

Diabetes WA Aboriginal Health Forum

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This forum will showcase innovative programs and initiatives, the latest diabetes research and will feature keynote speakers from across Australia.

Anyone working in the area of diabetes and Aboriginal health should attend.

Where: Technology Park Function Centre
2 Brodie Hall Drive
Bentley WA 6102

This venue is wheelchair accessible and free parking is available.

Date: Thursday 30 May 2019

Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Registrations, tea & coffee from 8.30am

Cost: Free

Open to all health professionals.

Video conferencing facilities are available.

Register your attendance at diabeteswa.com.au/health-professionals-course or call 1300 001 880.

Forward enquiries, video conferencing requests and dietary requirements to aboriginalhealth@diabeteswa.com.au or call Natalie Jetta on 9436 6202.

Registrations close 17 May 2019



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Angus Turner: Director of Lions Outback Vision – How Lions Outback Vision provides eye health services to rural and remote areas

Angus Turner is the founding Director of Lions Outback Vision, based at the Lions Eye Institute (LEI) in Perth, Western Australia. He completed medical training at the University of Western Australia, before studying at Oxford University and completing a Masters of Evidence Based Medicine. He underwent Ophthalmology training in Melbourne. Lions Outback Vision provides eye health services throughout Western Australia to rural and remote areas and Indigenous communities in urban locations. He is an Associate Professor at the University of Western Australia.



Olufemi A Oshin: Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Royal Perth Hospital – Digital diabetic foot health

Olufemi Oshin initially graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering degree before obtaining his medical degree from the University of Liverpool in 2004. After completing his higher surgical training in vascular surgery, he was appointed as a Consultant Vascular Surgeon at the Royal Liverpool Hospital in the UK before commencing his fellowship at the Royal Perth Hospital in 2017. Since arriving in Australia, he has built upon his strong interest in lower limb Peripheral Arterial Disease and diabetic foot care. He has recently pioneered a telehealth multidisciplinary foot clinic, plays an active role in the National Association of Diabetes Centres, is a key member of the WA Foot Forum and has recently been awarded a Medical Research Foundation Grant for diabetic foot research. Olufemi is currently a Consultant Vascular Surgeon at the Royal Perth Hospital.



Rebekah Beacham: Clinical Midwife, Registered Nurse, Credentialed Diabetes Educator, King Edward Memorial Hospital – “Looking to the Lands” – supporting women in remote communities

Rebekah has worked mainly in the public health care setting over the past 25 years spending the last 11 years focusing on women’s and newborn health. Working closely with a Nurse Practitioner and Obstetric team at King Edward Memorial Hospital she is involved in diabetes in pregnancy antenatal clinics and education. Favourite opportunities in recent years have included participation as a diabetes educator on Indigenous Women’s obstetric and gynaecological health trips to the Ngaanyatjarra Lands. Rebekah is currently involved in telehealth diabetes education and pregnancy planning covering the whole of Western Australia and Christmas Island.



Sean Taylor: Executive Director Aboriginal Health Practitioner of Top End Health Service, NT Government – Improving diabetes care and management in remote primary health care settings

Sean Taylor is a descendent of the Dauareb Tribe, one of the eight tribes of Mer Island in the Eastern Torres Strait region. Sean has over twenty years of clinical experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health working at different levels across Australia in a range of academic and research interests, as well as clinical practice. Sean has completed a graduate certificate in Health: Diabetes Management and Education, a Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) and a Doctor of Public Health (Research) focusing on diabetes care and management in remote communities



Susan Drmota: Credentialed Diabetes educator SWAMS – Snapshot of diabetes care in WA’s South West

Susan is the Coordinator of the South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS) Chronic Disease program, and is a Credentialed Diabetes Educator. Susan graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1993 and holds post-graduate qualifications in midwifery, leadership & management, emergency nursing and diabetes education. Her nursing experience has been diverse and includes roles in Geraldton, South Africa, Papua New Guinea, Carnarvon, and Christmas Island. The main focus of Susan’s current role is the coordination of care and provision of health education for clients living with a chronic condition, as well as mentoring Aboriginal health staff within the team.