Centre for Palliative Care Research and Education
12th Annual Research Conference
19th April 2013 – RBWH Education Centre

0800 – 0830 Registration
0830 – 0840 Welcome
    Professor Patsy Yates
0840 – 0845 Welcome to Country
0845 – 0900 Official Opening

Cognitive Issues in Palliative Care Part 1

0905-1000 Keynote Address
    Professor Meera Agar: Delirium in Palliative Care

1000-1030 Keynote Address
    Professor Patsy Yates

1030–1100 Morning Tea

1100-1130 Paediatric palliative care – neurodegenerative case studies
    Dr Anthony Herbert, Ms Natalie Bradford

1130-1150 Report on research project (1).
    Dr Clive Eakin

1150-1210 Report on research project (2).
    Dr Dominic Lunn

1210-1230 TBC

1230-1300 Assessing capacity at end of life
    Dr Kelly Purser

1300-1345 Lunch

Cognitive Issues in Palliative Care Part 2

1345-1430 Keynote Address
    Professor Janet Hardy

1430-1515 Keynote Address
    Professor Elizabeth Beattie: Dementia and Palliative Care

1515 Summary and close

1520 Afternoon Tea
**Speaker Biographies**

**Associate Professor Meera Agar** is Director of Palliative Care, Braeside Hospital, HammondCare (Sydney); Senior Lecturer, Discipline of Palliative and Supportive Services, Flinders University and Clinical Trials Director, Ingham Institute of Applied Medical Research, Sydney. Her research interests include delirium in palliative care, palliative care for those living with advanced dementia and health services research.

**Professor Elizabeth Beattie** is Director of the Dementia Collaborative Research Centre – Carers and Consumers at Queensland University of Technology (QUT). Her primary research interests lie in the area of prevention of negative functional outcomes of behavioural issues in dementia, and she is currently contributing to the development of robust interventions to improve the quality of life of people with dementia and those who care for them.

**Ms Natalie Bradford** has a nursing background in paediatric oncology and palliative care. As well as working in research at the Queensland Children’s Cancer Centre, Natalie is a PhD candidate with UQ Centre for Online Health. Her research interests are in supporting families in their community who are caring for children with life threatening illnesses; her thesis topic explores the role of technology to provide this support.

**Dr Clive Eakin** is a Senior Medical Officer, and palliative care trainee with Metro South Palliative Care in Brisbane.

**Professor Janet Hardy** was Head of the Department of Palliative Medicine and Head of Research at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London before taking up the position of Director of Palliative Care at Mater Health Services Brisbane in 2003. She maintains an active interest in palliative care research and is now Clinical Research Programme Leader for the Centre for Palliative Care Research and Education. Her major research interests are in the clinical development of new analgesics and analgesic formulations, the management of cancer-related nausea and vomiting, and in facilitating research in palliative care. Her mission is to improve the evidence base on which the practice of palliative care is founded.

**Dr Anthony Herbert** is Staff Specialist in paediatric palliative care at the Royal Children’s Hospital (RCH) in Brisbane. He has been consulting in palliative care at RCH and Mater Children’s Hospital since 2008. Dr Herbert trained at the Children’s Hospital Westmead, and has a particular interest in telehealth.

**Dr Dominic Lunn** is a Senior Medical Officer, and palliative care trainee with Mater Health Services Supportive and Palliative Care in Brisbane.

**Dr Kelly Purser** is a member of the Health Law Research Centre at QUT. Her doctoral studies examined capacity assessment in the context of advance health directives, powers of attorney, and wills. Dr Purser’s doctoral research also included an empirical component exploring the relationship between legal and medical professionals when assessing capacity.

**Professor Patsy Yates** is jointly appointed as Professor of Nursing at Queensland University of Technology, and Director for Queensland Health’s Centre for Palliative Care Research and Education. Patsy is currently Acting Executive Director, Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation, QUT. Patsy has developed a program of research aimed at improving management of symptoms associated with advanced progressive disease, having undertaken studies evaluating non-pharmacological and behavioural interventions for people with cancer experiencing cancer pain, breathlessness, fatigue and nausea. She is currently President of Palliative Care Australia, and a member of the Board of Directors for the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care and the Board of the National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre.