

MATER'S EDUCATION WEEKEND

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SATURDAY 1 – SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2014.
Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort and Spa

Registrations are still open for Mater's Education Weekend, promising to be a multidisciplinary knowledge and skills update for acute and chronic illness, within the context of primary care.

Featuring a range of case studies, interactive panels and small group learning opportunities, the two-day education event will cover theoretical and practical components to assist GPs in identifying when a specialist referral is required in the context of acute and chronic illnesses.

The extensive two-day program includes a wide range of topics relevant to general practice, with didactic and interactive sessions designed to improve patient care. Delegates will hear from leading specialists on neurosurgery, oncology, cardiac medicine, orthopaedics, ophthalmology, dermatology, adolescent health and paediatrics, as well as have the opportunity to take part in the popular Advanced Life Support course. Delegates who attend the weekend will gain valuable RAC GP points (40 category 1 points). See page 3 for profiles on two of the specialists who will present at the event.

Interactive Women's Health and Paediatric Panels

Delegates will have the opportunity to engage with world-class specialists at dedicated Women's Health and Paediatric Panel sessions. You are invited to pre-submit questions for discussion to ashley.nicholson@mater.org.au and provide your input across a range of women's health and paediatric issues.



PROGRAM

Saturday 1 November 2014		
8.30 to 9 am	Delegate registration	
9 to 9.10 am	Welcome – Don Murray, Executive Director	
9.10 to 9.30 am	Trick or Treat: Food for Thought – Dr Steve Costello, Director of Emergency	
9.30 to 10.10 am	Defining the role of primary practice in interpreting sleep studies and identifying a need for therapy – Dr Simon Bowler, Respiratory and Sleep Medicine	
10.10 to 10.30 am	Financial Management – HLB Mann Judd	
10.30 to 10.50 am	Morning Tea and Meet the Specialists	
10.50 am to 12.10 pm	Brisbane Clinical Neurosciences Centre Interactive Session – Dr Robert Campbell and Dr Damian Amato – Dr Martin Wood and Dr Jason Papacostas	
12.10 to 12.50 pm	Lunch and Meet the Specialists	
12.50 to 1.30 pm	Concurrent Session 1: Medical Oncology – Dr Jim Coward, Medical Oncologist	Concurrent Session 2: Cardiac Interventional – Dr Anthony Camuglia, Cardiologist
1.30 to 2.10 pm	Cancer Surgery – Prof Lewis Perrin, Gynaecologic Oncologist	Cardiac Imaging – Dr John Fenwick, Radiologist
2.10 to 2.30 pm	Afternoon Tea and Meet the Specialists	
2.30 to 3.10 pm	Pathology – David Wong	
3.10 to 4.40 pm	Women's Health Interactive Panel Facilitator: Dr Michael Beckmann, Dr Melissa Luckensmeyer, Dr Megan Castner, Dr Paul Conaghan, Dr Geoff Mudiua, Dr Naven Chetty	
7 to 10 pm	Halloween Cocktail Function	

Sunday 2 November 2014	
8.30 to 9 am	Delegate registration
9 to 9.40 am	Orthopaedics – Advances in cartilage and soft tissue injuries of the knee – Dr Tim McMeniman
9.40 to 10.20 am	Dermatology - Atopic Dermatitis; Reasons for failure to respond to treatment, and dangerous differential diagnoses not to miss – Dr Erin McMeniman
10.20 to 11 am	Nephrology – Dr Elizabeth Jarvis
11 to 11.20 am	Morning Tea and Meet the Specialists
11.20 am to 12 pm	Adolescent Health: A summary of the Mater Adolescent and Young Adult service – Prof Brett McDermott
12 to 1.20 pm	Paediatrics Interactive Panel – Dr Tony Prado, Dr Emma McIntyre, Dr Nicola Slee, Dr David Bade
1.20 to 2 pm	Lunch – End of conference

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Full delegate registration \$480 inc GST

- Two-day conference registration (Saturday and Sunday).
- One night accommodation in a hinterland view guest room and breakfast on Sunday.
- Delegate handbook with presentation slides.
- Cocktail function for you and your partner on Saturday evening.
- Parking for the weekend.
- Access to the resort's fitness centre and two tennis courts.
- Wi-Fi access on conference floors.

Day delegate packages available from \$70 inc GST.

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Viruses	<i>Rotavirus</i> , <i>Adenovirus</i> , <i>Astrovirus</i>

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The reporting units have changed to ng/L from ug/L and there are different male and female cut-offs.

As with the previous assay, interpretation of results will depend on the clinical context and whether the results are above or below the cut-off. Serial measurements (two and

sometimes six hours after presentation, most appropriately performed in hospital) are usually required to rule out acute myocardial infarction.

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For more information visit pathology.mater.org.au and for questions about the new assay please contact **Chemical Pathologist Dr Janet Warner** on **07 3163 6352**.



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WHICH DOCTOR? PRESENTERS AT MATER'S GP EDUCATION WEEKEND

DR TIMOTHY MCMENIMAN

Orthopaedic Surgeon
Dr Timothy McMeniman specialises in treating sports injuries of the lower limb, knee arthroscopy, and knee and hip joint replacements.



Dr McMeniman works in private practice and is a visiting medical officer at Mater Children's Private Hospital and Mater Private Hospital Brisbane.

He was educated in Brisbane and completed his medical degree at the University of New South Wales, Sydney. He completed his advanced training in Orthopaedics in Queensland, obtaining his Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS) in 2010.

The following year he trained with Andrew Williams and Jonathan Lavelle as the Knee Fellow at Chelsea and Westminster and The Lister Hospitals in London where he focused on the management of complex knee injuries, and injuries in professional athletes.

He was the Sports Medicine Fellow with Dr Peter Myers at Mater Private Hospital Brisbane and Brisbane Private Hospital. His experience covers sports, orthopaedics and reconstructive knee surgery, including meniscus preservation and transplantation, as well as joint replacement.

Dr McMeniman has an ongoing active role in teaching and research and is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Queensland. He has published and presented research both nationally and internationally.

Referrals can be made to Dr McMeniman at:
Brisbane Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Centre
Level 5, Specialist Centre, 259 Wickham Terrace
Spring Hill QLD 4000

Telephone: 07 3839 5095

Facsimile: 07 3834 6637

Email: t.mcmeniman@bosmc.com.au

PROF LEWIS PERRIN

Professor Lewis Perrin is a gynaecological oncologist specialising in surgical treatment of women with endometrial, ovarian, cervical, vulval or vaginal malignancies.



He has a special interest in minimal access surgery for the treatment of cancerous and non-cancerous diseases of the female reproductive organs.

Prof Perrin aims, where possible, to treat patients with laparoscopic surgery allowing a quicker recovery. He works with a dedicated team of surgeons enabling radical procedures for optimal removal of gynaecological cancers and improving the overall survival of these patients.

He's involved in clinical research which is a major contributor to many trials to determine the best treatment for patients with gynaecological cancer and he's a lead investigator in several studies ranging from laparoscopic surgery to new techniques in the delivery of chemotherapy.

Prof Perrin joined the Queensland Centre for Gynaecological Cancer in 1993 where he completed his training. This also included a year as Clinical Fellow in colorectal surgery at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. He is a subspecialty examiner for the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and currently serves on the executive committee of the Australian Society of Gynaecologic Oncology.

Referrals can be made to Prof Perrin at:

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CASE STUDY BY NEUROSURGEON DR DAMIAN AMATO

Presentation: A 69 year old lady presented with three weeks of increasing left leg weakness. The weakness included both proximal musculature (hip abductors and quadriceps) as well as lower leg muscles (plantar and dorsiflexors of the ankle/toes).

Background: The patient was referred from Orthopaedic surgeon Dr Peter Johnstone who had previously treated her knee osteoarthritis and also her spinal stenosis four and a half years earlier. She had bilateral knee replacements and a decompression laminectomy from L3-L5. There was no history of malignancy and no other significant medical history to note.

Examination and Investigations: The examination was as per the orthopaedic referral with weakness in the left lower limb (3-4/5 in the muscle groups described), no significant weakness on the right.

No sensory changes were identified, reflexes were difficult to elicit bilaterally partly due to previous knee replacements. The MRI of the lumbar spine demonstrated the previous laminectomy with evidence of post laminectomy anterolisthesis at L3/4 producing foraminal stenosis and therefore bilateral L3 nerve root compression which was worse on the left.



Additionally, there was also a foraminal/far lateral disc protrusion at L5/S1 on the left producing left L5 nerve root compression.

Discussion: The above findings can only partially explain the left leg weakness. L3 compression can cause quadriceps weakness and L5 ankle dorsiflexion weakness. However there was more global weakness. Could the anterolisthesis be producing a cauda equina syndrome?

The anterolisthesis or forward slip produced foraminal stenosis and bilateral L3 nerve root compression but not enough in the way of central stenosis to explain the symptoms. Additionally the symptoms were solely weakness without pain and were unilateral. Further investigation was warranted.

To read more of the case study visit www.materonline.org.au

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