



16-18 SEPTEMBER 2026
PAN PACIFIC PERTH

AIMS

NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

FRONTIER PATHOLOGY
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

** Please note this is a draft program outline and is subject to change at the discretion of the organising committee**

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2026

TIME	SESSION			
8.00am – 9.00am	Registration			
9.00am – 9.30am	Opening Ceremony			
9.30am – 10.30am	Noninvasive prenatal testing: how it is developed and evolved Professor Allen Chan, The Chinese University of Hong Kong			
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning Tea			
THEME	Diagnostic Genomics	Transplantation Case Study (15mins each)	Microbiology	Haematology
11.00am – 11.30am	Genomic Profiling of Tumours Cleo Robinson	Understanding the Starting Point: Diagnostic Story of a HCT Candidate Dr Safia Belbachir	PlexPlus Respiratory PCR Todd Pryce	Cellvision in PathWest's regional network Brad Conway

		HLA typing and Unrelated Donor section Dr Dianne De Santis		
11.30am – 12.00pm		The role of the transplant laboratory in a transplant patient's journey Dr Coral-Ann Almeida Testing performed when a transplant patient requires transfusion support Hayley Brown	Utility of Xpert for Neisseria gonorrhoeae confirmatory testing Olivia Foti	FSH and PCH on Ph-like B-ALL Rebecca De Kraa
12.00pm – 12.30pm	TBC Mark Davis	Post transplant care and complications Diane Sutherland		A structured approach to blood film reporting Matt Wright
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch			
THEME	Transfusion	Microbiology	Anatomical Pathology	Haemostasis
1.30pm – 2.00pm	Lifeblood Red Cell Reference Lab TBC	Microbiology in the Regions Paul Healy	HPV Negative HSIL Alina Miranda	Case-based Review of the DDX of Thrombotic Microangiopathy Ross Baker
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Anti-CD38 Neutralisation - A Laboratory's Experience Elle Colace and Elycce Webb		Terrible tumours and other oddities at the dissection bench Michael Bushe-Jones	International Standardisation of ADAMTS-13 assays Grace Gilmore
2.30pm – 3.00pm	Blood Management Bradley Webster		Fine needle aspiration of a peculiar PEComa presenting in the axillary tail of a female patient Taylah Sanders	TTP Case Study Bridget Hodgkinson
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea			



3.30pm – 4.30pm	TBC Kerryn Weekes, Thalassaemia and Haemophilia Molecular Reference Laboratory, Monash Medical Centre; 2026 AIMS Travelling Orator
4.30PM – 5.30PM	TBC Dr Becky Griffiths, Australian Red Cross Lifeblood
5.30pm – 7.30pm	Welcome Cocktail Reception

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2026

TIME	SESSION			
7.30am – 8.30am	Registration			
8.30am – 9.30am	Improving Plasma EBV DNA Analysis for Screening and Management of Nasopharyngeal Cancer Professor Allen Chan, The Chinese University of Hong Kong			
9.30am – 10.30am	OMICO Associate Professor Mandy Ballinger, University of NSW			
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning Tea			
THEME	Immunology	Forensics	Biochemistry	AIMS REGS
11.00am – 11.30am	Hereditary Alpha-Tryptasaemia (HaT) Testing at PathWest Naser El-Lagta	Credibility in forensic science: Quality and practice Anna Heavey	Point Of Care Testing Elizabeth Byrnes	
11.30am – 12.00pm	Pharmacogenomic Testing TBC	Enhancing Operational Performance in Forensic Science Penny Cooper & Colby Hymus	Primary Aldosteronism Nicola Sawyer	
12.00pm – 12.30pm	Peanut allergies Michael O’Sullivan	DNA techniques to investigate cold cases Gavin Turbett	Bilirubin at point of care – meeting clinical needs and delivering positive patient outcomes Sasa Trivic	
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch			



1.30pm – 2.50pm	Free Communications
2.50pm – 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30pm – 5.00 pm	AIMS Skills Development Pathway - Panel Presentation
7.00pm – 11.00pm	NSM Gala Dinner

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

TIME	SESSION
7.30am – 8.30am	Registration
8.30am – 9.30am	Saal Foley Lecture Mr Paul Schneider
9.30am – 10.30am	Implementation of Next Generation Sequencing for the diagnosis of rare childhood diseases Dr Richard Allcock
10.30am – 10.50am	Morning Tea
10:50am - 11:00am	TBC Stacey Waters, Office of Medical Research and Innovation, WA Department of Health
11.00am – 11.30am	TBC Dr Samuel Lundin, Biotome
11.30am – 12.00pm	TBC Professor Rakesh Veedu, Progenis Pharmaceuticals
12.00pm - 12.30pm	TBC Dr Joel Gummer, ChemCentre
12.30pm – 1.00pm	TBC
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Closing Address and Lunch

