviews)
11:00 am	Immunisation for senior adults and special risk groups & NCIRS role in Indigenous immunisation Professor Peter McIntyre, Director, National Centre for Immunisation Research & Surveillance (NCIRS), Sydney
11:10 am	Importance of healthy ageing & the focus of IFA on immunisation Mr Graeme Prior, Director, International Federation on Ageing (IFA) & Chief Executive Officer, Hall & Prior Residential Health & Aged Care Organization, Toronto, Canada
11:20 am	Immunisation needs of refugees & migrants Dr Margaret Kay, inaugural QLD Refugee Health Fellow & Senior Lecturer, The University of Queensland, Brisbane.
11:30 am	Immunisation needs for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders People Ms Telphia Joseph, Lecturer, School of Public Health & Community Medicine, UNSW, Sydney
11:40 am	Promoting safe immunisation of adults Professor Robert Booy, Head, Clinical Research, National Centre for Immunisation Research & Surveillance (NCIRS), Sydney
11:50 am	“Vaccine myopia” & Closing of the event Dr Rob Menzies, Senior Lecturer, School of Public Health & Community Medicine, UNSW, Sydney
12:00 pm	Lunch