

YOUTH DRUG AND ALCOHOL SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, 28th August 2025

Westmead Education and Conference Centre, Level 2

Westmead Hospital

08.30 – 09.00

Registration

Chairperson:

C/Professor Smita Shah OAM

(Director, Prevention Education and Research Unit (PERU), Research and Education Network, WSLHD, The University of Sydney, Faculty of Medicine and Health, Fellow of the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand, Associate of the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research)

09.00 – 09.10

Welcome & Introduction

C/Professor Smita Shah OAM

09.10 – 09.25

Trends and impacts of substance use among young people

A/Professor Emily Stockings

(Associate Professor, The Matilda Centre for Research in Mental Health and Substance Use, Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney)

09.25 – 09.40

Playing a whack-a-mole: Emerging nicotine products

A/Professor Michelle Jongenelis

(Associate Professor, Centre for Behaviour Change, University of Melbourne)

09.40 – 09.55

NSW Drug Checking service

Dr Robert Graham

(Service Director, Drug & Alcohol, MOH, WSLHD)

Liz Kelly

(Senior Project Officer, MOH)

09.55 – 10.10

Substance use in the LGBT community

A/Professor Julie Mooney-Somers

(Qualitative Health Research in Sydney Health Ethics, School of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney)

10.10 – 10.40

MORNING TEA

10.40 – 10.55

Substance use/mental health in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community

Professor Maree Toombs

(Deputy Dean, Indigenous Health Education Unit, Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of New South Wales)

10.55 – 11.10

Tailored Alcohol and Drug Treatment for CALD communities

Dennis Kaip

(Clinical Director, Odyssey House NSW)

11.10 – 11.25

School-based prevention

Catriona Lockett

(Research Officer, PERU, WSLHD, PhD Candidate, Sydney School of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney)

Sarah Andrews

(PDHPE Faculty, Head Teacher Junior School, Rooty Hill High School)

11.25 – 11.55

How can we address multiple challenges in prevention and treatment – all at once or one at a time?

Panel Discussion

A/ Professor Emily Stockings

A/ Professor Julie Mooney-Somers

Dr Thao Lam

Professor Maree Toombs

Dennis Kaip

Jason Miezi

(Director, Educational Leadership, Eastern Creek Principal's Network)

Kym Rizzo Liu

(Project Manager, PERU, WSLHD)

11.55 – 12.00

Close

C/Professor Smita Shah OAM



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REGISTRATION IS FREE

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