



THE CURRAN FOUNDATION
St Vincent's Hospital Campus

The Curran Foundation was established in 1984 in response to funding shortages for public health services at St Vincent's Hospital in Darlinghurst, Sydney.

Curran Foundation grants have helped to pioneer life-saving procedures and groundbreaking treatments for some of St Vincent's Hospital's sickest patients. The Foundation's investment in research has given hope to patients and families, and continued support for patient facilities has provided comfort and dignity to people in their time of need.

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The anti-aging wonder drug

Speakers: Associate Professor Gilles Guillemin

Date: Tuesday 31 July 2012

Time: 6.30 – 8.00pm

Venue: Centre for Applied Medical Research
Lowy Packer Building
Level 4 Conference Room
405 Liverpool Street, Darlinghurst

Synopsis

Uncovering the secrets of aging has in many ways been the Holy Grail of biology and medicine.

The use of Resveratrol, a compound derived from grape skins, is showing to not only increase the lifespan of mammals in animal trials but also provide new clues for treating diseases of aging such as heart disease, dementia, diabetes and cancer.

Neuroscientist Gilles Guillemin from the St Vincent's Centre for Applied Medical Research will provide an exciting glimpse at this new wonder drug and its cancer-preventive, anti-inflammatory and nerve protection benefits.

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Numbers to this event are limited and registration is essential.

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The new age of personalised medicine

Speakers: Professor Allan Spigelman
Professor John Mattick AO

Date: Tuesday 28 August 2012

Time: 6.30 – 8.00pm

Venue: The Kinghorn Cancer Centre
384 Victoria Street, Darlinghurst

Synopsis

Personalised medicine is the tailoring of medical treatment to individual patients based on data from genetic or other biomarkers. It has applications in many therapeutic areas and is already being used to treat breast, lung and colorectal cancer.

Allan Spigelman is the Director of Cancer Services at St Vincents & Mater Health Sydney. His research and clinical interests include the field of cancer genetics, clinical governance, risk management and patient safety.

John Mattick is the Executive Director of the Garvan Institute. Renowned for his work in molecular bioscience, Professor Mattick is a pioneer in the analysis of the human genome sequence, especially the critical role of 'junk' DNA in the regulation of human development and the origins of complex diseases such as cancer.

The event will provide an insight into the sophisticated diagnostic tools being developed to provide personalised treatments for cancer sufferers.

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Inside St Vincent's

Health insights and research findings from inside one of Australia's leading hospitals



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The Curran Foundation is proud to bring together a number of renowned St Vincent's specialists in a series of talks providing some unique insights into health issues that affect you and your family.

Hosted by Channel 7's Georgina McKerrow, the Curran Foundation's 2012 "Inside St Vincent's" Speaker series will include specialists from mental health, cardiology, cancer and neurology.

Please join us to learn more about innovations and discoveries from the people on the frontline.

For more information on these events or to suggest a discussion topic or speaker for future events, please contact the Curran Foundation on:

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1 *Mental health and modern living*

Speakers: Professor Kay Wilhem AM
Tessa Cleradin

Date: Tuesday 22 May 2012

Time: 6.30 – 8.00pm

Venue: The O'Brien Centre
Level 4 Lecture Theatre
St Vincent's Hospital
390 Victoria Street Darlinghurst

Synopsis

In Australia, around one in five people will experience some form of mental illness during their lifetime.

Kay Wilhelm is the Clinical Director of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry at St Vincent's Hospital and Conjoint Professor, School of Psychiatry at UNSW. With a career spanning over 30 years, she has authored some 200 papers and educational programs on aspects of depression, anxiety, smoking cessation, and interventions to assist in coping with mental and physical illness.

Together with St Vincent's psychologist Tessa Cleradin, Professor Wilhelm will share recent research findings on how our social environment, personal choices and genes affect our wellbeing. The pair will also offer new insights on coping with the pressures of modern living and helping those close to you.

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2 *The future of cardiac medicine in Australia*

Speakers: Associate Professor David Muller
Dr Stephanie Wilson

Date: Tuesday 5 June 2012

Time: 6.30 – 8.00pm

Venue: St Vincent's Clinic
Level 4 Function Room
428 Victoria Street Darlinghurst

Synopsis

Heart disease is Australia's number one killer, responsible for one third of all deaths and the leading cause of disability and diminished quality of life. Cardiac innovation already underway at St Vincent's offers new hope and a better future for thousands of these sick Australians.

David Muller is an interventional cardiologist and Director of the St Vincent's Cardiac Catheter Labs. He has authored or co-authored more than 200 papers, on a range of subjects including the clinical outcomes of endovascular interventions, restenosis after coronary angioplasty, local drug delivery and gene therapy.

Stephanie Wilson is an interventional cardiologist at St Vincent's Hospital and Director of the Hospital's Coronary Care Unit. A co-join lecturer at UNSW, her research interests include acute coronary syndromes and stent implantation.

The event will provide a glimpse into the future of cardiac medicine and cardiac surgery including advances in minimally invasive heart surgery techniques and innovations in dissolvable stents.

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3 *New hope for understanding Alzheimer's*

Speakers: Professor Bruce Brew
Associate Professor Gilles Guillemin

Date: Tuesday 3 July 2012

Time: 6.30 – 8.00pm

Venue: Centre for Applied Medical Research
Lowy Packer Building
Level 4 Conference Room
405 Liverpool Street, Darlinghurst

Synopsis

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, estimated to affect over 20 million people worldwide. The devastating disease impairs memory, thinking and behaviour and ultimately leads to an inability to carry out everyday activities.

Research at St Vincent's is breaking new ground in the treatment of Alzheimer's with investigations into antibodies to the neurotoxin quinolinic acid (QUIN) providing promise of a clinically viable therapy for people with the disease.

Bruce Brew, Head of Neurology at St Vincent's Hospital and Gilles Guillemin, a Senior Researcher at the St Vincent's Centre for Applied Medical Research, will explain how development of the QUIN antibody could provide the basis for new treatment for stopping and reversing the effects of Alzheimer's and other neurological diseases such as Parkinson's, motor-neurone disease and MS.

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