

# NICM

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SYMPOSIUM 2018

## PROGRAM MEDICINAL CANNABIS: RESEARCH, REGULATION AND EDUCATION

**7 SEPTEMBER 2018**

NICM HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE, WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY  
160 HAWKESBURY ROAD, WESTMEAD (SYMPOSIA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL)

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### Session 01 Regulation and research challenges

>> 8:00 - 9:00 REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

>> 9:00 - 9:10	Welcome address	<b>PROFESSOR JEROME SARRIS</b> Deputy Director, NICM Health Research Institute, Western Sydney University
>> 9:10 - 9:20	Official opening address	<b>PROFESSOR DEBORAH SWEENEY</b> Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice President, Research and Innovation, Western Sydney University
>> 9:20 - 9:30	Australian Medicinal Cannabis Research and Education Collaboration address	<b>JUSTIN SINCLAIR</b> Research Fellow, NICM Health Research Institute, Western Sydney University
>> 9:30 - 9:55	Keynote speech	<b>DR SUZANNE SISLEY, MD</b> Principal Investigator and President, Scottsdale Research Institute
>> 9:55 - 10:10	Patient access to medicinal cannabis	<b>ADJUNCT PROFESSOR JOHN SKERRITT</b> Deputy Secretary, Health Products Regulation Group, Department of Health, Australian Government
>> 10:10 - 10:40	International challenges facing medicinal cannabis research (with audience Q&A)	<b>JUSTIN SINCLAIR</b> Research Fellow, NICM Health Research Institute, Western Sydney University
>> 10:40 - 11:00	<b>MORNING TEA</b> Sponsored by Cannatrek	

# Session 02

## Preclinical research and Lambert Initiative

>> 11:00 - 11:30

Plenary

**DR MARK J. ROSENFELD**

Chief Executive Officer and Chief Science Officer, ANANDA Scientific, USA

>> 11:30 - 12:15

Preclinical research:  
15-minute presentations

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR TIM KARL**

Associate Professor of Behavioural Neuroscience, School of Medicine, Western Sydney University

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**

**JONATHON ARNOLD**

Lambert Initiative for Cannabinoid Therapeutics, and Associate Professor of Pharmacology, School of Medical Sciences, Bosch Institute, Faculty of Medicine and Health, The University of Sydney

**DR KATRINA GREEN**

Lecturer, School of Medicine, Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health, The University of Wollongong

>> 12:15 - 12:30

Lambert Initiative for  
Cannabinoid Therapeutics

**PROFESSOR IAIN MCGREGOR**

Lambert Initiative for Cannabinoid Therapeutics, and Professor of Psychopharmacology, School of Psychology, Faculty of Science, The University of Sydney

>> 12:30 - 1:30

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# Session 03

## Clinical research

>> 1:30 - 2:30

Clinical research:  
15-minute presentations

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JUDITH LACEY**

Head of Supportive Care, Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, Adjunct Associate Professor, NICM Health Research Institute, Western Sydney University, and Clinical Senior Lecturer, School of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Health, The University of Sydney

**PROFESSOR NADIA SOLOWIJ**

Professor, School of Psychology and Illawarra Health and Medical Research Institute, University of Wollongong, and Co-Director, ACRE

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR PETER GRIMISON**

Medical Oncologist, Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, and Clinical Associate Professor, School of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Health, The University of Sydney

**PROFESSOR NICK LINTZERIS**

Conjoint Professor, Discipline of Addiction Medicine, Central Clinical School, and Director and Senior Staff Specialist, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, NSW Health

>> 2:30 - 3:00

Clinical research:  
panel

PROFESSOR NICK LINTZERIS, PROFESSOR IAIN MCGREGOR, PROFESSOR NADIA SOLOWIJ, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR PETER GRIMISON, DR JUDITH LACEY, DR SUZANNE SISLEY

>> 3:00 - 3:30

AFTERNOON TEA

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## Session 04 > Safety considerations

>> 3:30 - 4:10

Cannabis safety: panel

DR ALEX WODAK, AM  
Emeritus Consultant, Alcohol and Drug Service, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney

PROFESSOR CON STOUGH  
Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience and Psychology, and Co-Director, Centre for Human Psychopharmacology, Swinburne University of Technology

EMERITUS PROFESSOR LAURIE MATHER  
Professor of Anaesthesia, School of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Health, The University of Sydney

DR MAGGIE DAVIDSON  
Lecturer, Environmental Health and Management, Natural Science, School of Science and Health, Western Sydney University

## Session 05 > Current state of play and education

>> 4:10 - 4:30

Plenary

DR JEFF HERGENRATHER  
Medicinal Cannabis Consultant and Founding Member of Society of Cannabis Clinicians

>> 4:30 - 4:45

Snapshot of medicinal cannabis education in Australia

JUSTIN SINCLAIR  
Research Fellow, NICM Health Research Institute, Western Sydney University

>> 4:45 - 4:55

Closing remarks

PROFESSOR ALAN BENSOUSSAN  
Director, NICM Health Research Institute, Western Sydney University

>> 4:55 - 5:00

Thank you address

PROFESSOR JEROME SARRIS  
Deputy Director, NICM Health Research Institute, Western Sydney University

>> 5:00 - 6:00

COCKTAILS AND CANAPÉS

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