



**Public Health Association**  
AUSTRALIA

# Screening Conference 2025

‘Population Screening for Chronic Disease –  
Maximising Benefits, Minimising Harms’

**Tuesday 4 to Wednesday 5 March 2025**  
**Mercure Hotel Sydney, NSW**

## Printable Program



<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Session</b>
8:00am – 5:00pm	Pre-Function Area	<b>Conference Registration Open</b>
8:00am – 5:00pm	Pre-Function Area	<b>Exhibition Open</b>
9:00am – 10:30am	Grand Central & Plenary Hub	<p>Opening Plenary Session: Population screening principles – fit for purpose?</p> <p><b>Welcome to Country</b> – Uncle Allan Murray, Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council  <b>Conference Welcome</b> - Terry Slevin, CEO, Public Health Association of Australia</p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> Professor Dorota Gertig</p> <p><b>Keynote Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Harry de Koning</b>, Deputy Head and Professor of Public Health &amp; Screening Evaluation, Department of Public Health, Erasmus MC University Medical Centre, Rotterdam</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Jessica Pratt</b>, Assistant Secretary, Lung Cancer Screening and Cancer Infrastructure Branch, Australian Department of Health and Aged Care</li> <li>• <b>Professor Ruth Etzioni</b>, Professor, Public Health Sciences Division, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Centre</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A with keynote speakers</b></p>
10:30am – 11:00am	Pre-Function Area	<b>Morning Tea &amp; Exhibition</b>
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11:00am – 12:30pm	Grand Central & Plenary Hub	<p>Plenary 2 – New and evolving screening programs: maximising benefit, minimising harm</p> <p><b>Session Chairs:</b> Professor Jon Emery &amp; Associate Professor Cleola Anderiesz</p> <p><b>Keynote Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Karen Canfell</b>, Director, Daffodil Centre a joint venture between the University of Sydney and Cancer Council NSW</li> <li>• <b>Professor Katy Bell</b>, NHMRC Leadership Fellow; Professor Of Clinical Epidemiology, The University of Sydney</li> <li>• <b>Professor Gary Jennings AO</b>, Chief Medical Advisor, Heart Foundation</li> </ul>

Q&A with keynote speakers

**12:30pm – 1:30pm**    **Pre-Function Area**    **Lunch & Exhibition**

**Time**                      **Poster Displays**

12:40pm – 1:30pm

<b>Room</b>	<b>Poster Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
Pre-Function Area	EMPOWERING STROKE RISK ASSESSMENT: A MOBILE HEALTH INITIATIVE IN INDONESIA	Dr Balakrishnan Nair
	Remaining treatment gaps impact on the care cascade of HCV-related hepatocellular carcinoma	A/Prof Jessica Howell
	RoBiN (Risk of Breast Neoplasia): Acceptability and feasibility study for personalised screening	Dr Dulashi (Anna) Withanage Dona
	SIMPLY-B Pilot Study: Assessing hepatitis B treatment uptake in primary care clinics	Dr Dina Moussa
	Harnessing narratives to increase bowel cancer screening in CALD communities: methodological insights	Mr Ben Chand
	Cancer Screening Knowledge, Awareness and Practices among LGBTIQ+ Western Australians	Associate Professor Jonathan Hallett
	BRISK: breast cancer risk assessment in primary care	Dr Dulashi (Anna) Withanage Dona

**Time**                      **Concurrent Session 1**

1:30pm – 3:00pm

<b>Session Name &amp; Room</b>	<b>Presentation Title</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
<b>1A - Lung Cancer Screening</b> Museum	The new National Lung Cancer Screening Program commencing July 2025	Ms Jessica Pratt Dr Dawn Casey
	Is stigma a big deal? National survey insights on lung cancer stigma.	Ms Hannah McGinty
	Developing information and workforce materials for the National Lung Cancer Screening Program	Dr Rachael Dodd
	Informed choice for lung cancer screening: randomised trial of three decision aids	Dr Rachael Dodd
	What lessons from existing cancer screening programs will ensure equitable lung screening?	Ms Kate Broun
	National Lung Cancer Screening Program implementation: Best-practice resource dissemination to health workforce	Ms Dianne Egging
<b>1B - Cardiovascular &amp;</b>	People first in lung cancer screening: international learnings from a Churchill Fellowship	A/Prof Nicole Rankin
	Targeted text message recall system to increase uptake of Heart Health Checks	Associate Professor Carissa Bonner
	Listen to Your Heart and Mind: a case for combined health screening	Dr Isabella Tan
	Public dental clinics: An opportunity to screen for hypertension	Dr Shalinie King

<b>Chronic Disease Screening</b> Town Hall	CODESIGNING TRANSFORMATIVE SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT STROKE AND OTHER NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	Dr Balakrishnan Nair
	Burden of lifestyle disease identified through targeted screening of PNG DF members	Dr Krond Mond MAJOR Therese Naig
	BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATING IN POPULATION GENOMIC SCREENING IN AUSTRALIA: DNA SCREEN SUB-STUDY OF TESTING DECLINERS AND DELAYERS	Dr Jane Tiller
	Screening for Type 1 Diabetes in Children is Feasible and Acceptable to Families: The Australian Type 1 Diabetes National Screening Pilot	Dr Kirstine Bell
<b>1C - New Evidence to Inform Existing Programs</b> Wynyard & St. James	Program Guidelines for Australia's National Lung Cancer Screening Program: a consultative approach	A/Prof Nicole Rankin
	Factors associated with private or public breast cancer screening attendance in Queensland	Dr Tong Li
	Optimising invitation letters to increase bowel cancer screening participation: A qualitative analysis.	Miss Katelyn Collins
	Using patient insights to improve colposcopy experience through tailored information and support	Ms Alice Bastable
	Can history inform evidence-based approaches to innovation in cancer early detection?	Mr Paul Grogan
	Equitable access for ALL: Evaluating the Alternative Access Model with HealthCare Providers	Dr Joyce Jiang Dr Lanxi Huang
PARTICIPATION IN CERVICAL SCREENING IN THOSE WHO WERE NEVER- OR UNDER-SCREENED.		Associate Professor Melanie Pereira
<b>3:00pm – 3:30pm Afternoon Tea &amp; Exhibition</b>		<b>Pre-Function Area</b>

Time	Room	Session
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Grand Central & Plenary Hub	<p>Plenary 3 - Putting participants at the centre of screening</p> <p><b>Session Chairs:</b> Associate Professor Lisa Whop &amp; Associate Professor Megan Smith</p> <p><b>Keynote Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Dawn Casey</b>, Deputy CEO, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO)</li> <li>• <b>Dr Natalie Diepenhorst</b>, Research Fellow, Neuromedicines Discovery Centre, Monash University</li> <li>• <b>Dr Rosemary Wyber</b>, Research Fellow - Cardiovascular Disease, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, Australian National University</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A with keynote speakers</b></p>
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Outdoor Terrace	<b>Welcome Reception</b>

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8:00am – 4:30pm	Pre-Function Area	<b>Conference Registration Open</b>
8:00am – 4:30pm	Pre-Function Area	<b>Exhibition Open</b>
7:50am – 8:50am	Grand Central & Plenary Hub	<p>Morning session - Elimination of Cervical Cancer: leaving no-one behind</p> <p><b>Session Host:</b> Australian Department of Health and Aged Care</p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> Professor Vivienne Milch, Medical Director, Cancer Australia</p> <p><b>Session Presenters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Marion Saville AM</b>, Cervical Cancer Elimination Strategy</li> <li>• <b>Professor Deborah Bateson AM</b>, Supporting equitable elimination for and with people with disability</li> <li>• <b>Associate Professor Lisa Whop</b>, Cervical Cancer prevention in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and people with a cervix</li> </ul>
9:00am – 10:30am	Grand Central & Plenary Hub	<p>Plenary 4 - New and Emerging programs</p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> Adjunct Professor Terry Slevin</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Dorota Pawlak</b>, Chief Scientific Officer, T1DCRN, JDRF</li> <li>• <b>Dr Lisa Murphy</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Stroke Foundation</li> <li>• <b>Professor Louise Baur AM</b>, Lead Investigator, CRE Director, Australian Prevention Partnership Centre</li> <li>• <b>Professor Tanya Buchanan</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Dementia Australia</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A with keynote speakers</b></p>
10:30am – 11:00am	Pre-Function Area	<b>Morning Tea &amp; Exhibition</b>

**Time** **Concurrent Session 2**

11:00am – 12:30pm

Session Name & Room	Presentation Title	Speakers
<b>2A - Genomics Data &amp; Technology</b> Central	A novel model of integrated multi-omic newborn screening in South Australia (NewbornsInSA)	Dr Jovanka King
	Large-scale protein-disease risk association analysis in the UK Biobank: Introducing Olink® Insight	Dr Renu Balyan
	Targeted Melanoma Screening Programs: Role of 3D Total-Body Photography and Artificial Intelligence	Prof Monika Janda
	Polygenic risk score-tailored cancer screening in primary care: perspectives of general practitioners	Dr Sibel Saya
	Australian preferences for potential genomic risk assessment to inform risk-tailored cancer screening	Alison Pearce
	How data linkage can enhance insights from national cancer screening programs	Ms Kirsten Morgan
	Next-generation proteomic profiling for the development of screening tools for cancer	Dr Renu Balyan
<b>2B - Indigenous &amp; Priority Populations</b> Town Hall	Training health workers improves early detection of breast cancer in priority populations	Dr Rehana Salam
	Responsive opportunistic hepatitis C and HIV testing for priority populations	Ms Grace Robin Mr Eli Ryan
	Health Equity for ALL: Evaluating the Alternative Access Model for priority populations	Dr Joyce Jiang Dr Lanxi Huang
	Addressing inequities for Māori and Pacific through AAA/AF screening in New Zealand	Dr Karen Bartholomew
	Resources supporting otitis media screening for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.	Ms Lisa Callahan
	Navigating Stigma: Lessons on Co-Creating Liver Cancer Screening Resources for Priority Communities	Ms Charissa Feng Dr Paula Binks
	Population Screening with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners	Miss Desiree Leha
<b>2C - Psychosocial &amp; ELSI</b> Wynyard & St. James	Explaining cessation of BreastScreen invitations increases women's informed decision-making beyond 74 years	Dr Jenna Smith
	Anxiety increases the risk of osteoporosis and fracture in Australian women.	Dr Abhijit Chowdhury
	Reducing stigma and its impacts in lung cancer screening	Ms Katie McFadden
	Bowel Cancer Screening and Accessibility for People with Disability: a qualitative investigation.	Ms Nicole Marinucci
	Early insights from priority populations: lung cancer screening and stigma.	Ms Hannah McGinty
	Uncovering cervical screening and HPV knowledge gaps. Insights for increasing screening participation.	Alice Bastable
	Obesity, body image and past screening experiences: impacts on breast screening participation	A/Prof Kate McBride
<b>2D - Non-cancer and Emerging (Rapid Fire Presentations)</b> Museum	Home blood pressure measurements are not performed according to guidelines.	Miss Eleanor Clapham
	Getting Australia to a National Liver Screening Program: what does it take?	Ms Charissa Feng
	Adults need support to select validated BP devices for use at home.	Miss Eleanor Clapham
	Gestational diabetes mellitus screenings display seasonal variation in Perth pregnancies	Ms Gemma Burro
	A national survey of stakeholder opinions on a risk-tailored melanoma screening program	Dr Kate L.A. Dunlop
	Healthcare workers' preferences in heart disease screening: A systematic review	Dr Ureni Halahakone
	A Systematic Review of Factors Impacting Late Diagnosis of Chronic Viral Hepatitis	Mrs Maria Ibegu
Making a Colorectal Cancer Risk Prediction (CRISP) Tool available to the public	Miss Madeline Luke	

	Wellness my Way: A digitally-enhanced, consumer-led chronic disease prevention model of care	Ms Clare Johnson
<b>12:30pm – 1:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Exhibition</b>	<b>Pre-Function Area</b>

**Time Concurrent Session 3**

1:30pm – 3:00pm

<b>Session Name &amp; Room</b>	<b>Presentation Title</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
<b>3A - New Evidence to Inform Existing Programs 2</b> Central	The Breast ROSA Project 2023 Recommendations and Roadmap – one year later.	A/Prof Carolyn Nickson
	INITIAL EXPERIENCE WITH UNIVERSAL ELIGIBILITY FOR SELF-COLLECTED HPV CERVICAL SCREENING IN AUSTRALIA	Dr Farhana Sultana
	Early detection of prostate cancer. A review of Australian Guidelines.	A/Prof David Smith
	The impact of population-based breast density notification: a screening program-embedded RCT	Dr Brooke Nickel
	Tomosynthesis Versus Mammography in Women with a Family History of Breast Cancer	Dr Tong Li
	Maximizing Recruitment for Under-Screened Populations in Queensland’s National Bowel Cancer Screening Program	Ms Pantea Konn
	Preferences for participating in HPV self-collection: National survey of cervical screen-eligible people	Ms Claire Bavor
<b>3B - Cultural &amp; Linguistic Diversity</b> Town Hall	Health professionals’ perspectives on designing and implementing innovative models of HPV self-collection	Ms Claire Bavor
	Building effective evaluations for cancer screening in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities	Ms Angelina Belluomo
	Building Capacity of Bicultural Workers: Engaging Under-screened Communities in Cancer Screening	Ms Alana Sadeghi
	Towards Equity: Improving cervical screening uptake in Arabic, Cantonese, and Mandarin Communities	Ms Alice Bastable
	Why tailored screening campaigns for multicultural communities are necessary and highly effective.	Ms Catriona Bastian
	New eligibility, new opportunities: Exploring Bowel Screening profiles in the 45-49 cohort	Mrs Kerryann Wyatt
	Curiosity, Community, Change: Approaching participation barriers in culturally and linguistically diverse populations.	Ms Jade Bridgeman
<b>3C - Novel &amp; Emerging Types of Screening</b> Wynyard & St. James	Enhancing MAFLD Screening: Outcomes of a Comprehensive Clinical Audit in General Practice	Ms Sally Castle
	Identification of Frailty in General Practice Data: Validation of a Frailty Flag	Dr Natasha Reid
	Routine liver cancer screening for metabolic-associated fatty liver disease: benefits and cost-effectiveness	Dr Joachim Worthington
	Stakeholder perspectives on a novel multi-omics newborn screening model (NewbornsInSA)	Dr Jovanka King
	Screening for Liver Cancer in the NT – The “Liver One-Stop Shop”	Dr Paula Binks
	Skin cancer mortality and survival trends: population subgroup analyses for targeted screening	Dr Claudia Slimings
	The Australian Pancreatic High-Risk ScrEening (APRISE) Study	A/prof Andrew Metz

<b>3D – Cancer (Rapid Fire Presentations)</b> Museum	BARRIERS AND FACILITATORS FOR INCREASING CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING IN TUVALU	Ms Shannon Rasmussen
	‘That’s an informed choice’: Women’s mammography screening - A social class analysis	Mrs Samantha Batchelor
	Balancing Cancer Stage, Interval Cancers, and Overdiagnosis in Breast Screening	Dr Pietro Procopio
	Early detection of breast cancer in women 40-49: a need for review	Dr Louiza Velentzis A/Prof Carolyn Nickson
	Enhancing Cancer Screening Access for Priority Populations through an Innovative Outreach Mode	Ms Ana Romero Ms Athena Mumbulla
	Connecting with cultural ambassadors to increase engagement with bowel cancer screening	Ms Leanne Spano
	Providing equitable access to breast screen for women in a Melbourne custodial setting	Ms Krithika Kumar Ms Rita Butera
	Recommendations to improve bowel cancer screening equity and access for rural populations.	Ms Nicole Marinucci
	How to Apply the Guardrails of AI in Health Systems and Services	Mr Mark Nevin
	<b>3:00pm – 3:30pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea &amp; Exhibition</b>

<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Session</b>
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Grand Central & Plenary Hub	<p>Closing Plenary – Future directions of screening and new technologies</p> <p><b>Session Chairs:</b> Professor Dorota Gertig &amp; Professor Paul Lacaze</p> <p><b>Keynote Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Paul Lacaze</b>, Head, Public Health Genomics, School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University</li> <li>• <b>Associate Professor Zongyuan Ge</b>, Department of Data Science &amp; AI, Monash University</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A with keynote speakers</b></p> <p><b>Conference Close</b> - Adjunct Professor Terry Slevin, Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Association of Australia</p>