

2024 PROGRAM

# Immunisation Professional Development Conference



# Welcome to Benchmark Group's 2024 Immunisation Professional Development Conference #IPDC24



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Throughout this two-day conference you will upskill in various areas of Immunisation, providing you with 15 CPD hours, almost all of your hours needed for 2024. Please view the agenda and further details within the rest of the program, we hope you enjoy your time at our 2024 Immunisation Professional Development Conference.

Our goal at Benchmark Group is to support Primary Healthcare professionals to develop and build careers for the future. Our courses help clinicians to become qualified and confident to operate at the top end of their scope of practice and students have access to our group of highly skilled and specialised trainers still working in industry. We also know that our model of learning is practical and

brings community-based clinicians together to learn, connect and grow.

We are a well respected and well established organisation with 16 years of industry experience, knowledge and relationships. We are proud to partner with Commonwealth and Jurisdictional Health agencies, private sector institutions, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations and peak bodies, Primary Healthcare Networks and directly with Healthcare Providers.

We have a voice in the industry and ultimately working in partnership to improve healthcare for all Australians and particularly in priority populations. A significant proportion of our work is helping to build real education solutions that achieve equality in health and life expectancy for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples.

**Drew, CEO Benchmark Group.**

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## IPDC 2024 will feature:



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# Agenda

## Day 1, Wednesday 1st May

Time	Event	Speaker
8:45 - 9:30am	Registration/coffee & morning tea	
9:30 - 10:15am	Welcome to Country and Introduction	Aunty Joan Bell
10:15 - 12pm	<b>COVID</b>   A changing focus for primary healthcare. Current recommendations	Angela Newbound
	<b>Catchups Fundamentals #1</b>   A practical session exploring the principles of undertaking a catchup	Ali Maggs - Benchmark Group
12 - 1pm	Lunch	
1 - 2:45pm	<b>Vaccine Strategies and Promotions</b>   Explore ways to engage in opportunistic conversations for vaccine discussion while exploring data extraction to boost uptake	Ali Maggs - Benchmark Group
	<b>Immunisation Currency &amp; Resources</b>   Understand key vaccine resources and how to maintain currency in primary healthcare	Zhicheng (Jeff) Wang & Lauren Dalton (NCIRS)
	<b>Managing RSV in Primary Healthcare settings #1</b>   What is RSV, and reviewing current data for management in the primary healthcare setting	Dee Verma
2:45 - 3:15pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:15 - 5pm (CPR will finish 5:30pm)	<b>Managing Emergencies &amp; CPR #1</b>   Managing adverse events, including administration of adrenaline and an accredited CPR update	Barry McCarthy - Benchmark Group
	<b>Travel Health and Vaccinations #1</b>   Explore pre-travel health consultation & current recommendations for travel vaccines and understand current data and caseload	Catherine Keil
	<b>Catchups Fundamentals #2</b>   A practical session exploring the principles of undertaking a catchup	Nadine Henare - Benchmark Group
5:30 - 6pm	Drinks and Networking	
6 - 8pm	<b>Seasonal Respiratory Diseases</b>   A comprehensive review of the current seasonal immunisation advice, including influenza, COVID and RSV over small share plates	Dr. Ginni Mansberg & panel



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## Day 2, Thursday 2nd May

Time	Event	Speaker
8 - 9:15am	<b>Breakfast Plenary - Culturally Safe Approach to Immunisation Practice</b> <i>  An introduction to a Culturally Safe approach to immunisation practice</i>	Dr. Ali Drummond
9:15 - 11am	<b>Catchup Complex</b>   <i>A practical session exploring a more comprehensive approach to undertaking challenging catchups</i>	Nadine Henare - Benchmarque Group
	<b>Vaccine Hesitancy</b>   <i>Understanding different types of hesitancy and how to access current professional and consumer resources</i>	Dr. Jessica Kaufman
	<b>Travel Health and Vaccinations #2</b>   <i>Explore pre-travel health consultation &amp; current recommendations for travel vaccines and understand current data and caseload</i>	Catherine Keil
11 - 11:30am	Morning Tea	
11:30 - 12:45pm	<b>Plenary - NIP and Priority Populations</b> <i>  Reviewing adult, adolescent and infant with a focus on the burden of disease in priority populations</i>	Angela Newbound
12:45- 1:30pm	Lunch	
1:30 - 3:15pm (CPR will finish 3:45pm)	<b>Managing Emergencies &amp; CPR #2</b>   <i>Managing adverse events, including administration of adrenaline and an accredited CPR update</i>	Barry McCarthy - Benchmarque Group
	<b>Cold Chain</b>   <i>A practical session exploring the foundations of cold chain management documentation and notification</i>	Ali Maggs - Benchmarque Group
	<b>Managing RSV in Primary Healthcare Settings #2</b>   <i>What is RSV, and reviewing current data for management in the primary healthcare setting</i>	Dee Verma
3:15pm	Conference Close	



## Speakers



### Dr. Ginni Mansberg | Evening Plenary - Seasonal Respiratory Diseases

Ginni is a GP, TV presenter, podcaster, speaker, author and columnist. She has a General Practice in Sydney's Sans Souci, where she specialises in women's health.

The author of [Save Your Brain!](#), along with 6 other books, Ginni is the "Sunrise GP" on Channel 7, the host of Australian TV shows, "Embarrassing Bodies Down Under" and "Medicine or Myth". She is a podcast host on "Help I have a teenager" on the Mamamia Network, "Things You Can't Talk About on TV", on Audible as well as "Drivetime Medical", an educational podcast for health care professionals. She has a supervisory role in the Discipline of General Practice at the University of Notre Dame Sydney Medical School.

Apart from her medical degrees, Ginni has a Graduate Diploma of Journalism and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She is co-founder and Medical Director of ESK Skincare [www.eskcare.com](http://www.eskcare.com) and Auroracare P/L both cosmeceutical skincare companies, as well as [Don't Sweat It](#), a company delivering workplace education and policy development around peri and menopause. She is also Non-Executive Director of a variety of not-for-profit organisations including The Immunisation Coalition, The Jodi Lee Foundation and is a founding member of the Asia Pacific HPV Coalition.



### Dr. Jessica Kaufman | Vaccine Hesitancy Session

Dr. Jessica Kaufman is a Senior Research Fellow in the Vaccine Uptake Group at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. She is an expert in vaccine communication and the social and behavioural science of vaccination. Some of her current projects include evaluating the impacts of vaccine mandates in Australia, developing an Arabic-language online game to reduce vaccine misinformation, and training community leaders to be vaccine advocates in the Asia Pacific region. Jessica is an NHMRC Emerging Leader Fellow and an E. H. Flack Foundation Fellow. She is the Deputy Chair of the Collaboration on Social Science and Immunisation (COSSI).



### Dee Verma | Managing RSV in Primary Healthcare Settings

Dee is a paediatric Immunisation Pharmacist who is currently working at a tertiary teaching hospital in Melbourne. She manages the hospital-wide monoclonal antibody therapy program for the prevention of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) in high-risk infants. She graduated with a Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons) from Monash University in 2019 and completed her Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice in 2020. Dee is currently undertaking a Master of Public Health at Monash University. Her primary interest lies in ensuring that high-risk patient cohorts are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. She has a passion for promoting vaccine awareness and understanding amongst fellow health professionals and works with other hospitals and professional organisations to promote a vaccine-literate health community.



## Speakers



### **Dr. Ali Drummond | Breakfast Plenary - Culturally Safe Approach to Immunisation Practice**

Dr Ali Drummond is a Meriam and Erubam man of Zenadh Kes (Torres Strait) and Wuthathi man from far north Queensland. He was appointed as the CEO of the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) in April 2023. A highly experienced leader in the sector, Dr Drummond has more than two decades of professional experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, clinical practice, policy, research, and teaching and learning.

During his career, Dr Drummond has focussed on strengthening the health workforce to ensure a culturally safe health system. He has contributed to an innovative approach to nursing education in his role with Queensland University of Technology (QUT's) School of Nursing, and as inaugural co-Director of Indigenous Health within QUT's Faculty of Health.

Dr Drummond holds a Bachelor of Nursing Science and a Master of International Public Health. His recently awarded PhD critically examines how Australian nursing academics collaborate with Indigenous peoples in developing, delivering, and evaluating nursing curricula concerning Indigenous peoples' health and wellbeing.

Dr Drummond is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, a member of CATSINaM and the Torres Strait Islander Nurses Indigenous Corporation, and Chairperson of the Lowitja Institute Research Committee.



### **Catherine Keil | Travel Health and Vaccinations Session**

MN(NP) RN BSc(Hons) Dip TM(RCPSG) CTH® SCHP FFTM (ACTM)

Catherine is a Nurse Practitioner in Travel Health and Immunisations and consults from the Barossa, South Australia. She has over 25 years' experience in travel medicine including working for Emirates Airline in Dubai for 10 years where she was instrumental in setting up a travel health clinic for the crew and families. In 2006 she completed the Diploma in Travel Medicine from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, UK, and in 2014 completed the ISTM Certificate in Travel Health. In 2019 she became a Fellow of the Faculty of Travel Medicine (FFTM), Australasian College of Tropical Medicine and is the past Chair of the Travel Health Nurses of Australia and New Zealand (THNANZ) group. She is the current Co-Chair of the ISTM Nurses Professional Group Steering Council.



### **Angela Newbound | Plenary - NIP and Priority Populations & COVID**

Angela is an Immunisation Education Consultant based in South Australia and has been delivering immunisation education and clinical support to General Practice and other health professionals for over 23 years. She delivers clinical competency immunisation training workshops for Pharmacists and continues to support immunisation providers through her role as the Immunisation Coordinator at the Adelaide Primary Health Network. She is a member of the Immunisation Coalition and provides clinical oversight of the PneumoSmart Vaccination Tool.



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