

2025 Program

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The sessions are shown in **Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT)**

Thursday, 20 March 2025



7:30 – 19:00	Registration Open Hotel Realm Ballroom Terrace Foyer		
8:20 – 8:50	Opening Plenary Ballroom Two and Three Chair: Professor Greg Leigh AO		
	Welcome to Country		
	Delegate Welcome and Housekeeping		
8:50 – 9:00	Platinum Sponsor Address Michelle Nicholls, Director – Clinical Affairs, Cochlear Australia and New Zealand		
			
	Keynote Address Genomic screening for hearing loss: Before conception, during pregnancy, in the newborn Professor Edwin Kirk AM Chair: Professor Greg Leigh AO		
10:00 – 10:30	Morning Tea Exhibition, Posters Hotel Realm Ballroom Terrace Foyer and Ballroom One		
			
10:30 – 12:30	Concurrent Session One		
	GENETICS	SCREENING	ANCHOR WORKSHOP
Chairs	Ballroom Two Lauren McHugh	Ballroom Three Melinda Barker	Ballroom Four Valerie Sung

10:30 – 10:50	<p>Exploring complex stakeholder attitudes on inclusion of non-syndromic hearing loss and reproductive genetic carrier Dr Lucinda Freeman Presentation Slides</p>	<p>Developing Australia’s national data collection on newborn hearing screening Ms. Georgina Jepsen Presentation Slides</p>	<p>Parents and Family workshop</p>																		
10:55 – 11:15	<p>Parental preferences for genetic testing in deaf and hard of hearing children Ms Michelle Cao</p>	<p>Applying a Quality Improvement Framework to Newborn Hearing Screening following transition to a new device Mrs Larissa Ralph</p>																			
11:20 – 11:40	<p>Access to genomic testing for deafness: Challenges and enablers of implementation Dr Lilian Downie Presentation Slides</p>	<p>Is COVID-19 infection during pregnancy a risk for congenital hearing loss? Dr Jane Sheehan</p>																			
11:45 – 12:05	<p>‘What do clinicians and laboratory scientists think about Medicare-funded genomic testing for childhood deafness?’ Dr Karen Liddle Presentation Slides</p>	<p>When a baby is ‘late’ or lost’ to Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Ms Felicity Hood</p>																			
12:10 – 12:30	<p>Genotype-Phenotype correlations in childhood hearing loss: Audit of statewide tertiary genetic service testing Dr Karen Liddle Presentation Slides</p>	<p>Enhancing Education for Newborn Hearing Screeners: A Call for Comprehensive Training Ms Angela Deken Presentation Slides</p>																			
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14:45 – 15:05	Optimising access to MRI under feed and wrap for babies with congenital permanent hearing loss Dr Carolyn Cottier Presentation Slides	Early childhood communication and adult mental health for deaf and hard of hearing Australians Mr Ramas McRae Presentation Slides
15:10 – 15:30	A simple solution to a big issue: validating a “mesh” for BC ABR in infants Ms Maria Florencia Montes Roleri Presentation Slides	The young and the restless (researcher): The realities of partnering with young experts by experience Ms Jermy Pang Presentation Slides
15:30 – 16:00	Afternoon Tea Exhibition, Posters Hotel Realm Ballroom Terrace Foyer and Ballroom One 	
16:00 – 17:30	Outcomes Matter Workshop Plenary Session Two Ballroom Two and Three Chair: Valerie Sung	
17:30 – 19:00	Cocktail Function Proudly Sponsored by Hearing Australia Hotel Realm Ballroom Terrace Foyer and Ballroom One 	

Friday, 21 March 2025

7:30 – 17:00	Registration Opens Hotel Realm Ballroom Terrace Foyer	
8:30 – 8:35	Plenary Session Three Ballroom Two and Three Welcome to Day Two Chair: Fran Freeman	
8:35 – 8:40	Silver Sponsor Address Rebecca Adam – CEO, Expression Australia 	
8:40 – 9:40	Keynote Address What we've learned about identifying congenital CMV infection: Are we ready to add this to the universal newborn screening panel? Professor Mark R. Schleiss Chair: Fran Freeman	
9:40 – 10:10	Detecting hearing loss beyond the newborn period – no consensus, no evidence, what next? Ms Lauren McHugh, Dr Zeffie Poulakis Presentation Slides Chair: Fran Freeman	
10:10 – 10:40	Morning Tea Exhibition, Posters Hotel Realm Ballroom Terrace Foyer and Ballroom One 	
10:40 – 12:40	Concurrent Session Three	
	CMV Ballroom Two	FAMILIES Ballroom Three
Chair	Florencia Montes	Jasmine Plimmer

10:40 – 11:00	Congenital cytomegalovirus: The most common non-genetic cause of sensorineural hearing loss in newborns Mrs Emma Waight Presentation Slides	Experiences of New Zealand Māori whānau (families) through the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Programme Mrs Genevieve Choi Presentation Slides
11:05 – 11:25	Implementing the Congenital Cytomegalovirus Prevention Guidelines Mrs Katherine Swinburn, Ms Pam Rogers Presentation Slides	Navigating diverse journeys: The dual process model and parental responses to infant hearing loss Mrs Pia Leeming Presentation Slides
11:30 – 11:50	Continuum of progress in cCMV screening: What is the target for Aotearoa New Zealand? Dr Holly Teagle Presentation Slides	Families' experiences of interacting with professionals during the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention period Mrs Tegan Howell
11:55 – 12:15	Parental experiences of completing Targeted Congenital Cytomegalovirus Screening at the time of their infants' UNHS Ms Emma Webb	Hear me, here for you – The elephant in the room and the dispersed village Ms Tanya Lehmann Presentation Slides
12:20 – 12:40	Time to chat? Power of professional discussion! Ms Trudy Smith	The establishment of the Australian Childhood Deafness Community Advisory Group Ms Emily Shepard Presentation Slides
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch Exhibitors and Poster Viewing Hotel Realm Ballroom Terrace Foyer and Ballroom One 	
13:40 – 15:15	Concurrent Session Four	
	AUDIOLOGY POST DIAGNOSIS	POST NATAL HEARING CHECKS
	Ballroom Two	Ballroom Three
Chair	Michelle Chacksfield	Julie Wright
13:40 – 14:00	Enhancing access and services for aided Australian children: Updated triage, telehealth and impression scanning Ms Patricia Van Buynder Presentation Slides	Applying machine learning to ear health checks for young Aboriginal children to predict persistent problems Ms Sam Harkus
14:05 – 14:25	Grief, gaps, gains and giving – One parent's journey following an Usher Syndrome diagnosis Ms Emily Shepard Presentation Slides	Listen to Learn: A preschool and school ear and hearing health screening program Dr Traci Flynn Presentation Slides
14:30 – 14:50	Aligning our work to the 2024 Family Centred Early Intervention: DHH Principles Ms Trudy Smith	Expanding utility of a language-based hearing screener for children whom English is an additional language Ms Carolyn Mee Presentation Slides
14:55 – 15:15	Accuracy of subjective ear health check components for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children Ms Sam Harkus	Enhancing hearing screening accessibility through the development of a gamified automatic audiometer Ms Carolyn Mee Presentation Slides
15:15 – 15:45	Afternoon Tea Exhibition, Posters Hotel Realm Ballroom Terrace Foyer and Ballroom One 	
15:45 – 16:45	Closing Plenary PANEL Futures and Possibilities – Challenges and opportunities Facilitated by: Professor Lynn Gillam Chair: Lauren McHugh Panellists: Professor Mark R Shleiss, Lillian Downie, Valerie Sung, Emily Shepard	
16:45 – 17:00	Conference Close Professor Greg Leigh AO, Ms Lauren McHugh Concluding Comments—"Where to from here" Announcement of the Poster Prize Winner Announcement of the host city for ANHS Conference 2027	
2025 ANHSC Best Poster Prize		
<p>All posters presented during the conference will be peer reviewed by an expert panel, and the Best Poster Award winner will be announced during the conference close.</p> <p>The winner will receive a \$500 monetary prize, recognising their outstanding contribution to the Conference.</p>		
POSTERS		
1	Academic performance and associated factors of deaf and hard of hearing primary school-aged children Dr Anita Clarke	
2	Nationwide hearing screening data management and reporting in Aotearoa New Zealand – Challenges and opportunities Miss Caroline Busfield, Ms Jasmine Plimmer	

3	<p>The benefits of bilingual early intervention Ms Catherine Dunn, Ms Kristen Mason Poster Slides</p>
4	<p>Safety and quality in Infant Diagnostic Audiology: A human factors approach Dr Jane Fitzgibbons Poster Slides</p>
5	<p>Improving understanding of wave V latency in neonatal ABR: A study of hearing loss effects Mr Andrew Geyl Poster Slides</p>
6	<p>Inconsistency to excellence: Transforming newborn hearing screener training in the Victorian Infant Hearing Screening Program Ms Sally Higgins, Ms Melissa Moyano Poster Slides</p>
7	<p>Australian families of deaf and hard of hearing children: Are they using sign? Mrs Tegan Howell</p>
8	<p>Information and communication options provided to families during the diagnostic journey Mrs Tegan Howell</p>
9	<p>Relationship between diabetes in pregnancy and infant hearing outcomes, a cross-sectional data linkage study Dr Karen Liddle</p>
10	<p>Outcomes for children with hearing loss using family centered practice – what should we expect? Mrs Lynda Farwell, Ms Julie Decker</p>
11	<p>Is COVID-19 infection during pregnancy a risk for congenital hearing loss? Dr Jane Sheehan</p>
12	<p>Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder in children: Diagnosis, intervention, and outcomes – A comparative study Ms Katie Neal</p>
13	<p>Understanding factors influencing Targeted Congenital Cytomegalovirus Screening: Perspectives from Victorian Infant Hearing Screening Program Staff Ms Emma Webb</p>
14	<p>Early ears, early action: The vital role of newborn hearing screening Mrs Jenny Dravitzki, Miss Fiona Yip Poster Slides</p>
15	<p>Tasmanian Health Service – Audiology Family Support: Supporting Families through newborn hearing screening to diagnosis Miss Michelle Chacksfield Poster Slides</p>

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