THE EXCEL REGISTRY 2026 SYMPOSIUM

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ECMO REGISTRY

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17th April 2026 from 9:00am – 5:00pm

The Alfred Innovation & Education Hub: Lecture Theatre, 75 Commercial Rd, Melbourne

Session 1 - Weaning from Mechanical Ventilation (VV ECMO) - Chair: Prof Carol Hodgson

9:00	Welcome and celebrating the first 8 years of EXCEL - Prof Carol Hodgson
9:15	Romeo and Juliet: an ECMO trial love story - Prof Eddy Fan
9:35	IMV during VV-ECMO - A/Prof Vin Pellegrino
9:50	Patient experience on IMV/VV ECMO - Ms Shannah Anderson
10:05	Panel discussion: Lung rest yes/no Prof Eddy Fan, A/Prof Vin Pellegrino and Ms Shannah Anderson
10:30	Morning Tea Break

Session 2 - Platform Trials (BLUSH, RECOMMEND) - Chair Dr Lisa Higgins

11:00	BLUSH Trial - A/Prof Mark Dennis and Dr Timothy Southwood
11:20	RECOMMEND Trial - Transfusion Domain - A/Prof Hergen Buscher
11:40	RECOMMEND 3rd domain - Dr Aidan Burrell
12:00	Panel Discussion/Outcome measures A/Prof Mark Dennis, Dr Timothy Southwood, Dr Aidan Burrell and Prof Zoe McQuilten
12:20	Lunch Break - Includes EXCEL: ECMO Survivor Meeting

Session 3 - ECMO Complications and Long Term Follow Up - Chair: Dr Julia Coull

1:30	ECMO VA - Long term outcomes - Prof Ary Serpa Neto
1:50	ECMO complications overview - Dr Alastair Brown
2:10	Sex differences in VA ECMO utilisation and outcomes - Dr Riley Batchelor
2:30	Consumer story - Alex Yacoub
2:45	Panel Discussion/ECMO complications Prof Ary Serpa Neto, Dr Alastair Brown, Dr Riley Batchelor, Alex Yacoub, and Prof Carol Hodgson
3:00	Afternoon Tea Break

Session 4 - Priority Setting - Chair: Prof Carol Hodgson

3:30	Peer support group - Ms Emily Paterson
3:50	Priority Setting - North America - Prof Eddy Fan
4:10	Priority Setting - Australia/NZ - Dr Alastair Brown
4:30	Panel Discussion/Priority Setting Ms Emily Paterson, Prof Eddy Fan, Dr Alastair Brown, and Mr Craig Dicker
4:50	Closing