



2022 Virtual Coast To Country Immunisation Conference

The Central Coast Local Health District, in partnership with Hunter New England Local Health District and the Hunter New England Central Coast Primary Health Network, is excited to present the following virtual immunisation conference:

2022 COAST TO COUNTRY: VACCINATION PROTECTION FOR ALL.

Hunter New England and Central Coast authorised nurse immunisers, authorised midwife immunisers, practice nurses, GPs, Aboriginal immunisation healthcare workers, qualified pharmacist immunisers and health worker students are invited to attend.

We have gathered leading specialists in immunisation to present topics which will inform and challenge us. In order to keep our valuable workforce safe we have decided on an online format.

- PROGRAM** View the full program on the [event page](#).
- WHEN** Saturday 22 October 2022, 10am – 2pm
- WHERE** Virtual. Link to be sent to participants prior to conference.
- RSVP** [Please click here to register.](#) Cost is \$40

Our 2022 conference will provide an excellent opportunity to build on your skills and knowledge around vaccines, current research, vaccines for special risk groups and where Australia sits in the global scene. Listen, learn, interact and ask questions with like-minded peers from across Australia.

Keynote Speakers



Master of Ceremonies – Patrick Cashman
Immunisation Coordinator at Hunter New England LHD NSW
Patrick Cashman is the Immunisation Coordinator at Hunter New England Local Health District NSW and manager for Vaxtracker. Member of COSSI, AEFI-CAN & AusVaxSafety. Research interests in immunisation safety surveillance, Aboriginal Health and health care worker education. Patrick has worked in Victoria, Tasmania, NT and NSW in emergency, infectious diseases, remote health and public health. Patrick initiated and manages the Vaxtracker active surveillance system for adverse event following immunisation and is a part of the AusVaxSafety consortium (www.vaxtracker.net). Patrick was awarded the prestigious Public Health Association of Australia National Immunisation Achievement Awards in 2021.



Dr Ketaki Sharma
Staff Specialist/Clinical Lecturer

Dr Ketaki Sharma MBBS, MPH, FRACP, is a general paediatrician and staff specialist at the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS). She holds a conjoint appointment as Clinical Lecturer in the Discipline of Child and Adolescent Health at the University of Sydney. Ketaki is a member of the team at NCIRS that provides scientific technical support to the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) and is also part of the New South Wales Immunisation Specialist Service (NSWISS). She is undertaking research on optimising vaccination during pregnancy to protect newborn infants from vaccine-preventable illnesses, and also has a special interest in vaccination of people with immunocompromise.



Dr Kat Taylor
Public Health Physician and General Practitioner

Dr Kat Taylor is a public health physician and general practitioner and has worked in the field of public health for the past 10 years in South Australia and New South Wales. She commenced working for Central Coast Local Health District (CCLHD) as Director of the Public Health Unit in October 2020. During the pandemic she led the public health response for the LHD, providing regular COVID-19 updates for healthcare providers, external partner organisations and community members across the Central Coast. Kat has a particular interest in Aboriginal Health, emerging infectious diseases, and public health risk communication. She has recently taken some time out to enjoy motherhood, since the arrival of her second son Milo in 2022.



Brenden Hall OAM
Paralympian

Since making his international swimming debut at the 2007 Arafura Games, Brenden has competed in three Paralympic Games, two Commonwealth Games and three Pan Pacific Para Championships. Six years after being the youngest male on the Dolphins swimming team at the 2008 Beijing Games, Brenden was awarded an OAM for service to sport as a gold medallist at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. In a career spanning more than a decade, the Queenslander has amassed an impressive total of 17 gold, seven silver and seven bronze medals across his international events.



Professor Kristine Macartney

Paediatrician and Infectious Disease Specialist

Kristine Macartney is a paediatrician, infectious disease specialist and vaccinologist. She worked in the USA at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and was a founding member of the US Vaccine Education Center. Kristine is the Director of the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) and her particular interests include translation of evidence into policy and practice, vaccine safety, and vaccine preventable diseases research, particularly in viral diseases, including COVID-19, rotavirus, varicella zoster virus, HPV, and influenza. She is the senior editor of the Australian Immunisation Handbook, has authored >200 peer-reviewed publications and is a member of key peak advisory committees in Australia, including the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI). She is an expert consultant to the World Health Organisation (WHO), a member of the WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS), a member of WHO-SAGE subcommittees, and is the founding chair of the Australian Regional Immunisation Alliance (ARIA).



Professor David Isaacs

Clinical Professor in Paediatric Infectious Diseases

David is a paediatric infectious disease specialist at the Children's Hospital at Westmead and the University of Sydney. He is the author of *Defeating the Ministers of Death: The Compelling History of Vaccination*, published by HarperCollins.

David has an identical twin brother, Stephen, who is a child psychiatrist. They went to different schools and once swapped schools for the day. David is editor of the *Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health*. He has published 500 peer-reviewed papers on infectious diseases, immunisation and clinical ethics. David is also an advocate for refugees and people seeking asylum and was an ambassador for the successful #KidsOffNaru campaign.



Prof David Durrheim AM

Director of Health Protection Hunter New England LHD

Professor David Durrheim, AM, DrPH, MPH&TM, MBChB, FACTM, FAFPHM, FAAHMS is Director of Health Protection, Hunter New England Health, New South Wales, Australia, and Professor of Public Health Medicine at the University of Newcastle, Australia. He currently Chairs the Western Pacific Regional Measles and Rubella Verification Commission and is a member of the World Health Organisation's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) working groups on COVID-19 and Ebola vaccines. He is the Public Health Controller for Hunter New England's pandemic response.

David is an outspoken advocate for equitable global access to effective public health measures, particularly immunisation. He has been instrumental in developing novel surveillance systems to detect and facilitate response to emerging infectious disease risks.

His research interests include vaccinology, novel infectious disease surveillance methods, control of zoonotic diseases, and strategies for reducing inequity in public health service delivery. He has over 300 peer-reviewed publications and has published several scientific monographs and chapters in leading public health texts.