

MARC Symposium Program

Thursday May 22 2025

Monash University, Caulfield



FROM 8.30AM	REGISTRATION AND ARRIVAL TEA & COFFEE
9.00 - 9.15AM	WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
9.15 - 9.40AM	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: MATT CRAIG, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, NSW TRANSLATING RESEARCH INTO POLICY
9.40 - 10.50AM	SESSION 1: MEETING THE NEEDS OF KEY POPULATIONS Chair: Rodney Mackintosh, Health Promotion and Partnerships, Monash Health
	<p>Ramez Bathish – <i>Examining tensions between person-centered and carceral care in residential rehabilitation</i> Dr Bosco Rowland - <i>Time for a rethink? Updating the Australian School Drug Education Principles</i> Rose Laing - <i>Social Isolation, loneliness and substance use in older adults</i> Dr Annette Peart – <i>Missed opportunities: An examination of the experiences of people detected for drug offences in Victoria</i> Oisin Stronach – <i>An age–period–cohort–interaction analysis of methamphetamine-related deaths in Australia, 2001-2020</i> Prof Philip Mendes – <i>The Victorian Medically Supervised Injecting Room (MSIR): 25 years of research and policy analysis</i> Amy McNeilage – <i>Healthcare practitioner and other professionals’ perspectives on nonmedical gabapentinoid use and dependence: A systematic review of qualitative studies</i></p>
10.50 – 11.20AM	MORNING TEA & POSTER VIEWING
11.20 – 12.20PM	SESSION 2: REDUCING OPIOID HARM Chair: Adjunct Associate Professor Helen Cooper, CEO Peninsula Health
	<p>Dr Natasha Hall – <i>Does the location of Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) prescribers and dispensers impact the number of heroin-related ambulance attendances?</i> Prof Suzanne Nielsen – <i>Are we ready? Preparing for nitazenes and other high potency opioids in Victoria</i> Dr Ali Cheetham – <i>A multisite implementation-efficacy trial of a community pharmacist-led model of collaborative care for Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence: outcomes of the EPIC-MATOD trial</i> Richard Armour – <i>Initiation of opioid agonist therapy using buprenorphine in the emergency department or emergency out of hospital setting: a mixed-methods systematic review</i> Francis Graham – <i>How does physician exit impact people in opioid dependence treatment?</i></p> <p>1-minute Poster Highlights Jie Yang – <i>Chronic non-cancer pain in people receiving opioid agonist treatment: A systematic review of prevalence and correlates</i> Dr Ting Xia - <i>A cross-sectional study of prescribing of antiseizure medication for the treatment of pain in Australia</i> Lawrence Rivera - <i>More than Margins: The Health and Harm Reduction Behaviours of LGBTQ+ People who Inject Drugs (PWID)</i> Dr Monica Jung - <i>Opioid dose changes and mental health and substance use-related emergency department (ED) presentations: a case-crossover study</i> Dr Sarah Catchlove - <i>An open-label, proof-of-concept trial on intranasal oxytocin for women with methamphetamine use disorder (mOXY)</i> Dr Ryan Baldwin - <i>Does Less Drinking Mean Less Harm? Examining Alcohol-Related Ambulance Attendances in Young People</i> Dr Ali Cheetham on behalf of Elizabeth Grist - <i>Methadone Tapering within a Pharmacist-Prescriber Collaborative Model of Care</i> Dr Dan Fehring - <i>Trialing addiction neurocircuitry targets and directionality of brain stimulation effects: A deep TMS/fMRI trial in people with alcohol use disorder</i></p>

12.20-12.45PM	INVITED SPEAKER: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR SHALINI ARUNOGIRI, MONASH UNIVERSITY CLINICAL TRIALS RESEARCH AT MARC: FROM INNOVATION TO IMPLEMENTATION
12.45-1.45PM	LUNCH & POSTER SESSION
1:45 –2.55PM	SESSION 3: A BRAVE NEW WORLD: NEW TRENDS AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES Chair: Professor Suzanne Nielsen, MARC Deputy Director
	<p>Dr Amanda Roxburgh – <i>Outrage and algorithms: shifting drug-related stigma in a digital world</i></p> <p>Dr Louisa Picco – <i>The Opioid Safety Toolkit: From co-design to national dissemination</i></p> <p>Prof Victoria Manning – <i>RCT of a personalised approach bias modification smartphone app in people accessing outpatient alcohol use disorder treatment</i></p> <p>Dr Alene Yong – <i>Current Evidence on the Safety and Efficacy of MDMA-Assisted Psychotherapy for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: An Overview</i></p> <p>Zachary Lloyd – <i>Analysis of public opinion on decriminalisation and legalisation of illicit drugs in the Australian population: What does this mean for drug policy reform?</i></p> <p>Myfanwy Graham – <i>Efficacy and Safety of Higher THC Potency Medicinal Cannabis Products: A Rapid Review and International Policy Scan</i></p> <p>Dr Tina Lam - <i>How web scraping can comprehensively monitor alcohol retail prices for public health policy development: a demonstration of a validated method</i></p>
2.55 – 3.05PM	MOVEMENT BREAK
3.05 – 3:55PM	SESSION 4: PANEL DISCUSSION: USING RESEARCH TO DRIVE EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY AND PRACTICE
	<p>Moderator: Mietta Gibson - Chair of the MARC Advisory Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Craig - Director, Systems and Strategy, Centre for Alcohol and Other Drugs at NSW Health • Kris Drew - Director, AOD Policy and Programs, Mental Health and Wellbeing Division at Victorian Department of Health • Phillipa Thomas - Chief Executive Officer, Mental Health Victoria
3.55 – 5.00PM	AWARDS, NETWORKING & REFRESHMENTS

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9	MARC Team	<i>MARC 2023 / 2024 Annual Report</i>