

Renal Supportive Care Symposium

August 21st 2015 at the St George Hospital Auditorium

TIME	PROGRAM OUTLINE	SPEAKER
0830-0900	Registration	
0900-0910	Welcome and opening address	
0910-1000	Research findings and what is new.	Prof Mark Brown MBBS, FRACP (Director, Department of Renal Medicine, Professor of Medicine, UNSW)
1000-1030	Nursing role in Renal Supportive Care. How far have we come and where to from here?	Elizabeth Josland (Renal Supportive Care CNC) Dip Nursing, MPH
1030-1050	Morning tea	
1050-1120	The Role of the Social Worker in Renal Supportive Care	Jane Waters Renal Social Worker Lismore Base Hospital
1120-1145	Dietary Management of the Renal Supportive Care patient	Jessica Stevenson (Hunter New England) Renal Dietitian Nutrition and Dietetics
1145-1245	Management of Complex Pain in ESKD	Dr Frank Brennan MBBS, FRACP, FACHPM, LLB(Palliative Care Physician)
1245-1315	Lunch	
1315-1345	Synopsis of paper "Update on End-of-Life Care Training During Nephrology Fellowship: A Cross-sectional National Survey of Fellows"	Dr Sara Combs M.D., M.S. (Divisions of Palliative Medicine and Nephrology. Department of Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine)
1345-1415	Advance Care Planning in CKD – results of recent research	A/Prof Josephine Clayton FRACP (Palliative Care Physician)
1415-1435	The role of the social worker in consent to treatment	Hannah Burgess B. SW (Social Worker, St George Hospital)
1435-1505	An overview of Renal Supportive care in WA - the developments and challenges	Dr Brian Siva MBBS, FRACP
1505-1530	Afternoon tea	
1530-1630	Panel discussion Will involve case studies, ethical issues, symptom management, allied health involvement and more	Chaired by Dr Frank Brennan Panel to include nephrologist, nurse, allied health, palliative care and others TBC.

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Speaker Biographies

Professor Mark A Brown

Professor Brown is a Renal and Obstetric Medicine Physician at St George Hospital and Professor of Renal Medicine at the University of New South Wales, Sydney Australia. His clinical expertise includes, general nephrology with specific interests in the fields of obstetric medicine, renal palliative care and hypertension, including hypertension in pregnancy. Research domains have centred on scientific and clinical studies concerning hypertension and renal disease in pregnancy and more recently renal supportive care, with publication of several book chapters and over 200 peer review papers. Professor Brown is currently Director of the St George and Sutherland Renal service, Sydney, Australia, and Chairman of the ACI Renal Supportive Care Committee.

Dr Frank Brennan

Dr Frank Brennan is a palliative care physician based at Calvary, St George and Sutherland Hospitals. He has an interest in all aspects of palliative care including care of patients with non-malignant disease. He has written narratives drawn from his work that have been published and broadcast on ABC radio. Dr Brennan is also a lawyer and has written on the human rights dimensions of pain management and palliative care.

Elizabeth Josland

Elizabeth a Renal Supportive Care Clinical Nurse Consultant at St George Hospital. She has been involved with the supportive care service since its inception in 2005. Supportive care has been a unique opportunity to combine both palliative and renal to provide non-malignant care for end stage kidney disease clients throughout the trajectory of their illness.

Dr Sara Combs

Sara Combs attended medical school and completed Internal Medicine residency at the University of Washington, School of Medicine in Seattle. She then pursued Nephrology fellowship at the University of Colorado in Denver, where she also completed a Master's Degree in Clinical Sciences while researching palliative and end-of-life care issues relevant to Nephrology. Afterwards she returned to Seattle to complete a palliative care fellowship at the University of Washington. In October 2015, she will be joining the faculty at the Denver Veterans Affairs Hospital and University of Colorado School of Medicine in a joint palliative care and nephrology position.

Associate Professor Josephine Clayton

Josephine is a palliative care physician at HammondCare's Palliative and Supportive Care Service, based at Greenwich and Royal North Shore Hospitals, and Associate Professor of Palliative Care at the Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney. Josephine leads a research program regarding communication about end-of-life issues, including the development and evaluation of patient- and clinician- based interventions for improving communication. She is the lead investigator for a Kidney Health Australia project grant that is investigating barriers and facilitators to advance care planning for people with chronic kidney disease. She has a strong interest in teaching communication skills relevant to the care of patients with life limiting illnesses.

Hannah Burgess

Hannah is a Renal Social Worker at St George Hospital, Sydney. Her role covers all renal patients and she has developed a particular interest in Informed Consent, as well as the social information and support needs at the point of decision-making about renal replacement therapies versus conservative management.

Dr Brian Siva

A Consultant Nephrologist at Fiona Stanley Hospital and Peel Health Campus. I was the project lead for the 'Pathway for Renal Palliative Care Services in WA 2012' document and currently runs the Renal Palliative Care Clinic at Fiona Stanley Hospital.

Jane Waters

Jane Waters is a Renal Social Worker based at the Lismore Base Hospital in Northern NSW. During her 25 years practicing hospital Social Work, including the past 13 years as a Renal Social Worker, Jane has developed an interest in end of life care which led her to take a secondment for six months as a Palliative Care Social Worker in 2008. Jane has a particular interest in the choices presented to people with End Stage Renal Failure and the role health care professionals can play in empowering them to make positive and personal decisions about the time and place of their death.

Jessica Stevenson

Jess is currently working as a Specialist Renal Dietitian at the John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle and runs a private practice specialising in renal nutrition. She has worked as a Specialist Renal Dietitian for the past 5 years, both in Australia and in the UK. She has consulted with patients with all stages of CKD, including acute kidney injuries, pre-dialysis CKD, dialysis dependent, transplantation and conservatively managed patients. She has been on the ACI Renal Supportive Care working party since its conception in 2013.