

# 2024 Cancer & Immunology Ideas Forum

16 August 2024, 9.30am – 4:30pm

NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, Surry Hills

09:00– 09.30	Registration & Tea/Coffee
09.30 – 09.55	<b>Welcome &amp; opening</b>
Chair: Dr Sarah Sasson & Dr Helen McGuire	Welcome to Country by <b>Uncle Allen Madden</b> <b>Prof Sean Emery</b> (Senior Vice Dean of Research Strategy & Partnerships, Faculty of Medicine & Health UNSW) & <b>Prof Camille Raynes-Greenow</b> (Deputy Associate Dean of Research, Faculty of Medicine & Health, The University of Sydney)
09.55 – 10.25	<b>Opening plenary</b>
Chair: A/Prof Orazio Vittorio	<b>Prof Gabrielle Belz (UQ)</b> - <i>Localized protection of Lungs: An inbuilt safety switch to defend against tumours</i>
10.25 – 11.05	<b>Session 1 – Personalised Medicine and Cancer Vaccines</b>
Chair: Dr Felix Marsh-Wakefield	<b>Prof Helen Rizos (MQU)</b> - <i>Stimulating cancer immunity in glioblastoma</i> <b>Prof Matt Dun (UoN)</b> - <i>Global warming: Pharmaceutical approaches to encourage immunological responses for the treatment of diffuse midline glioma</i>
11.05 – 11.25	Morning tea
11.25 – 12.05	<b>Session 2 – Microbiome</b>
Chair: Dr Sarah Sasson	<b>Dr Erin Shanahan (USYD)</b> - <i>Exploring the role of the gut microbiome in cancer immunotherapy</i> <b>Dr Kylie James (UNSW/Garvan)</b> - <i>Determining the cellular and microbial basis of IBD clinical heterogeneity</i>
12.05 – 12.45	<b>Session 3 – CAR-T &amp; Exceptional Responders</b>
Chair: Dr Helen McGuire	<b>Prof Cameron Turtle (USYD)</b> - <i>Factors governing response to CD19 CAR-T cells</i> <b>Dr Megan Barnett (UNSW)</b> - <i>Exceptional Responders: studying outliers to progress the median</i>
12.45 – 13.35	Lunch
13.35 – 14.15	<b>PhD &amp; EMCR rapid-fire presentations</b>
Chair: A/Prof Orazio Vittorio	8 x presentations to be selected from abstracts
14.15 – 14.45	<b>Industry Presentations</b>
	BD Biosciences & NanoString Technologies
14.45 – 14.55	<b>Award of industry-sponsored awards to PhD &amp; EMCR presenters</b>
14.55 – 15.25	<b>Closing plenary</b>
Chair: Dr Felix Marsh-Wakefield	<b>Dr Arutha Kulasinghe (UQ)</b> - <i>Uncoupling pathways involved in immunotherapy resistance: Insights from Deep Tissue Profiling</i>
15.25 – 15.35	<b>Closing remarks</b>
	Closing remarks from <b>A/Prof Orazio Vittorio</b> and <b>Dr Felix Marsh-Wakefield</b>
15.35 – 16.30	<b>Speed-geeking/networking drinks</b> The speed-geeking session is akin to speed dating but tailored for knowledge exchange. In this rapid-fire format, participants will engage with experts in an intimate, collegial setting. Participants rotate through stations, discussing topics of their choice with each expert, fostering connections and gaining insights into their areas of expertise. A separate networking space will also be available those that do not wish to participate in the speed-geeking session.