



The Hub

What's on this month

August 2017

Event Calendar

Get involved! The below events are open to all Hub partners. [Click here](#) to find out more info and see what other events are coming up throughout the Hub!

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
31	01	02	03	04	05	06
		4pm - 5pm Flow Cytometry User Group meeting (WIMR)	10 - 11am Westmead Hub Bioinformatics and 'Omics Seminar (CMRI Seminar Room) 12 - 1pm WIMR Seminar Series - Liver Immunology Group (WIMR Seminar Room)			
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
12 - 1pm The Westmead Infectious Diseases and Immunology Seminar Series (WIMR Seminar Room)			12 - 1pm WIMR Seminar Series - Motor Neuron Disease Laboratory (WIMR Seminar Room)	11 - 12:30pm REN Special Seminar - Research into Ageing - Dr Simon Melov (WECC Lecture Theatre 2)		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
3pm - 4pm Image Analysis & Microscopy Special Interest Group (CMRI Seminar Room) Scott Page: spage@cmri.org.au		12:30 - 1:30pm CMRI Seminar: Human genome editing: science, ethics and policy (CMRI Seminar Room)	1 - 2pm KRI seminar series (Doreen Dew Lecture Theatre, Level 4 Education Centre, CHW)			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
12pm - 1pm The Westmead Infectious Diseases and Immunology Seminar Series (WIMR Seminar Room)		11am - 12pm NCIRS Seminar - Varicella Zoster Virus Vaccines: Preventing Chicken Pox & Shingles (CMRI Seminar Room)	12pm - 1pm WIMR Seminar Series - Genomic Research (WIMR Seminar Room)	12:30 - 1:30pm CMRI Seminar: Understanding the relationship between telomerase, telomeres, and G-quadruplexes, Aaron Moyer (CMRI Seminar Room)		
28	29	30	31			
			4:30-6:30pm The Changing Landscape of Funding for Medical and Health Research (Lecture Theatre 4 Westmead Education and Conference Centre, Westmead Hospital)			

Childhood Cancers Defy Current Understanding

“Australian immuno-oncology company HaemaLogiX has signed an agreement with health and research institutions for commercialisation rights to an immuno-oncology agent designed to specifically target malignant cancer cells present in the bone marrow of multiple myeloma patients.

Myeloma is a blood cancer caused by malignant plasma cells that develop and multiply in the bone marrow. As bone marrow invaded by these malignant plasma cells is found in multiple areas of the body, the disease is often called multiple myeloma. About 1,500 people in Australia are diagnosed with the disease each year.

Westmead Institute for Medical Research, Western Sydney Local Health District, Children’s Medical Research Institute, and the University of Sydney finalised the agreement with HaemaLogiX late last week.”

[Click here to read the full story...](#)

WRH Student Open Day a Hit!

On Wednesday 9th August, the Hub held its annual Student Open Day. Prospective Students came in healthy numbers to meet Research Supervisors and soak up the Westmead Research atmosphere. As usual, the tours of the Research Institutes were a hit, inspiring the students and showing off our first-class research facilities.

The afternoon ended with a BBQ cooked by our very own StResS volunteers who did a stellar job, while the open day attendees enjoyed a sausage sizzle, and a drink on the WIMR balcony at sunset.

The day was a perfect representation of what are lucky enough to experience as Westmeadians.



The Changing Landscape of Funding for Medical and Health Research: A free seminar

What are the opportunities for obtaining research funding from NHMRC, the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF), Sydney Health Partners (SHP) and the NSW Health Office of Health and Medical Research (OHMR)?

All Westmead Research Hub members and those beyond the Hub are warmly invited to attend a session that will address the above questions. There will be plenty of time for questions!

When: Thursday 31 August 2017
4:30pm – 6:30pm

Where: Lecture Theatre 4
Westmead Education and Conference Centre, Westmead Hospital

WIMR and Westmead Hospital collaboration hits the News: “Australian-first T-cell immunotherapy clinical trial gives leukaemia and lymphoma patients last new hope”- SMH, 2017

“For the first time in Australia a clinical trial is paving the way for patients with leukaemia and lymphoma to access a potentially-life-saving immunotherapy treatment.

A team of researchers at WIMR and Westmead Hospital has been given the go ahead by the Therapeutics Goods Administration to conduct a phase 1 trial. Launched on Tuesday, the CARTELL trial will recruit 20 leukaemia and lymphoma patients, children and adults, whose disease has returned despite having bone marrow transplants.

The chance of survival for these patients at five years is roughly 10 per cent. Immunotherapy has become a promising new frontier in cancer treatment that harnesses the power of the immune system to find and attack cancer cells has yielded remarkable results in clinical trials overseas.

“The results have been incredible, there is no other way to describe it,” said Professor

David Gottlieb, group leader of the Bone Marrow Transplant and Cell Therapies Group at WIMR and senior physician at Westmead Hospital.”

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Hub Calendar: How to subscribe and get your events included

Did you know that a full Hub-wide events calendar is only [a click away](#)?

Hosted on the Westmead Research Hub website, westmead.org.au/events, you can easily look at all Hub events available for you to attend! Seminars, workshops, fundraisers – you name it.

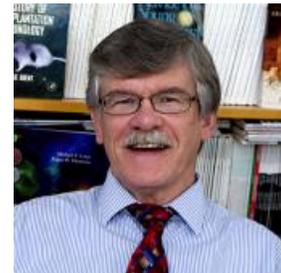
You will also find instructions on how to subscribe to the calendar so all new events are fed straight to your native calendar as soon as they are uploaded. What’s more, you can include YOUR events easily, by simply creating an invitation to your event and inviting “info@wrh.org.au” to the event.

For any more questions about this, please contact Hub Program Manager James Linton at jlinton@wrh.org.au

Visiting Professor Scheme Winners Announced

The first ever WRH Visiting Professor Scheme awardee will visit Westmead in the last week of August 2017. Professor Angus Thompson (pictured below) from the University of Pittsburgh work is in the field of Dendritic cells, Cell therapy, Immunology and Transplantation.

Keep your eye out for seminars and other opportunities to learn from Professor Thomson on his tour de Westmead.



For more information on the Westmead Research Hub, visit westmead.org.au