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AHCWA
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Working together to explore the role of telehealth along the ear health pathway

WA Ear and Hearing Telehealth Forum 2021

Friday 11 June 2021 | 9.00am-5.00pm | Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges

Program

This forum has been developed in collaboration with the WA Child Ear Health Strategy partners:



WA Country Health Service
Department of Aboriginal Affairs
Child and Adolescent Health Service



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WA Primary Health Alliance

WELCOME

We acknowledge the Aboriginal people of the many traditional lands and language groups across Western Australia and their connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to Elders past, present and emerging.

Collaborative working partnerships across the ear health system are key to ensuring positive change and encouraging interdisciplinary practice to build stronger, healthier communities throughout Western Australia (WA).

The WA Ear and Hearing Telehealth Forum 2021 aims to enhance knowledge, inspire innovative solutions and foster engaging collaborations as we explore the role of telehealth across the patient's ear health journey and lifespan. It has been developed to better inform programs and providers, support and connect medical and health care teams, collaborate with Aboriginal families and communities, identify improvements and preferred pathways, and strengthen partnerships.

The forum is also an opportunity to gain and share knowledge to improve ear health care delivery, participate in hands-on interactive education, and network with other health professionals and providers working to reduce the burden of ear disease.

Thank you for joining us for the inaugural WA Ear and Hearing Telehealth Forum 2021.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Professor Fiona Wood

AM, FRCS, FRACS

Professor Fiona Wood has been a burns surgeon and researcher for more than 30 years and is Director of the Burns Service of Western Australia. She is a Consultant Plastic Surgeon at Fiona Stanley Hospital and Perth Children's Hospital; co-founder of the first skin cell laboratory in WA; Winthrop Professor in the School of Surgery at The University of Western Australia; and co-founder of the Fiona Wood Foundation (formerly The McComb Foundation).

Fiona's greatest contribution and enduring legacy is her work with co-inventor Marie Stoner, pioneering the innovative 'spray-on skin' technique (Recell); a technique now used worldwide. In October 2002, she was propelled into the media spotlight when the largest proportion of survivors from the 2002 Bali bombings arrived in Perth where Fiona led the medical team at Royal Perth Hospital to save many lives.

She was named a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2003. In 2004, she was awarded the Western Australian Citizen of the Year award for her contribution to Medicine in the field of burns research. Fiona was then named Australian of the Year for 2005. She is an Australian Living Treasure. Fiona is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Science.

She is married to fellow surgeon Dr Tony Kierath and is mother to four boys and two girls.

WA CHILD EAR HEALTH STRATEGY

The WA Child Ear Health Strategy 2017-2021 recognises there are many children at significant risk of poor ear and hearing health, requiring a multilevel, multidisciplinary approach to achieve and sustain improvements in outcomes.

The WA Child Ear Health Strategy has been developed to tackle ear disease amongst children, particularly in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in WA. It provides a road map for better care through multi-agency service planning, strengthened community focused partnerships, alignment of funding, and better coordination.

A number of stakeholders share responsibility for addressing and improving ear and hearing health conditions amongst children. It has been informed by, and is aligned with, a number of key national and State reports, frameworks, guidelines and principles.

The Strategy is designed to promote a greater focus on the 0-5-year age group; facilitate consistent best practice treatment pathways; and enhance the resources directed at prevention, surveillance and a robust evidence base. It aims to promote an agreed, evidence based and sustainable approach across government and non-government agencies and service providers.

To view the WA Child Ear Health Strategy, visit
www.ruralhealthwest.com.au/childearstrategy



PROGRAM

Please note: Program is subject to change

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TIME	EVENT	ROOM
8.30am	Registration – Tea and coffee on arrival • INDIAN OCEAN SUITE FOYER	
9.00am	<p>Welcome from the WA Child Ear Health Strategy Chair</p> <p>Professor Peter Richmond MBBS MRCP(UK) FRACP</p> <p>Professor Richmond is a Consultant Paediatric Immunologist and Paediatrician, and Head of the Department of Child Health Research at Perth Children's Hospital. He is also Director of the Child Health Research Network, Child and Adolescent Health Service, and Head of the Vaccine Trials Group at the Telethon Kids Institute.</p> <hr/> <p>Welcome to Country</p> <p>Marie Taylor Noongar Elder</p>	KING SOUND
9.15am	<p>Setting the scene in WA</p> <p>Applying telehealth to address the burden of ear health in the Kimberley.</p> <p>Clinical Associate Professor Jafri Kuthubutheen ENT Surgeon</p> <p>Dr Luke O'Neil ENT Registrar</p>	KING SOUND
10.00am	<p>A focus on hearing research</p> <p>Tele-audiology – an opportunity for expansion of hearing healthcare services in Australia.</p> <p>Dr Robert Eikelboom BEng, MAppSc, PhD Head of Research Management, Ear Science Institute Australia</p>	KING SOUND
10.30am	Morning tea • INDIAN OCEAN SUITE FOYER	
11.00am	<p>Overcoming the barriers of telehealth – Panel discussion</p> <p>This panel session will identify and discuss statewide telehealth capabilities, where telehealth systems are working well and how to improve health care delivery through innovative telehealth solutions.</p> <p>FACILITATOR Dr Marianne Wood Public Health Medical Officer, AHCWA</p> <p>PANEL Dr Robert Eikelboom BEng, MAppSc, PhD Head of Research Management, Ear Science Institute Australia</p> <p>Kate Hawkings Acting Manager Clinical Telehealth Development, Innovation and Development, WA Country Health Service</p> <p>Michelle Harvey Practice Nurse, Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service</p> <p>Dr Cathy Sucher Senior Clinical Audiologist, Ear Science Institute Australia</p>	KING SOUND

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12.00pm	Telehealth leading the way in other areas of healthcare Professor Fiona Wood will share how she delivers telehealth burn care across the State to facilitate efficient and effective healthcare. Professor Fiona Wood Burns Surgeon, Fiona Wood Foundation; and Director, Burns Service of Western Australia	KING SOUND
12.45pm	Lunch • INDIAN OCEAN SUITE FOYER	
1.30pm	A focus on current projects and innovations in technology This session will focus on projects and current innovations in technology to improve the reach and utilisation of digital ear health support including culturally-inclusive practices and applications. Dr Chris Brennan-Jones Head, Ear Health, Telethon Kids Institute Ruth Monck Clinical Nurse, WA Country Health Service – Goldfields Natasha Morrison Aboriginal Researcher, Telethon Kids Institute Allison Reid ENT Registrar, Perth Children’s Hospital Valerie Swift Aboriginal Cultural Guidance Advisor, Telethon Kids Institute Tamara Veselinovic Research Assistant/PhD Student, Telethon Kids Institute and UWA	KING SOUND
2.30pm	Digital health tools to support telehealth This session introduces <i>My Health Record</i> and e-prescribing, and outlines the benefits for healthcare providers and patients. Briana Meawad Provider, Adoption Lead, Australian Digital Health Agency	KING SOUND
3.00pm	Afternoon tea • INDIAN OCEAN SUITE FOYER	
3.30pm	Hands-on otoscope and tympanometry training Hands-on upskilling practical learning Erin Maywood Head of Department of Audiology, Perth Children’s Hospital	ADMIRALTY GULF
Please select one of these sessions	Clinical update for GPs and audiologists Clinical session interactive learning Dr Francis Lannigan MD, FRCS, MB, CHB Consultant ENT Surgeon	KING SOUND
5.00pm	NETWORKING SUNDOWNER <i>Includes complimentary refreshments</i> Network and connect with your peers, colleagues, specialists and presenters at the close of the Forum.	MARINE LOUNGE BAR

ABORIGINAL HEALTH COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND RURAL HEALTH WEST PARTNERSHIP

Rural Health West and Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) administer the Ear Health Coordination Program in WA. Our teams work collaboratively with primary healthcare clinics and other stakeholders to identify and support activity needed to improve ear health.

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