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ANNA Neurosciences Scientific Meeting – Friday 13th November Keynote Speaker Biographies

Juliet Clayton

Paediatric Neurosurgeon

The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne



After completing specialist neurosurgical training in the United Kingdom, Juliet moved to Australia to pursue her career as a Paediatric Neurosurgeon. She became a Fellow of the RACS in 2013 and joined the consultant team at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne later that year.

In this role, Juliet treats a wide range of paediatric neurosurgical conditions in a population that ranges from pre-term infants through to adulthood. Juliet has been providing care for children with traumatic brain injury for many years and enjoys bringing her experience and knowledge to the regular EMST courses upon which she teaches as a senior instructor.

Alison Ottrey

Senior Clinical Nurse

The Alfred, Melbourne



Alison Ottrey is a senior clinical nurse with specialist interest in Neuroscience/Epilepsy working at the Alfred, Melbourne. She completed a postgraduate certificate in neuroscience nursing through the Australian Catholic University and is currently completing her Masters of Advanced Nursing (Nurse practitioner) through Melbourne University.

Skye Coote

Nurse Practitioner

Nursing Co-ordinator of the Melbourne Mobile Stroke Unit



Skye is a Nurse Practitioner and the Nursing Coordinator of the Melbourne Mobile Stroke Unit. She has an extensive background in critical care nursing and has a Master's Degree in Nursing. She has won international awards for stroke management and leadership and is the only Board Certified Advanced Neurovascular Practitioner in Australia. Skye is the co-chair of the Acute Stroke Nurses Education Network (ASNEN), a not-for-profit stroke nurse organisation which is dedicated to improving the education, knowledge and expertise of Australian nurses.



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Dr Elspeth Hutton

*Head of Headache Services
The Alfred, Melbourne*



Dr Hutton is the Head of the Headache Service at Alfred Health, a busy clinical service with integrated research and clinical trials activity. Our group is interested in exploring the drivers of refractory headache, the impact of novel therapeutics, and non-headache symptomatology in migraine. We are actively engaged in headache subspecialty training with a dedicated Headache Fellow, and are excited to welcome our newly appointed Headache Nurse, the first such public appointment in Australia.

Dr Hutton completed her undergraduate training at The University of Tasmania, obtaining her MBBS in 2000. She undertook specialist training in Neurology at The Alfred Hospital and Monash Medical Centre before being awarded the Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists Fellowship at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery (NHNN), London. Following a 6-month Fellowship in Headache at NHNN, she joined the MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases, University College London, where she was involved in therapeutic trials in genetic neuropathy, published on management of inflammatory neuropathy, and conducted research in neurobiological mechanisms in hereditary and acquired neuropathy and neuropathic pain, which formed part of her PhD thesis. Dr Hutton returned to the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne in 2012 and is excited to be working with a great team to improve delivery of Headache Care to our patients, as well as advocating for better resources across Australia.

Martin Hunn

*Associate Professor
Director of Neurosurgery
The Alfred, Melbourne*



Martin Hunn is Director of Neurosurgery at the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne and Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor at the Central Clinical School of Monash University. He has been a neurosurgeon for 24 years in New Zealand and Australia, specialising in skull base surgery, neuro-oncology, and cerebrovascular surgery. He also has a longstanding interest in functional neurosurgery, having performed the first Deep Brain Stimulation procedures for movement disorders in New Zealand twenty years ago.

More recently he has had the opportunity to become the lead neurosurgeon for the Comprehensive Epilepsy Program at the Alfred, participating in the multidisciplinary treatment of patients with drug-resistant epilepsy and helping to establish the practice of Stereo EEG at this site. His research activity is focused on immunotherapy for brain tumours and the management of severe traumatic brain injury.