

# Connecting Asthma Care



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## Perth Symposium Program 17 October 2016, Tompkins on Swan Function Centre

8:45	Registration opens
9:15	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Associate Professor Graham Hall <b>Welcome to Country</b> Ms Marie Taylor
9.30	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> Dr Juliet Foster Research Psychologist <i>'Living with severe asthma study'</i>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11:00	Dr Tiffany Hughes Consultant Immunologist and Immunopathologist <i>'Severe allergy'</i>
11:45	Dr Li Ping Chung Clinical Lead for Airways Disease, Fiona Stanley Hospital <i>'Asthma, COPD and Asthma COPD Overlap Syndrome'</i>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30	Ms Amelia Seselja Head of Oral Health Promotion, Australian Dental Association <i>'Oral health, asthma medication and the link to chronic disease'</i>
2:15	Dr Scott Claxton Consultant Respiratory Physician, Joondalup Health Campus <i>'Sleep disorders and respiratory connection'</i>
<b>3:00</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
3:30	Dr Ingrid Laing Research Fellow, School of Paediatrics and Child Health Research, University of WA <i>'Respiratory viruses, asthma and pneumonia in children'</i>
4:30 - 4:45	<b>Closing remarks &amp; finish</b>

## Speakers

### 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).

### Dr Tiffany Hughes

A graduate of the University of Adelaide, and subsequently trained in South Australia and Western Australia, Tiffany qualified in Clinical Immunology and Immunopathology in 2003. She was a consultant immunologist and immunopathologist (adult and paediatric) for PathWest in WA for 8 years, before moving to Adelaide in 2011. Her interests are in ensuring quality testing (she is the current Chair of the Immunology RCPAQAP committee), and training and trainee accreditation (she is a RCPA examiner and Chair of the Immunology Joint Specialist Advisory Committee). She is currently practising clinical and laboratory Immunology at the FMC site, with a particular interest in autoimmune disease and successful transition care.

### Dr Li Ping Chung

A respiratory physician with specific interests in severe airways disease including asthma, COPD and non-CF bronchiectasis. In addition to her role as clinical lead for airways disease at Fiona Stanley Hospital, She also currently involved with the novel development and expansion of community respiratory service from Silver Chain for patients with chronic lung disease especially COPD. She would like to be involved with clinical and translational research aimed at improving patient outcomes for those with airways disease and also looks at strategies to better support these patients in the community or a non-tertiary setting. She is also happy to be involved as a collaborator for scientific research aimed at better understanding of disease pathophysiology.

### Ms Amelia Seselja

Amelia Seselja is an Oral Health Therapist and the Oral Health Promoter for the Australian Dental Association. She works closely with the ADA's Oral Health Committee to oversee oral health promotion campaigns. Amelia also supports the projects undertaken by Australian Dental Association Foundation and Chairs the ADA's Oral Health Working Group. She is a strong believer in early intervention, prevention and education. Amelia is passionate about advocating for improving oral health and hopes to assist in leading a more collaborative approach to health promotion.

### Dr Scott Claxton

Dr Scott Claxton completed his undergraduate medical training at the University of Tasmania and his advanced training in respiratory medicine in Perth, at both Royal Perth Hospital and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. Since receiving his FRACP in 2003, Dr. Claxton has worked at Joondalup Health Campus as a consultant respiratory physician, doing a combination of clinic and hospital-based work. Dr Claxton's work is equally divided between sleep disorders and general lung diseases, including asthma, pneumonia, smoking related lung disease and lung cancer. Dr Claxton's special interests are Breathing Disorders of Sleep; COPD; General Respiratory Medicine and Sleep Disorders.

### Dr Ingrid Laing

Dr Laing is a post-doctoral scientist at Telethon Kids Institute and a Research Fellow at the School of Paediatrics and Child Health Research at UWA. Her main research interests include immune genetics of different ethnic groups, the genetic susceptibility to respiratory illnesses in children and respiratory viruses precipitating asthma and pneumonia in children. Her career spans over 15 years and her post-doctoral research includes investigation of genetic control of anti-oxidant defence in the lungs of children with cystic fibrosis, the genetic influences on casual pathways of acute lower respiratory tract infections in highly susceptible infants and the mechanisms of childhood acute asthma. Ingrid has published over 30 scientific research papers with more than half in the top 3 respiratory and allergy journals.

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