



Kathy Beck

Kathy Beck RN BSc GDNut&Diet MHSc has almost 35 years working as a registered nurse and a dietitian in clinical dietetics both in Australia and the UK. Kathy is an Accredited Practising Dietitian and in the last 10 years has specialised in paediatric clinical dietetics across a diverse range of specialty areas but specifically within paediatric food allergy. Kathy was the lead senior dietitian for the Queensland Paediatric Allergy and Immunology Service (QPIAS) at the Royal Children's Hospital and has continued in this role at the Queensland Children's Hospital. She is the recognised paediatric allergy dietitian across Queensland and lectures in the area of paediatric food allergy to dietetic students.

Kathy is Chair of the Dietitians Committee of the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) which aims to provide up-to-date educational resources for dietitians and families living with food allergy. Kathy has worked with other colleagues to prepare the ASCIA DAA Food Allergy and Intolerance course. She is also an active member of INDANA (International Network of Diet and Nutrition in Allergy).

Dr Marius Botha

Dr Marius Botha MBChB FRACGP graduated from medical school in South Africa and was a registrar in ear, nose and throat for one year. Dr Botha is based in Mackay and holds a Graduate Certificate of Allergic Diseases at the University of Western Sydney. He is a general practitioner who has a special interest in allergies and skin prick testing, as well as asthma, eczema, and ear, nose and throat diseases.

Dr Jack Bourke

Dr Jack Bourke MBBS FRACP FRCPA is a clinical immunologist and allergist who trained in Western Australia. He is currently part of the ASCIA Drug Allergy Committee. He is a consultant immunologist at the Fiona Stanley Hospital as well as working in private practice.

Dr Shannon Brothers

Dr Shannon Brothers MBChD DipPaed has worked as a Paediatric Immunologist at Starship Children's Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand since 2008. She also works in the Newborn Screening department at LabPlus, Auckland City Hospital. She is a graduate of the University of Witwatersrand. Shannon trained in Immunology at Starship Children's Hospital, NZ, and Newcastle upon Tyne, UK. She has chaired the New Zealand SCID Newborn Screening Implementation Working Group since 2015, leading to successful implementation of SCID newborn screening nationally in NZ in December 2017. She is a member of the Newborn Metabolic Screening Programme (NMSP) technical working group National Screening unit of NZ. In addition, Shannon is a member of the CLSI document development committee for newborn screening for SCID and other related severe immunodeficiencies.

Dr Vanessa Bryant

Dr Vanessa Bryant BSc(Hons) PhD is head of The Immunogenetics Research Laboratory, at The Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne. Vanessa completed her PhD in immunology at the



Garvan Institute of Medical Research in Sydney with Professor Stuart Tangye, before performing her postdoctoral research with Professor Jean-Laurent Casanova at The Rockefeller University in New York.

Dr Bryant's research aims to solve the underlying genomic and functional causes of rare primary immunodeficiencies, focused on the heterogeneous disorder Common Variable Immunodeficiency (CVID), both as a primary immunodeficiency in itself, and as a model for other complex immune disorders. Her work with the Immunology Flagship programs of Melbourne and Australian Genomics implements early, accurate gene-based diagnoses to allow precision therapeutic interventions.

Dr Bryant's research combines functional genomics with quantitative immunology to transform the way we approach and treat rare and complex immune disorders.

Professor Dianne Campbell

Professor Dianne Campbell MBBS PhD FRACP is a senior staff specialist and immediate past Chair of Allergy and Clinical Immunology at the Children's Hospital Westmead, Sydney, and Conjoint Professor, Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney. She is a CI in the NHMRC Centre for Excellence in Food Allergy (CFAR). She served as chair of ASCIA's Paediatric Committee 2010-2016. She currently holds a position as Vice President Scientific and Medical Affairs DBV-technologies Australia.

Prof Campbell completed undergraduate education at Sydney University, a PhD at Melbourne University and a postdoctoral position at Stanford University, researching in the field of childhood atopic disease (atopic dermatitis, food allergy and asthma). She has 25 years of experience in clinical allergy and immunology and has published more than 100 peer reviewed papers to date.

Prof Campbell has ongoing active roles in allergy research and is currently a chief investigator on 3 active NHMRC funded clinical trials. Current research areas include: the primary prevention and induction of tolerance in food allergy (including oral immunotherapy), the role of regulatory T and B cells in allergic disease; the immuno-biology of FPIES and potential therapeutic modulation of T regulatory cell dysfunction in children atopic dermatitis.

Dr Raewyn Campbell

Dr Raewyn Campbell FRACS, BMed(Hons), BAppSc(Physio), Grad Dip (Ex Sport Sc) currently works as a dedicated Rhinologist and Skull Base surgeon in Australia at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, The Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, Macquarie University Hospital, The Sydney Adventist Hospital, North Shore Private Hospital, The Sydney Children's Hospital and Chatswood Private Hospital.

Dr Campbell completed three international fellowships in Rhinology and Skull Base surgery in Auckland, New Zealand and Philadelphia and Columbus, USA. She has published over 40 journal articles and book chapters and has presented at specialist conferences all over the world. She is actively involved in teaching medical students and otorhinolaryngology trainees and teaches at rhinology and skull base courses locally and internationally. Dr Campbell has also trained surgeons internationally and is actively



involved in ongoing rhinology and skull base research. She is on the editorial board for the Australian Journal of Otolaryngology and is a reviewer for multiple academic journals.

Dr Campbell is a member of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Australasian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, Australia and New Zealand Rhinologic Society, American Rhinologic Society, American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, North American Skull Base Society, International Committee Member, and Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy, Associate Member Representative (ENT).

Dr Theresa Cole

Dr Theresa Cole BM MRCPCH (UK) PhD FRACP is a Paediatric Immunologist, specialising in stem cell transplant for primary immunodeficiency at Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. She trained in the UK, in paediatric immunology & infectious diseases and has extensive experience of haematopoietic stem cell transplant for primary immunodeficiency and undertook a PhD in the clinical and psychological outcomes of conservative management versus stem cell transplant for chronic granulomatous disease. She is current chair of the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) primary immunodeficiency committee, chair of the ASCIA immunoglobulin replacement therapy working party and facilitator of the Transplantation in Primary Immunodeficiency (TAPID) group. Her primary research interests are in better understanding mechanisms underlying immune deficiency and improving stem cell transplant outcomes for primary immunodeficiency.

Dr Nick Cooling

Dr Nick Cooling BSc (Hons) Dip Nut Diet BMBS FRACGP DRACOG Med is the Director of Internationalisation and Global Health and a Senior Lecturer in Medical Practice at the School of Medicine, University of Tasmania. He has worked in medical education for over 15 years, including as Director of Training of the GP Training Program in Tasmania for 8 yrs.

His work career has included pharmacology research (metabolism of drugs by the cytochrome P450 system), clinical dietetics, general practice in both international, rural and urban settings. His research interests include adverse reactions to food, clinical allergy, aeroallergens, global health, internationalisation of the curriculum, student mobility, academic detailing, clinical reasoning, behaviour change for doctors and their patients, intercultural communication and consulting skills. He is currently a part time general practitioner specialising in allergy in Hobart and full time academic at the University of Tasmania.

Associate Professor Lloyd D'Orsogna

Associate Professor Lloyd D'Orsogna MBBS PhD FRACP FRCPA is a Clinical Immunologist and fellow of both the Royal Australian College of Physicians (FRACP) and Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (FRCPA). In 2015 Dr D'Orsogna obtained accreditation from the American Society of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI) as a laboratory director for solid organ and bone marrow transplantation programs.



In his role as an academic with the University of Western Australia, A/Prof D'Orsogna is involved with both teaching and research. He previously completed PhD studies with honours (Cum Laude) in the field of transplantation biology and immunogenetics, at the Leiden University Medical Centre, the Netherlands. His research focuses on crossreactivity of virus specific memory T-cells against allogeneic HLA molecules and has led to novel understanding of the nature of T-cell mediated alloreactivity. More recently he has expanded his research work to include genetic testing and diagnosis for Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases and Autoinflammatory Syndromes.

He has published many papers in quality peer-reviewed journals and his research has been awarded multiple prizes including the prestigious Julia Bodmer Award 2011 by the European Federation for Immunogenetics (EFI). A/Prof D'Orsogna is also a councillor of the West Australian Kidney Transplant Advisory Service (WAKTS) and an elected member of the Australian Renal Transplant Advisory Committee (RTAC).

Dr Anna Gilmour

Dr Anna Gilmour MBChB, FRNZCGP, DCH, PGDipGP, PG Cert Allergic Diseases is a born and bred kiwi from the far south metropolis of Dunedin, New Zealand. She is a common old GP who studied the postgraduate certificate of allergic diseases at the university of western Sydney. She runs an allergy clinic once a week between her regular GP sessions. Anna is the NZ Ascias associate representative and has recently been appointed to the national Allergy clinical reference group.

Dr Paul Gray

Dr Paul Gray MBChB BA(Hons) MedSc is a Paediatric Immunologist and Joint head of Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases at Sydney Children's Hospital in Randwick. His major research focus is Mendelian Primary Immunodeficiency. He has authored more than 20 articles over the past 5 years and is a major contributor to the Sydney based CIRCA consortium.

Dr Kathryn Heyworth

Dr Kathryn Heyworth MBBS FRACGP DCH DIC MSc (Allergy) is the Australian General Practice Associate representative for ASCIA. Kathryn graduated from the University of Queensland Medical School in 1994. Kathryn trained at Royal Brisbane Hospital and Royal Children's Hospital then completed her General Practice fellowship in 1999. After a period of General Practice, Kathryn went on to work in the Paediatric Emergency Department at the Mater Children's Hospital and completed her Diploma of Child Health in 2005.

For the last 12 years, Kathryn has worked exclusively in the fields of Allergy and Child Health. She obtained a Masters in Allergy from Imperial College London in 2016. Her Masters dissertation considered the relationship of infant intestinal microbiome diversity and the subsequent development of allergic disorders. Kathryn is a Director of Compass Immunology Clinic and Compass Kids Clinic in Brisbane. Her special interests are infant food allergy and nutrition.



Dr Benedicta Itotoh

Dr Benedicta Itotoh MBBS FRACP is a Paediatrician and Paediatric Allergist. Following medical school, Benedicta commenced training in Paediatrics in Ireland, she completed her Paediatric training in Australia. Benedicta has a special interest in Paediatric Allergy which she pursued post fellowship in Paediatrics. Benedicta currently practises at Perth Children's Hospital and Rockingham Hospital. She also practises general paediatrics, developmental paediatrics and paediatric allergy in the private sector.

Amanda Jackson

Amanda Jackson BSc, BNutDiet, CertPND, APD is a clinical dietitian who specialises in the management of adult food allergies, food intolerances, and immune disorders. She has over 11 years of dietetic experience, including 6 years as an adult allergy and immunology dietitian.

Her passion for food allergy and immunology began at The Alfred Hospital, whilst working as the dietitian for the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Department. She currently works at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, continuing to advocate for food allergy and immunology patients. Here, she successfully established the nutrition service for the Clinical Immunology and Allergy department. Continuing in this role, Amanda has developed a strong interest in the nutritional management of primary immunodeficiencies.

She is an ASCIA Dietitians Committee member and recently attended the National Immunodeficiency Strategy Meeting as the sole Allied Health representative. Amanda also works in private practice at MAAIC (Melbourne Allergy Asthma and Immunology Consultants).

Professor Connie (Constance) Katelaris AM

Professor Connie Katelaris AM MBBS PhD FRACP has made substantial contributions to the fields of allergy and clinical immunology, the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) and international allergy/immunology organisations. She has also authored and co-authored numerous publications on a wide variety of allergy and clinical immunology topics, is a regular invited speaker at national and international meetings and is acknowledged as an outstanding mentor to physicians training in allergy and clinical immunology.

Professor Katelaris has held several positions within ASCIA and international organisations, including: Past President of the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA); Secretary-General of the World Allergy Congress 2000 held in Sydney; Chair of the ASCIA 2011 Conference; Past President of the Asian Pacific Association of Allergology, Asthma and Clinical Immunology (APAAACI); Editor of the Asia Pacific Allergy Journal; and executive positions on the World Allergy Organisation (WAO) Board.

As well as being Professor of Immunology and Allergy at Western Sydney University, and Head of Unit and Senior Staff Specialist at Campbelltown Hospital, Professor Katelaris is currently Chair of the ASCIA HAE and CSU working parties; Deputy Chair of the ASCIA Drug Allergy committee; ASCIA representative on the Australian Prescriber journal as Immunology and Allergy sub-editor; Convenor of the Western Sydney



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University Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases; and Chief investigator for Auspollen, the Australian Pollen Allergen Partnership.

In 2019 Professor Connie Katelaris has received an Order of Australia, in recognition of her significant contributions to improving the care of patients with allergy and other immune diseases.

Clinical Professor Fiona Lake

Clin Prof Fiona Lake MD FRACP is a Respiratory Physician at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH) and holds an Adjunct appointment with University of Western Australia. She is a clinician and educator with a strong interest in clinical training and supervision. She runs the Interstitial Lung Diseases Service at SCGH, which is becoming increasingly busy with greater detection of disease and new therapies.

Dr Frederick Lee

Dr Frederick Lee BSc MBBS(Hons) PhD FRACP FRCPA is an allergy specialist and immunologist/pathologist with hospital affiliations at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown, NSW and Liverpool Hospital, Liverpool, NSW.

Dr Ming-Wei Lin

Dr Ming-Wei Lin MBBS FRACP FRCPA is a senior staff specialist in the Department of Clinical Immunology and Immunopathology at Westmead Hospital, NSW. She has a special interest in SLE, autoimmunity and immunodeficiency. Together with her colleagues at Westmead, she has developed a Lupus BioBank at Westmead to store samples on well-characterised Lupus patients. The aim is to build this for future research in Lupus, for the specific search of individualised fingerprints and possibly to develop tailored therapy. She is a member of the FRCPA and FRACP exam committees, and continues to be an active member of ASCIA and CIRCA.

Clinical Associate Professor Richard Loh

A/Professor Loh MBBS FRACP FAAAAI FACAAI has more than 30 years of experience as a clinical immunology and allergy specialist. He completed his medical degree at the University of Queensland in 1981 and has been a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) since 1988. From 1989 to 1993 he was a Fellow in Immunology, Allergy and Rheumatology at the Children's Hospital in Boston, and Medical Officer at the Harvard Medical School. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) and American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI).

For 25 years A/Professor Loh made a significant difference to allergy and clinical immunology in Australasia, as head of the Immunology department at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, Perth. He



transitioned this into a leading clinical immunology and allergy centre at the Perth Children's Hospital and encouraged allergy and immunology research in the hospital and has been involved in numerous studies.

A/Professor Loh joined ASCIA in 1994 and was President of ASCIA from 2012 to 2014. He was Chair of the ASCIA Anaphylaxis committee (2009-2012), co-Chair of the National Allergy Strategy (2016-2019) and co-founder of AIFA, the Allergy and Immunology Foundation of Australasia, formed in 2013. He has been an organising committee member for ASCIA Annual Scientific Meetings (2001, 2007) and Annual Conferences (2013, 2019) held in Perth, Western Australia. As Chair of the ASCIA Anaphylaxis committee, he initiated the development of the world leading ASCIA anaphylaxis training courses, that were first launched in March 2010.

During his ASCIA Presidency, A/Professor Loh contributed through advocacy and vision, to the development of the first National Allergy Strategy for Australia, which he has co-chaired since it was initiated. This has enabled ASCIA and Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA), to gain government funding for important initiatives, that would not be feasible without this support.

At the ASCIA 2019 Conference A/Professor Loh is presenting the annual Basten Oration.

Associate Professor Adrian Lowe

Associate Professor Lowe BSc(Hons) MPH PhD is a NHMRC Career Development Fellow and Deputy Leader of the University of Melbourne's Allergy and Lung Health Unit. He is the principal investigator of the PEBBLES trial, a NHMRC funded clinical trial using a novel skin barrier intervention for the prevention of eczema and food allergy in infants. He is also a co-investigator on the Melbourne Atopy Cohort Study, a family study of allergic disease, and HealthNuts, a study to determine the prevalence and risk factors for food allergy. Adrian's research addresses the natural history of allergic diseases in childhood, and what might have caused the rapid rise in the prevalence of these conditions over the last four decades. His research focuses on the epidemiology of eczema, and strategies to prevent its development and progression into other forms of allergic disease, including food allergy.

Clinical Professor Michaela Lucas

Professor Michaela Lucas MD FRACP FRCPA is an Immunologist and Immunopathologist at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, PathWest and the Perth Children's Hospital where she leads the drug allergy services. She is a research group leader at the Harry Perkins Institute, University of Western Australia. She is currently President Elect of the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy and Chair of the ASCIA Drug Allergy Committee. Michaela has an extensive background in T-cell immunology, drug allergy and transplantation. She is currently playing a key role in the development of national guidelines concerning the management of drug allergy.



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Professor Dominic Mallon

Professor Dominic Mallon MBBS FRACP FRCPA is a Clinical Immunologist, Head of Clinical Service, Immunology at Fiona Stanley Hospital and Chief Pathologist of PathWest, WA.

In addition to his administrative and leadership role, Dominic is a clinician who practises a broad range of immunopathology, allergy and clinical immunology looking after both children and adults with immunological and allergic disorders. Dominic also collaborates in clinical research projects into the mechanisms of tolerance induction in immunotherapy for allergic diseases; and impairment of tolerance mechanisms in autoimmunity.

Dominic is a former President of the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) and of Public Pathology Australia.

Dr David Martino

Dr David Martino PhD is a biomedical research fellow and head of the Clinical Epigenetics team at Telethon Kids Institute, WA. He obtained his Bachelors degree at the University of Western Australia in molecular biology and went on to complete a PhD on the topic of gene expression profiling in paediatric food allergy. He undertook postdoctoral studies in epigenetics at Murdoch Children's Research Institute prior to taking up his current position with Telethon Kids.

Dr Martino's current research interests involve epigenetic regulation and programming of immune development in health and disease. He has a strong passion for genomics, bioinformatics and systems-wide approaches to studying complex diseases.

Dr Andrew McLean-Tooke

Dr Andrew McLean-Tooke BSc, MBChB, MD, FRCP, FCRPath, FRACP, FCRPA graduated in Medicine from Edinburgh University and trained in Clinical Immunology and Immunopathology at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, where he also completed an MD at Newcastle-Upon-Tyne University.

Having previously spent some time in Perth during his training, he took up a consultant position in Perth. He is currently the Acting Director of Pathology and Head of Department of the Immunology Laboratory for PathWest QEII network and also works at Perth Children's Hospital. Andrews practice provides comprehensive clinical and diagnostic service in all aspects of clinical immunology including allergic disease, autoimmunity and immunodeficiency. Andrews interests focus primarily on autoimmunity and primary immunodeficiency.



Dr Ben McGettigan

Dr Ben McGettigan MBChB BSc(Hons) FRACP FRCPA is a Clinical Immunologist with appointments at the Fiona Stanley Hospital Immunology Department and the PathWest Immunology laboratory in Perth. He has experience in the diagnosis and management of a broad range of immunological conditions with a particular interest in managing systemic autoimmune diseases. Over the last 2 years Dr McGettigan has been involved in a conjoint NeuroImmunology clinic to provide expertise in management of neuroimmunological conditions.

Dr Vicki McWilliam

Dr Vicki McWilliam Adv APD PhD is an advanced accredited practising dietitian and has worked at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne for over 20 years. Her key area of expertise is paediatric food allergy.

Dr McWilliam's expertise sees her not only involved in the care of children and families with food allergies but training of dietitians, nurses and doctors. She is a frequently invited to participate in conferences, training sessions, and resource development in the area of food allergy. She has many publications in food allergy research and has recently completed her PhD with the Centre for Food and Allergy Research based at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and the University of Melbourne. She also consults privately at the Melbourne Allergy and Children's Specialist Centre (MACCS).

Dr Sam Mehr

Dr Sam Mehr MBBS BMedSc FRACP FRCPA is a Paediatric Allergist/Immunological/Immunopathologist. He trained at both the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne and the Children's Hospital at Westmead, NSW, and worked as a Consultant at both these hospitals.

His current appointments include Immunopathologist at Dorevitch Pathology, Consultant Staff Specialist in Allergy and Immunology at the Royal Children's Hospital, Honorary Medical Officer at the Children's Hospital at Westmead, and Sub-editor of the Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health. Dr Mehr has a interest in food allergy research, having published over 50 peer-reviewed papers, and has a particular interest food protein induced enterocolitis syndrome (FPIES). With his co-authors they determined that rice was the most common trigger of FPIES and that hypothermia is a clinical sign of acute FPIES; they performed the first population based incidence study on FPIES, and recently found that the innate immune system is activated during an acute reaction.

Dr Raymond Mullins

Dr Raymond Mullins MBBS (Hons1) PhD FRACP FRCPA has worked as a consultant physician in clinical immunology and allergy in private practice in Canberra since 1995, with previous doctoral and postdoctoral research on mycobacterial and autoimmune thyroid disease. He has studied and published on the



epidemiology of food allergy and anaphylaxis in Australia, tracking increasing incidence over the last 20 years, and on the potential role of socio-economic factors and vitamin D as possible contributing factors.

Dr Mullins has filled various roles in ASCIA over the last 20 years including as Past President, and at various times has chaired the Clinical Practice, Education and Anaphylaxis committees and the Allergy and Immunology Foundation of Australasia.

Professor Merrilee Needham

Professor Merrilee Needham MBBS PhD FRACP is the current Foundation Chair in Neurology, a joint position between Fiona Stanley Hospital, Murdoch University and Notre Dame University Australia. She was the Head of the Neurology unit at Fiona Stanley Hospital from 2015-2019, and is the current Head of Neuromuscular and Myositis research at the Perron Institute, Western Australia.

Professor Needham has a passion for helping people suffering with neuromuscular disorders with a particular interest in Inclusion Body Myositis (IBM). A vital part of providing the best care possible is partnering with her patients in a research programme to understand their diseases better, identify treatment targets and facilitate participation in clinical trials. She has established a translational and experimental research programme, diagnosing and managing patients over time as well as biobanking them. The laboratory programme is performing immunological studies to better understand the role of the immune system in IBM and other forms of myositis, how inflammation links to the ultimate degeneration of muscle and identify new treatment targets. This programme now supports a full-time immunologist and clinical research manager, and is currently hosting three honours students and two PhD candidates.

Dr Meryn Netting

For the past 25 years Dr Meryn Netting BSc BND PhD AdvAPD has worked as a clinical paediatric dietitian at the Women's and Children's Hospital, Adelaide. In 2011 Meryn was awarded status as an Advanced Accredited Practising Dietitian by the Dietitians Association of Australia. As well as general paediatric nutrition, Meryn specialises in working with families of children with food allergies. She was the inaugural chairperson of the ASCIA Dietitians Committee, and is a member of ASCIA and the National Allergy Strategy Steering Committee.

Meryn enjoys translating the science of nutrition into the practical aspects of the food that we place on our plates. Her postdoctoral work with the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) Healthy Mothers, Babies and Children Theme and the Centre for Food and Allergy Research (CFAR) focuses on the influence of early life nutrition on long-term health.

Meryn's PhD (awarded in 2015) investigated nutritional strategies for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of allergy, with a specific focus on egg allergy.



Dr Kevin O'Connor

Dr. Kevin O'Connor is Director of Clinical Training (Medical) and Consultant Neuroimmunologist, Departments of Postgraduate Medical Education and Neurology, Royal Perth Bentley Group.

Dr Michael O'Sullivan

Dr Michael O'Sullivan MBBS FRACP FRCPA D(ABMLI) is a Clinical Immunology/Allergy Specialist at Fiona Stanley Hospital, Perth. Michael's clinical, laboratory and research interests span paediatric and adult allergy and immunology. This provides a broad and diverse experience to help identify the current challenges facing patients with allergy and other immune diseases. . He has been an active ASCIA member since 2008 and is currently an ASCIA Director.

Associate Professor Debbie Palmer

Associate Professor Debbie Palmer BND BSc PhD is head of the Childhood Allergy and Immunology Research Group at the Telethon Kids Institute, Perth, Western Australia. The primary research focus for this research group is investigating nutritional and environmental strategies for allergic disease prevention. The research group conducts randomized controlled clinical trials, mechanistic studies, and translatable research activities, all with the goal of reducing the rising burden of early-life allergic diseases in our Australian community. Current trials focus on the immunomodulatory nutrients of vitamin D and prebiotics, and on maternal and infant food allergen consumption of eggs, peanuts and cashew nuts.

Dr Kirsten Perrett

Dr Kirsten Perrett MBBS PhD FRACP is a Paediatric Allergist/Vaccinologist at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne; Co-Group Leader, Population Allergy Research Group; Clinician-Scientist Fellow, Melbourne Children's Trial Centre at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute; and Honorary Fellow at the University of Melbourne. Kirsten has extensive experience in leading investigator-led and industry-sponsored clinical trials. Her current program of research involves leading and collaborating on observational studies and randomised controlled trials to identify and test strategies for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of food allergy and atopic disease. Kirsten is a Chief Investigator of the NHMRC Centre of Excellence in Food and Allergy Research.

Professor Susan Prescott

Professor Susan Prescott BMedSc MB BS PhD FRACP is a Professor of Paediatrics in the School of Medicine at the University of Western Australia. She is a Paediatrician and an Immunologist at the Perth Children's Hospital. Susan is a Founding Director of the ORIGINS Project at the Telethon KIDS Institute, a \$26 million legacy project based at Joondalup Health Campus examining how the environment influences health throughout life, and how we can improve this. She is also founding Director of inVIVO Planetary



Health, an global initiative of the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN). This interdisciplinary network is focused on the links between personal and planetary health through social and ecological justice.

Professor Prescott's interests and expertise are focused around early life risk factors for inflammation as an antecedent (and preventive target) for a broad range of noncommunicable diseases (NCD), with a particular interest in early onset NCDs such as allergy, obesity and mental health. She is the Founding President of the multidisciplinary 'DOHaD' Society in Australia and New Zealand (Developmental Origins of Health and Disease). She works at the highest international level of her field, and is a former Director of the World Allergy Organisation (WAO), and former Head of Children's Allergy Immunology Research at University of Western Australia.

In addition to over 300 scientific publications, she is also author of several books for an international public audience. She has received numerous prizes, awards and fellowships including a Winston Churchill Fellowship. Over the course of her career Susan has raised over \$50 million in research funding as Chief Investigator. In 2009 she was awarded a prestigious Practitioner Fellowship (2009-2018) by the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and in 2010 her work was recognised in the "10 of the best" in Australia.

Dr Patrick Quinn

Dr Patrick Quinn MBBS FRACP is a specialist paediatric immunologist and allergist who consults in private practice at AllergySA Beulah Park and also at the Women's and Children's Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia.

Associate Professor Peter Richmond

Associate Professor Peter Richmond MBBS MRCP(UK) FRACP is Head of Division, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, Paediatrics, The University of Western Australia.

Ingrid Roche

Ingrid Roche BSc GDDiet is an Accredited Practising Dietitian with 24 years experience across public health, community health and clinical hospital settings in Western Australia and the Northern Territory. She has worked in paediatric food allergy and immunology for the past 10 years at Perth Children's Hospital (formerly Princess Margaret Hospital) and is an active member of ASCIA. She has lectured in the Master of Dietetics Program at Curtin University as Food Service Domain leader and maintains a strong interest in food allergen management in foodservice. Ingrid also works in private practice with a special interest in paediatrics, food allergy and gastroenterology.



Ms Maria Said

Maria Said RN has been a member of Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA) since 1993 when her son was diagnosed with severe atopy (allergic disease) including food allergy. As a volunteer, she became national President of the organisation in 1999. Maria is an advocate for individuals who live with allergic disease. She shares information on the mission of the organisation and the consumer perspective with teaching and health professionals, the food industry, federal and state government departments and the Australian community.

Maria is an associate member of the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) and holds a position on several working parties. She has co-authored several publications in medical and food industry journals. Maria is a committee member of international organisations with a focus on allergic disease and has presented at several US and European medical and food industry meetings.

As CEO of A&AA, Maria forwarded statements to Australian Coroners after the deaths of individuals from food anaphylaxis. Maria has also been called upon to assist State Coroners as an expert witness in seven coronial inquests. The unfolding of these investigations has resulted in improved management and increased safety throughout Australia.

Maria is co-chair of the National Allergy Strategy, a partnership between ASCIA and A&AA, which was launched in Sydney in August 2015.

Maria is a registered nurse with experience in emergency and paediatric nursing.

Ms Melissa Sam

Melissa Sam BSc(Biomed) MSc in Medicine(Research) is an Immunology Research Scientist with NSW Health Pathology at Liverpool Hospital in Sydney, NSW. She also holds conjoint positions at the University of New South Wales and the Ingham Institute for Applied Medical Research. Melissa completed her undergraduate degree in Biomedical Science at the University of Technology Sydney, and her postgraduate degree by Research at UNSW Sydney. She has worked previously at Prince of Wales Hospital and Concord Hospital in Sydney and the Public Health Laboratory Service in London.

Melissa's interests include the development and validation of new laboratory methods, particularly immunoassays, for therapeutic drug monitoring of monoclonal antibody therapies and anti-drug antibodies. She currently works collaboratively on a number of clinical trials throughout Australia and is working to develop LCMS testing of Infliximab for the Immunology laboratory at Liverpool Hospital, NSW.



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Dr Jan Sinclair

Dr Jan Sinclair MBChB attended medical school at the University of Auckland, and completed most of her paediatric training in Auckland at Princess Mary Hospital. In the mid 1990s she undertook training in Paediatric Allergy and Clinical Immunology through the Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, Texas. She became a fellow of the FRACP in 1996.

In 1997 Jan returned to Starship Children's Hospital in Auckland, initially as the sole sub specialist in the field. The department now has three specialist senior medical staff, providing care for children with primary immune deficiencies, but also playing a key role in development of services for children with allergy both in the greater Auckland area and throughout New Zealand. Jan is Head of the Paediatric Department and also works in private practice in Auckland.

Dr Sinclair has been a member of ASICA since 1998 and became a Director in 2015, having served on the ASCIA Anaphylaxis Committee and the ASCIA Immunodeficiency Committee.

Dr Joanne Smart

Dr Joanne Smart MBBS BSc PhD FRACP is a paediatric allergist immunologist and Director of the Department of Allergy and Immunology at The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne.

Professor Mimi Tang

Professor Mimi Tang MBBS PhD FRACP FRCPA FAAAAI is a paediatric clinical immunology/allergy specialist at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia, Group Leader of Allergy Immunology Research at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and a Professor in the Department of Paediatrics at the University of Melbourne.

Professor Tang is internationally recognized in the field of allergy and immunology. Her research programme is focused on developing a novel combination therapy for food allergies that harnesses the potent immune modulating capacity of intestinal microbiota alongside allergen oral immunotherapy to induce disease remission. If successful this exciting treatment approach will transform the way food allergies are managed, leaving behind allergen avoidance and allowing patients to eat their allergen freely.

Professor Tang has received national and international awards recognising her achievements in allergy immunology research and clinical care and is regularly invited to speak at major international scientific meetings in the field. She is a Board Director of the World Allergy Organisation and sits on various expert committees of the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology, World Allergy Organisation and the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy.



Dr Jessica Tattersall

Dr Jessica Tattersall MBBS(Hons) GCAD is an allergist and medical rhinologist. She graduated from the University of Sydney with honours in 2003. After starting out training in ENT surgery, she went on to pursue a career in allergy. Jessica is a fellow of the RACGP and holds a graduate certificate in allergic diseases from the University of Western Sydney. She completed her fellowship at the John Radcliff Hospital in the ENT department in Oxford. She has a special interest in allergic, non- allergic and inflammatory diseases of the airway and sinuses and is actively involved in research and education in this area.

Dr Dean Tey

Dr Dean Tey MBBS FRACP is a consultant paediatric allergist and immunologist at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, VIC.

Dr Lina Thin

Dr Lena Thin is the lead principal investigator on multiple phase three pharmaceutical trials in novel Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) therapy at Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, Fiona Stanley Hospital, Perth. She completed the Masters of Clinical Research in 2012 (University of Western Australia). She undertook a 18-month IBD fellowship after her formal gastroenterology training and has been practising as a Gastroenterologist specialising in complex IBD management for 8 years.

Dr Jason Trubiano

Dr Jason Trubiano BBiomedSci MBBS (Hons) FRACP PhD is the Director of Antimicrobial Stewardship and Drug and Antibiotic Allergy Services at Austin Health, Melbourne, Australia. He also coordinates the Antibiotic Allergy Service at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. Dr Trubiano is a current NHMRC Early Careers Fellow and Postdoctoral Fellow for the National Centre for Infections in Cancer, exploring antibiotic allergy health services and novel diagnostics. His PhD in Allergy and Immunology was at the University of Melbourne entitled *The Impact of Antibiotic Allergy Testing on Antimicrobial Stewardship*. He is the chief investigator for AUS-SCAR and his research explores predictive pharmacogenomic tools and *ex vivo* T cell diagnostics that aid the assigning of drug causality in cases of antibiotic-associated severe cutaneous adverse drug reactions.

Sandra Vale

Sandra Vale BSc Cert IV TAE is the National Allergy Strategy Manager working across all National Allergy Strategy projects. Sandra was the project officer responsible for the development of the National Allergy Strategy launched in August 2015. Prior to her National Allergy Strategy role, Sandra was the ASCIA Education Officer developing education and training resources for health professionals and consumers. Sandra has a background as a public health nutritionist with extensive experience in training and



assessment. She is a PhD student at the University of Western Australia undertaking research in a public health approach to implementing the ASCIA Guidelines for infant feeding and allergy prevention.

Sandra is the parent of an 18 year old with severe allergy and also has adult onset exercise induced wheat anaphylaxis. She is a volunteer for Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia and has been the WA representative since 2007.

Robyn Willis

Robyn has been a Clinical Psychologist with the Paediatric Consultation Liaison Programme at Princess Margeret Hospital, now Perth Children's Hospital (PCH), for the past 13 years. She also runs a small private practice. At PCH she sees both inpatients and outpatients of the hospital for the assessment and treatment of co-morbid medical and mental health conditions. Robyn has a keen interest in working with patients who have anxiety, as well as their families, including those with anxiety in the context of allergies and anaphylaxis.

Dr Melanie Wong

Dr Melanie Wong MBBS (Hons) FRACP FRCPA is a Paediatric Clinical Immunology and Allergy Specialist, co-Head of Department, Allergy and Clinical Immunology at the Children's Hospital Westmead.

Her clinical and research interests include all aspects of primary immunodeficiencies (PIDs), including newborn screening, genetic testing, collecting data on a register and transplantation and she has published many studies in this area.

Joining ASCIA in 2001, Dr Wong has been a member of the ASCIA Council since 2006 and is an active member of the ASCIA Immunodeficiency committee. She is the immediate past ASCIA President (2014-2016), Chair of advanced training in Clinical Immunology and Allergy for the RACP and Chair of the Allergy and Immunology Foundation of Australasia (AIFA).

Dr Giovanni Zurzolo

Dr Giovanni Zurzolo BSc(Hons) PhD is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Centre for Chronic Disease, College of Health and Biomedicine, Victoria University. Dr Zurzolo gained his Bachelor of Biomedical Science from Victoria University. He then did a year of honours with the University, based at Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI). During his honours year he investigated the prevalence of sesame allergy. Giovanni then went on to examine the benefit of precautionary food labels to complete his PhD.