



# ANZSCoS2025

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

**19 - 21 NOVEMBER 2025**

*Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, QLD*

## 2025 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER**

WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER			
9:00	REGISTRATION OPENS		
9:30 - 15:30	PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS		
9:30	Sexuality and the Multidisciplinary Team	Changing the Narrative on Return to Work After Spinal Cord Injury / Damage	Innovative models of care: Providing a QuickStart in SCI
11:30 - 12:30	LUNCH		
12:30	"When It Comes to Pain, Everything Matters" – An Interdisciplinary, Whole-Human Approach to Pain in SCI	Healing Under Pressure: Multidisciplinary Care for Complex SCI Pressure Injuries	Co-designing with Dignity: How People with SCI, Academics, and Clinicians Can Work Together to Do Better Research
15:30	AFTERNOON TEA		
16:00 - 17:00	TOPIC-SPECIFIC MEETINGS		
16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voice Quality and Respiratory Management in Spinal Cord Injury – "Let's Talk About Voice"</li> <li>• Unlocking Access and Empowering Independence after Spinal Cord Injury: Advancements with Eye-Gaze, Assistive Touch, Head Tracking and beyond</li> <li>• Thriving Beyond Injury: The role of leisure, sport and social wellbeing in Spinal Cord Injury rehabilitation</li> <li>• Bridging the Divide: Strengthening approaches to Spinal Cord Injury Funding across Australia and New Zealand</li> <li>• Beyond the Scales: Collaborative approaches to addressing Obesity and health in Spinal Cord Injury care</li> </ul>		
17:00	WELCOME RECEPTION   Exhibition Area		

**THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER**

<b>7:00</b>	<b>REGISTRATION DESK OPENS</b>	
	Sponsored Breakfast Session Available	Sponsored Breakfast Session Available
<b>8:00</b>	<b>ARRIVAL TEA AND COFFEE</b>	
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Official Opening and Welcome to Country</b>	
<b>9:00 - 10:20</b>	<b>PLENARY ONE: BACK TO LIFE AND WORK</b>	
9:00	<b>Keynote Presentation: Adjustment to Spinal Cord Injury: Resilience, Grief and Depression</b> Prof Charles Bombardier, University of Washington	
9:30	<b>Keynote Presentation: Behavioural science is more than a buzzword: harnessing insights to make meaningful change</b> Dr Denise Goodwin, Monash University	
10:00	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Prof Charles Bombardier, University of Washington, Dr Denise Goodwin, Monash University and Joanna Fowler, University of Sunshine Coast	
<b>10:20</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	
<b>10:50</b>	<b>INNOVATIONS IN SCI CARE</b>	<b>CONCURRENT: FREE PAPER SESSION THEME: SERVICE DELIVERY</b>
10:50	<b>Advancing Environmental Control: Research and Practice in Smart Home Technology for SCI Workshop</b> Prof Michele Verdonck, University of The Sunshine Coast, Stephen Martin, Smart A.T For You and Joanna Fowler, University of the Sunshine Coast	<b>Spinal cord injury liaison service: enhancing continuity of care</b> Mr Matthew Malt, Dr Teresa Boyle, Mrs Ali Longmire, Mr Liam Oliver  <b>Enhancing pressure injury management: the Illawarra approach in non-specialist rehabilitation units.</b> Dr Atif Shahzad, Dr Nayla Zia  <b>Co-designing ways to improve current falls management practice during inpatient spinal rehabilitation</b> Mrs Kathryn Marshall  <b>An interprofessional cognitive aid to optimise extubation planning after acute cervical spinal cord injury</b> Mrs Brooke Wadsworth  <b>Co-designing strategies with peer support workers to implement the spinal cord injury health maintenance tool (SCI-HMT) in NSW</b> Ms Komal Adarkar  <b>The experience of rebuilding productive life roles after spinal cord injury: a qualitative systematic review and thematic synthesis</b> Mrs Shawna Power  <b>Opioid prescribing following spinal cord injury: a qualitative analysis of experiences of healthcare providers and persons with lived experience</b> Miss Samantha Borg
<b>12:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	

13:00- 13:40	PLENARY TWO: PATHWAYS FOR ENGAGING IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, SPORT AND RECREATION	
13:00	<b>Keynote Presentation: An intersectoral approach to enhancing long-term health and well-being outcomes for people with SCI - Challenges and opportunities</b> Prof Sean Tweedy, University of Queensland	
13:40 - 14:40	CONCURRENT: PATHWAYS FOR ENGAGING IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, SPORT & RECREATION	CONCURRENT: FREE PAPER SESSION THEME: NUTRITION
13:40	<b>From community participation to competitive para sport – experience of Paralympians</b> Ben Newton, Wheelchair Rugby & Rachael Watson, University of Queensland	<b>Assessing Nutrition-Focused Guidelines for Pressure Injuries in Spinal Cord Injury: A Systematic Review of Clinical Practice Guidelines Exploring their Scope, Quality, and Gaps</b> Dr Priya Iyer, Miss Yiwen Wang, Miss Man Ching Lo  <b>The Impact of Dietary Interventions on Health Outcomes in Adults with Chronic Spinal Cord Injuries and Disorders: A Systematic Review</b> Dr Priya Iyer, Miss Yuen Mei Sung, Miss Hoi Ying Chan
	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> Ben Newton, Wheelchair Rugby, Rachael Watson, University of Queensland & Prof Sean Tweedy, University of Queensland	<b>Exploring food service systems and dining models in inpatient spinal facilities – a scoping review</b> Dr Priya Iyer, Miss Hiu-Ki (Ottilia) Lai, Miss Riddhi Gupta  <b>Towards accurate malnutrition identification in individuals with spinal cord injury: a qualitative investigation</b> Mrs Kate Desneves
14:40	AFTERNOON TEA	
15:10 - 16:25	CONCURRENT SESSION	CONCURRENT: FREE PAPER SESSION THEME: INNOVATIONS IN SCI CARE
15:10	<b>Supporting Inclusive Participation in Community Recreational Activities</b> Sebastian Van Veenendaal, Sargood on Collaroy	<b>Co-design of a Phase I cell transplantation clinical trial: how consumer input improved trial design and acceptability</b> Prof James St John  <b>'I'd invite you not to google' - healthcare professionals' experiences with patient and family enquiries about unproven therapies</b> Dr Leanne Rees  <b>Let's yarn about sex in spinal cord injury (SCI) – a cultural lens</b> Ms Jenni Johnson
15:40	<b>Workshop: Identifying Consumers in Research and Practice</b> Antonio Vecchio, The Spinal Research Institute	<b>The impacts of ageing on sexuality in women with spinal cord injury</b> Miss Jolie Chantharath  <b>Holding on: Review of neurogenic bladder management in Paediatric patients with spinal cord injuries</b> Dr Ruth Gauden  <b>Innovation in wound management. A novel approach to healing chronic wounds. A study of three cases</b> Ms Louise Kelly
16:25	DAY 1 CONCLUDES	
16:30	ANZSCoS AGM	
17:00	MEETING DINNER   Black Bird	

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER		
7:30	REGISTRATION DESK OPENS	
	Sponsored Breakfast Session Available	Sponsored Breakfast Session Available
8:00	ARRIVAL TEA AND COFFEE	
9:00-10:10	PLENARY THREE: BACK TO LIFE AND WORK	
9:00	Keynote Presentation: Spouses, Lovers and Friends: Lifetime active care for people with spinal cord injury Dr Laynie Hall Pullin, Western Sydney University	
9:30	Keynote Presentation: Power of Adaptability in the Face of Disability Steven Elliott	
10:00	Panel Discussion Dr Laynie Hall Pullin, Western Sydney University & Steven Elliott	
10:10	MORNING TEA	
10:40am - 11:20	PLENARY FOUR: OPTIMISING ENGAGEMENT WITHIN REHABILITATION	
10:40	Keynote Presentation: Substance Abuse in People with Spinal Cord Injury Prof Charles Bombardier, University of Washington	
11:20 - 12:40	CONCURRENT: OPTIMISING ENGAGEMENT WITHIN REHABILITATION	CONCURRENT: FREE PAPER SESSION THEME: INNOVATIONS IN SCI CARE
11:20	Workshop: Incorporating behaviour change principles into the design of interventions Dr Denise Goodwin, Monash University	Ewalk: locomotor training combined with transcutaneous spinal cord stimulation in chronic spinal cord injury in a multi-site, double-blinded randomised sham-controlled trial Dr Claire Boswell-Ruys
12:20	Panel Discussion: Prof Charles Bombardier, University of Washington, Dr Denise Goodwin, Monash University & Ms Jenna Scambler	Implementing active rehabilitation in Australia for people with spinal cord injury: using realist evaluation to understand how and why it works Dr Gillean Hilton The role of functional electrical stimulation in spinal cord rehabilitation to improve quality of life Mr. Jason Redhead, Mrs LeeAnn Walb Evidence based recommendations for health professionals to improve care of people with spinal cord injury and cognitive impairment: an update to the psychosocial clinical practice guide Dr Mohit Arora Correlation between sub maximal aerobic capacity, sleep quality and wheelchair skills in SCI individuals manoeuvring manual wheelchair Miss Shagun Thakur Core practice principles: what drives the use of trunk function assessments in spinal cord injury clinical and research practice? Dr Annie Palermo
12:40	LUNCH	



13:40- 14:40	CONCURRENT: OPTIMISING ENGAGEMENT WITHIN REHABILITATION	CONCURRENT: FREE PAPER SESSION THEME: INNOVATIONS IN SCI CARE
13:40	<b>Exploring therapeutic alliance in SCI: control, identity and liminality</b> Dr Esha Lovric, University of Southern Queensland	<b>Empowering Independence: Customised Personal Care Solutions Through 3D Printing</b> Mr Alex Richter  <b>Innovating for independence: technological innovations in a hotel for people with spinal cord injury</b> Mr David Simpson
14:00	<b>How do nurses add value to SCI patient rehabilitation?</b> A/Prof Julie Pryor, Royal Rehab Group	CONCURRENT: FREE PAPER SESSION THEME: BACK TO LIFE AND WORK
14:20	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> Dr Esha Lovric & A/Prof Julie Pryor	<b>Translating findings of the Australian arm, international spinal cord injury survey into action: generating ideas to enhance employment outcomes through a nominal focus group technique with lived experience experts</b> Prof Timothy Geraghty  <b>Early intervention vocational rehabilitation for return to work following traumatic injury: a randomised controlled trial</b> Dr Gillean Hilton  <b>Peer mentor contributions to an early intervention vocational rehabilitation specialist service following trauma: a qualitative study</b> Assoc. Prof Linda Barclay
14:40 - 15:20	PLENARY SIX: INNOVATIONS IN SCI CARE	
14:40	<b>Keynote Presentation: Early and intensive motor training to enhance neurological recovery in people with spinal cord injury: The SCI-MT Trial</b> Prof Lisa Harvey, University of Sydney	
15:20	CLOSING CEREMONY AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	
15:40	AFTERNOON TEA & CONCLUSION OF MEETING	