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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"> • Voice Quality and Respiratory Management in Spinal Cord Injury – "Let's Talk About Voice" • Unlocking Access and Empowering Independence after Spinal Cord Injury: Advancements with Eye-Gaze, Assistive Touch, Head Tracking and beyond • Thriving Beyond Injury: The role of leisure, sport and social wellbeing in Spinal Cord Injury rehabilitation • Bridging the Divide: Strengthening approaches to Spinal Cord Injury Funding across Australia and New Zealand • Beyond the Scales: Collaborative approaches to addressing Obesity and health in Spinal Cord Injury care 		
17:00	WELCOME RECEPTION Exhibition Area		

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER		
7:00	REGISTRATION DESK OPENS (Breakfast served from 7am)	
7:15 - 8:00	Sponsored Breakfast Session: Compassion is more critical than ever Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM	Sponsored by: 
8:00	ARRIVAL TEA AND COFFEE	
8:30	Official Opening and Welcome to Country	
9:00 - 10:20	PLENARY ONE: BACK TO LIFE AND WORK	
9:00	Keynote Presentation: Adjustment to Spinal Cord Injury: Resilience, Grief and Depression Prof Charles Bombardier, University of Washington	
9:30	Keynote Presentation: Behavioural science is more than a buzzword: harnessing insights to make meaningful change Dr Denise Goodwin, Monash University	
10:00	Panel Discussion Prof Charles Bombardier, University of Washington, Dr Denise Goodwin, Monash University and Joanna Fowler, University of Sunshine Coast	
10:20	MORNING TEA	
10:50	INNOVATIONS IN SCI CARE	CONCURRENT: FREE PAPER SESSION THEME: SERVICE DELIVERY
10:50	Advancing Environmental Control: Research and Practice in Smart Home Technology for SCI Workshop Prof Michele Verdonck, University of The Sunshine Coast, Stephen Martin, Smart A.T For You and Joanna Fowler, University of the Sunshine Coast	Spinal cord injury liaison service: enhancing continuity of care Mr Matthew Malt, Dr Teresa Boyle, Mrs Ali Longmire, Mr Liam Oliver Enhancing pressure injury management: the Illawarra approach in non-specialist rehabilitation units. Dr Atif Shahzad, Dr Nayla Zia Co-designing ways to improve current falls management practice during inpatient spinal rehabilitation Mrs Kathryn Marshall An interprofessional cognitive aid to optimise extubation planning after acute cervical spinal cord injury Mrs Brooke Wadsworth Co-designing strategies with peer support workers to implement the spinal cord injury health maintenance tool (SCI-HMT) in NSW Ms Komal Adarkar The experience of rebuilding productive life roles after spinal cord injury: a qualitative systematic review and thematic synthesis Mrs Shawna Power Opioid prescribing following spinal cord injury: a qualitative analysis of experiences of healthcare providers and persons with lived experience Miss Samantha Borg
12:00	LUNCH	

13:00- 13:40	PLENARY TWO: PATHWAYS FOR ENGAGING IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, SPORT AND RECREATION	
13:00	Keynote Presentation: An intersectoral approach to enhancing long-term health and well-being outcomes for people with SCI - Challenges and opportunities 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	From community participation to competitive para sport - experience of Paralympians Ben Newton - Wheelchair Rugby, Rachael Watson - University of Queensland, & Miss Emilie Gollan - Queensland Spinal Cord Injuries Services Panel Discussion: Ben Newton - Wheelchair Rugby, Rachael Watson - University of Queensland, Prof Sean Tweedy - University of Queensland & Dr Gaj Panagoda - Superkid Rehab	Assessing Nutrition-Focused Guidelines for Pressure Injuries in Spinal Cord Injury: A Systematic Review of Clinical Practice Guidelines Exploring their Scope, Quality, and Gaps Dr Priya Iyer, Miss Yiwen Wang, Miss Man Ching Lo The Impact of Dietary Interventions on Health Outcomes in Adults with Chronic Spinal Cord Injuries and Disorders: A Systematic Review Dr Priya Iyer, Miss Yuen Mei Sung, Miss Hoi Ying Chan Exploring food service systems and dining models in inpatient spinal facilities – a scoping review Dr Priya Iyer, Miss Hiu-Ki (Ottilia) Lai, Miss Riddhi Gupta Towards accurate malnutrition identification in individuals with spinal cord injury: a qualitative investigation Mrs Kate Desneves
14:40	AFTERNOON TEA	
15:10 - 16:25	CONCURRENT SESSION	CONCURRENT: FREE PAPER SESSION THEME: INNOVATIONS IN SCI CARE
15:10	Supporting Inclusive Participation in Community Recreational Activities Sebastian Van Veenendaal, Sargood on Collaroy	Co-design of a Phase I cell transplantation clinical trial: how consumer input improved trial design and acceptability Prof James St John 'I'd invite you not to google' - healthcare professionals' experiences with patient and family enquiries about unproven therapies Dr Leanne Rees Let's yarn about sex in spinal cord injury (SCI) – a cultural lens Ms Jenni Johnson
15:40	Workshop: Identifying Consumers in Research and Practice Antonio Vecchio, The Spinal Research Institute	The impacts of ageing on sexuality in women with spinal cord injury Miss Jolie Chantharath Holding on: Review of neurogenic bladder management in Paediatric patients with spinal cord injuries Dr Ruth Gauden Innovation in wound management. A novel approach to healing chronic wounds. A study of three cases Ms Louise Kelly
16:25	DAY 1 CONCLUDES	
16:30	ANZSCoS AGM	
19:00	MEETING DINNER Black Bird	

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER		
7:00	RREGISTRATION DESK OPENS (Breakfast served from 7am)	
7:15 - 8:00	Sponsored Breakfast Session: Evolution of a Multidisciplinary Spasticity Service + Case Presentation (For clinicians & academics only.) Dr Julia McLeod, Ange Williamson, & James Wood	Sponsored by: 
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 & Dr Jenna Scambler, Queensland Spinal Cord Injury Service (QSCIS)	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 Factors related to manual wheelchair features and users' daily functioning: the experience of people with spinal cord injuries in the context of a developing country Mr Md Julker Nayan Core practice principles: what drives the use of trunk function assessments in spinal cord injury clinical and research practice? Dr Annie Palermo Aus-InSCI Translation Project – Translating the findings from the Aus-InSCI Community Survey into meaningful outcomes Glenn Verner-Wren
12:40	LUNCH	

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