

InformationMD! 2008

Annual Conference presenting experts on Neuromuscular Disorders and leading researchers from Australia and around the world.

Thursday 13th and Friday 14th November 2008

Langham Hotel, Melbourne

Information MD! 2008 is a comprehensive two day multidisciplinary seminar designed to present latest and up to date information, educate and raise awareness of neuromuscular disorders within the community.

The **Information MD! 2008** Seminar is running concurrently with the 7th Annual Scientific Meeting of the **Asian Oceanian Myology Cente**, enabling presentations from researchers worldwide in latest developments in the Neuromuscular Field.

Information MD! 2008 will bring together researchers, clinical specialists, health care professionals and parents to share information and expertise in order to improve outcomes for individuals affected by NMD and their families. Presentation will include many different aspects of paediatric and adult disorders and latest research developments and provide an opportunity to meet leading specialists and researchers working in the field.

Intended audience includes:

- parents
- family members
- friends
- carers
- healthcare professionals
- physiotherapists
- Occupational Therapists
- teachers and teachers aides

ON DISPLAY... will be a number of services, programs and equipment providers.

Invitation - Research Dinner

All seminar participants are invited to register for the 'Research Dinner' on Thursday night. Join research scientists, clinicians, therapists and MDA staff for a sit down dinner and entertainment. A great opportunity to form networks and relax and socialise with conference attendees.



For additional information: contact the MDA on 03 9320 9555.

To Register: fill in the registration form or register **Online** via MDA website, www.mda.org.au



Limited places
Register early to ensure you don't miss out!

The Seminar Venue:

InformationMD! 2008 will be held in the Alto Room Langham Hotel Southbank. This exclusive venue overlooks the enchanting Yarra River of Melbourne with magnificent panoramic views. Located only 30 minutes drive from Melbourne's International Airport with an easy stroll from the city's business district, renowned fashion precinct, public gardens, alfresco cafes and nightlife.

Parking: Southgate public car park is located underneath the hotel and costs \$36 per day.

Public Transport:

By train - catch a train to Flinders St Station and then short walk across Yarra to the hotel.

By tram - catch a tram to corner of Flinders St and St Kilda Rd.

Registration: Will be confirmed upon receipt of Registration Form and full payment.

Cancellations:

Cancellations prior to 31st October will be refunded less an administrative fee of \$20. Any cancellations after this date will not be reimbursed.

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Day One - Thursday 13th November 2008

- 8 am **Registration** - Tea and coffee available
- 9 am **Opening Ceremony** - in conjunction with the AOMC Scientific Conference
- 9:30am **Genetic Testing and Genetic Counselling.** *Looking at types of tests, results implications and benefits.* - **Dr Robin Forbes**, Genetic Counsellor, Victorian Clinical Genetics Services
- 10:15am **Overview of childhood neuromuscular disorders (DMD, SMA) Importance of Intradisciplinary management.** *Diagnosis and patterns of progression, looking at the holistic picture of disorder management, who needs to be involved and why.* - **Assoc. Prof. Andrew Kornberg**, Director of Neurology, RCH
- 11 am **Latest DMD treatments.** *Process of drug development and clinical trials, including requirements, participation and implications.* - **Dani Villano**, MDA Neuromuscular Clinic Coordinator, RCH
- 11:30 am **Surgical Procedures in neuromuscular disorders.** *Surgical options and management, pre and post operative care and considerations.* - **Dr Sue Liew**, Orthopaedic Surgeon, RCH
- 12:15 pm **Respiratory Management.** *Recognising symptoms, importance of early intervention and ongoing management. Ventilator options and care.* - **Dr Karen Detering**, Austin Hospital
- 1 pm **LUNCH** - Information Exhibition and Networking.
- 1:40 pm **Cardiac considerations and care.** *Importance of early and ongoing treatment / management, available medications.* - **Dr Andrew Davis**, Cardiology Department, RCH
- 2:30 pm **Learning and School Support.** *Choosing the right school, funding and other considerations for parents and school personnel.* - **Department of Education**
- 3 pm **AFTERNOON TEA**
- 3:15pm **Physiotherapy for children with NMD.** *Special considerations for therapists, schools and parents, recommendations and latest research. Case study examples.* - **Physiotherapy Department**, RCH
- 4 pm **Occupational Therapy for children with NMD.** *Equipment, modifications and other considerations for therapists, schools and parents.* - **Occupational Department**, RCH
- 4:45 pm **Panel Discussion** *with Physiotherapist and Occupational Therapist.* - *opportunity for specific questions and advice from experts in the field.*
- 5pm **Conclusion**

There will be a number of exhibitors and information available for participants to browse through at break times. Some will include:

Aides and Equipment Program
TADVIC
Independent Living Centre
YDAS
Travellers Aide
VEWSA
City of Melbourne
Bathroom modifications

Centrelink – Payments and benefits
Carers Victoria programs and services
Vehicle Modifications
Employment Services for people with disabilities
Counselling Services
AAA Program (council)
and more....

Day Two - Friday 14th November 2008

8am **Registration**

9am **Welcome** - **Boris M Struk**, Executive Director, MDA

9:10am **Overview of Adult Neuromuscular Disorders and importance of intradisciplinary management.** *Who needs to be involved and why, special considerations for different disorder types/groups.* - **Prof. Kathryn North**, Children's Hospital, Westmead

10am **Emotional and psychological support for affected individuals and their carers.** *Living with and managing progressive weakness, where to get help and support.* - speaker TBC

10:45am **MORNING TEA**

11am **Occupational Therapy.** *Recommended and available equipment, including environmental control, where to get advice, funding options.* - **Trudy Muhl**, Yooralla

11:45am **Physiotherapy.** *Consideration for affected individuals and therapists, exercise and recommendations and implications, latest research and options.* - **Anne Guthrie**

12:30pm **Panel Discussion with Physiotherapist and Occupational Therapist.**

1pm **LUNCH** - Information Exhibition and Networking.

RESEARCH AFTERNOON:

2pm **Viral Delivery.** *Current status of gene delivery technology using viruses; what's been done and what's next.* - **Dr Paul Gregorevic**

2:30pm **Non-genetic Interventions.** *Including anti-inflammatories, anti-oxidants, diet and standard operating procedures.* - **Professor Miranda Grounds**

3pm **AFTERNOON TEA**

3:15pm **Exon Skipping.** *DNA bandaids for the correction of dystrophin defects.* **Dr Steve Wilton** ANRI

3:45 pm **Overview of specific disorder research, inc. Myotonic, FHS, LG, MG, etc., in Australia and the world.** - **Dr Jason White** NMDRC

4:30 pm **Panel Discussion** with presenters and other available researchers -

5pm **Conclusion**

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REGISTRATION DETAILS:

Title First Surname

Position Company

Street

Suburb Postcode

Phone (W) Phone (H) Mobile

Email

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Registration Fees <small>(including GST)</small>	Regular Rate	Discount Rate <small>(for affected individuals and family members)</small>	Number of people attending	
One Day (Please specify): <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	_____	\$ _____
Two Days <small>(lunch is included in registration)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	_____	\$ _____
Research Dinner <small>(Thursday night)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85	_____	\$ _____
			TOTAL COST	\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD (please tick):

Cheque* Visa Mastercard Card Number:

Cardholder's Name: Card Expiry Date:

* All cheques made to: Muscular Dystrophy Cardholder's Signature:

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