

# Connecting Asthma Care



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## Melbourne Symposium Program 19 October 2016

8:30 - 9:15	Registration / Coffee
9:15	Welcome
9:30 - 10:30	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> Dr Juliet Foster <i>'Living with severe asthma study'</i>
<b>10:30 - 10:50</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
10:50 - 11:50	Prof David Langton <i>'Bronchial Thermoplasty and its role in managing asthma'</i>
11:50 - 12:50	Dr Sara Barnes <i>'Managing severe allergic asthma in general practice'</i>
<b>12:50 - 1:45</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1:45 - 2:45	Dr Peter Vuillermin <i>'Microbial exposure, the microbiome and asthma'</i>
2:45 - 3:45	Associate Professor Sarath Ranganathan <i>'Current trends in treating asthma in the young'</i>
3:45 - 4:30	Jayde Cesarec <i>'The COACH Program and referrals - what the Foundation can do to assist general practice'</i>
4:30	Close

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## Keynote Speaker

### Dr Juliet Foster

Dr Juliet Foster is a Research Psychologist with a special interest in the patient's perspective on chronic disease and self-management. Her research interests include the disease beliefs, treatment attitudes and lived experience of people with asthma, COPD and cystic fibrosis. Juliet also has publications on medication adherence, on treatment side effects, health professional management of asthma and health professional-patient communication. Dr Foster is an experienced crisis counsellor and a training specialist in health communication skills for facilitating disease self-management. Juliet has been an invited speaker at a number of international conferences; she serves on the scientific and education committees of the European Society for Patient Adherence, Compliance and Persistence and is convener for the Primary Care Special Interest Group for the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ).

### Associate Professor Peter Vuillermin

Associate Professor Peter Vuillermin is a general paediatrician with an interest in the early life origins of immune related disorders in the modern environment. Peter is co-lead investigator on the Barwon Infant Study, which is a population-derived Australian birth cohort study (n=1074) incorporating longitudinal assembly of uniquely detailed array of biological samples in combination with environmental and clinical data. He has a particular interest in the relationship between the modern environment and diet, the microbiome and its metabolites, and the early life origins of immune dysregulation, allergic disease and asthma.

### Dr Sara Barnes

Dr Sara Barnes is an Australian-based health professional. Sara is trained as an Allergy Specialist & Immunologist and has a practice located in Clayton.

Dr Sara Barnes is the head of The Allergy unit at Monash Medical Centre which provides a number of services for patients with allergic conditions including the state Jack Jumper Ant Immunotherapy service and testing for IgE mediated medication reactions, rhinitis, asthma and eczema. Sara is also a Senior Adjunct Lecturer at Monash University.

### Professor David Langton

Professor David Langton is Director of Thoracic Medicine Peninsula Health. Pioneering surgeon who conducted the first thermoplasty surgery to ease the suffering of long-term asthma sufferers at the Frankston Hospital. The revolutionary new surgery reduces the effects of asthma attacks on chronic asthma sufferers for whom traditional medications do not work. The bronchial thermoplasty procedure involves inserting a bronchoscope, or small tube, down the patient's airway and into their lungs whilst they are under anaesthesia. A heat probe is then used to treat the muscles that cause bronchospasm.

### Associate Professor Sarath Ranganathan

Associate Professor Sarath Ranganathan Director of Respiratory Medicine, Royal Children's Hospital is a specialist in paediatric respiratory medicine and director of a clinical department. He has published 64 papers in the past five years and has raised more than \$10 million dollars in current funding. He has published technical and methodological papers in relation to the development of complex pulmonary function techniques for use in infants and young children and is considered internationally to be an expert in the field of clinical respiratory physiology and early lung disease. He has delivered 18 guest lectures at international meetings over the past five years on this topic. Sarath is also a Principal Fellow, Department of Paediatrics, University of Melbourne.

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