



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 Golden Ballroom			
8.00am – 9.00am	Registration			
9.00am – 9.30am	Opening Ceremony Welcome to Country – Robyn Collard & Tryse Rioli The Hon Stephen Dawson MLC			
9.30am – 10.30am	Non-invasive prenatal testing: how it is developed and evolved Professor Allen Chan, The Chinese University of Hong Kong <i>Chair - Denise Jackson</i>			
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning Tea Exhibition Hall			
Session Room	<u>Goldsworthy</u>	<u>Boardroom</u>	<u>Golden Ballroom</u>	<u>Hamersley</u>
THEME	Genomic Advancements in Pathology <i>Chair - Kerry Weekes</i>	Transplantation Case Study (15mins each) <i>Chair - Dianne De Santis</i>	Microbiology <i>Chair - Julian Peet</i>	Haematology <i>Chair - Paul Ellery</i>

11.00am – 11.30am	Statewide Comprehensive Genomic Profiling to Expedite Excellence in Treatment of WA Cancer Patients Cleo Robinson	Understanding the Starting Point: Diagnostic Story of an HCT Candidate Dr Safia Belbachir HLA typing and Unrelated Donor section Dr Dianne De Santis	SPOTFIRE Respiratory Panel Evaluation: At the Point-of-Care and Near the Point-of-Care Todd Pryce	Implementation of CellaVision digital morphology in PathWest regional laboratories Brad Conway
11.30am – 12.00pm	Carrier and Newborn Screening Francesca Moore	The role of the transplant laboratory in a transplant patient's journey Dr Coral-Ann Almeida When a patient needs transfusion support Hayley Brown	Utility of Xpert for Neisseria gonorrhoeae confirmatory testing Olivia Foti	The Cytogenetics of Paediatric Acute Leukaemia – B-acute lymphoblastic leukaemia. Rebecca De Kraa
12.00pm – 12.30pm	WA Centre of Excellence for Neurogenetics Mark Davis		Rapid detection and characterisation of Carbapenemase enzymes in the clinical laboratory Clair Stewart	A structured approach to blood film reporting Matt Wright
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch Exhibition Hall			
Session Room	<u>Goldsworthy</u>	<u>Boardroom</u>	<u>Golden Ballroom</u>	<u>Hamersley</u>
THEME	Transfusion <i>Chair - Vidhya Yagnesh and Alicia Wood</i>	Microbiology <i>Chair - David Clark</i>	Anatomical Pathology <i>Chair - Ingrid Christiansen</i>	Haemostasis <i>Chair - Natalie Caldwell</i>
1.30pm – 2.00pm	Red Cell Reference Overview and Interesting Case Review Tanya Cawthorne	Differences and challenges providing a Microbiology service: Remote vs City 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	Culture shift: a new rapid diagnostic approach for sepsis care Matthew Payne	Terrible tumours and other oddities at the dissection bench Michael Bushe-Jones	International Standardisation of ADAMTS-13 assays Grace Gilmore
2.30pm – 3.00pm	Beyond Borders: Strengthening Blood Systems Through Humanitarian Action Kerin Holloway	Corynebacterium diphtheriae outbreak in WA Daniel Knight and Jade Healy	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 Exhibition Hall
Session Room	<u>Golden Ballroom</u> <i>Chair - Natalie Caldwell</i>
3.30pm – 4.30pm	Genetic testing for Prenatal diagnosis of Haemoglobinopathies, Thalassaemia and Haemophilia A. Kerryn Weekes, Thalassaemia and Haemophilia Molecular Reference Laboratory, Monash Medical Centre; 2026 AIMS Travelling Orator
4.30PM – 5.30PM	Growing red blood cells for therapeutics Dr Becky Griffiths, Australian Red Cross Lifeblood
5.30pm – 7.30pm	Welcome Cocktail Reception Exhibition Hall

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2026				
TIME	SESSION Golden Ballroom <i>Chair - Samantha Austin</i>			
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	It takes a village to raise a child: Omico and precision oncology Associate Professor Mandy Ballinger, University of NSW			
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning Tea Exhibition Hall			
Session Room	<u>Boardroom</u>	<u>Golden Ballroom</u>	<u>Hamersley</u>	<u>Goldsworthy</u>
THEME	Immunology <i>Chair - Dianne De Santis</i>	Forensics <i>Chair - Neil Horton</i>	Biochemistry <i>Chair - Donna Rudd</i>	Free Communications <i>Chair - Bradley Conway</i>
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	Establishing a Statewide Digital Morphology Competency Program for Continuous Monitoring of Haematology Practice in NSW Health Pathology. Karen Collins



				Comparative evaluation of platelet enumeration using automated haematology analysis, Cella Vision DC-1, and manual microscopy Caroline Mwaluko
11.30am –12.00pm	Pharmacogenetic testing in the new era of personalised medicine Dr Sam Salman	Enhancing Operational Performance in Forensic Science Penny Cooper & Colby Hymus	Primary Aldosteronism Nicola Sawyer	A Tale of two leukaemias: A Case study of two plasma cell leukaemias Jayson Coulter
				Is there seasonal variation in the diagnosis of acute leukaemia in the Queensland population? Dianne Lovelock
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	Abnormal Platelet Activation in Myeloproliferative Neoplasms Ann Wang
				Antenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome by imaging flow cytometry Daria Buic
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch Exhibition Hall			
1.30pm – 2.50pm	Free Communications			
	<u>Boardroom</u> <i>Free Comms 1 - Chair - Neil Horton</i>	<u>Golden Ballroom</u> <i>Free Comms 2 - Chair - Abishek Santhakumar</i>	<u>Hamersley</u> <i>Free Comms 3 - Chair - Pramod Subedi</i>	<u>Goldsworthy</u> <i>Free Comms 4 - Chair - Julian Peet</i>
	Tip Tip – Trauma Informed Paediatric Training For Pathology Collectors Samantha Austin	Longitudinal Study Of The Donation Practices Of Australian Blood Donors. Lin Fung	Principles Of Test Validation: What Is “Extensive As Necessary”? Leesa Bruggink	Longitudinal Development Of The Infant Gut Microbiome During The First Year Of Life Yihenew Million Yeshtila



	Beyond the Tube: Structural and Geographic Determinants of Pre-Analytical Quality in Rural and Indigenous Pathology Services Elsa Chew	Seroprevalence And Genotypic Characterization Of Hepatitis B Virus Infections In The Abo Blood Types In Papua New Guinea Blood Donors. Francisca Varpit	Validation Of A Multiplex Assay For Kynurenine Pathway Metabolites. Md Munna Hossen	Optimisation Of Pcr-Based Detection Enhances Sensitivity For Early-Stage Respiratory Rna Virus Infections In Clinical Microbiology Laboratories Hamidreza Iranpour
	Pre-Analytical Errors In Pathology: Navigating The Landscape In Rural, Regional, And Urban Laboratory Networks. George John	H-Deficient Phenotypes, Rhesus D Variants And Their Clinical Implications For Transfusion Medicine – A Scoping Review Borkwei Ed Nignpense	Allostatic Load In Pregnancy: A Panel Of Cord Blood Inflammatory And Metabolic Markers, Maternal Biological And Psychosocial Status For The Detection Of Infant Neurodevelopmental Outcomes Donna Rudd	Behind The Brainstem: A Rapid Molecular Diagnosis Of A Rare Case Of Rhomboencephalitis Aparna Mallidi
	Clearing Up Anatomical Pathology Reporting Backlogs Hongmei Mao	Deep Learning-Based Multiclass Etiologic Classification Of Prolonged Aptt Using Routine Clot Waveform Analysis Data Mohammad Altememi	Photoperiod And Metabolic Syndrome: A Population-Based Analysis Prashant Regmi	A Retrospective Analysis Of Amoebic Liver Infections At Lautoka Hospital, Fiji, From 2020 To 2024. Khushi Nand
	Spatiotemporal Profiling Of Tnbc And The Tumor Microenvironment Via Exosomal Mirnas Hala Issa	Hierarchical Deep Learning Model For Lupus Anticoagulant Detection From Aptt Clot Waveform Analysis Mohammad Altememi	Comparative Analysis Of Serum Testosterone, Myostatin And Hscrp Among Individuals Undergoing Different Exercise Schedule Adeniran Israel	
	Is serum ago2 a useful cancer biomarker? A pilot study across colorectal, pancreaticobiliary, and breast cancers Dr Anila Hashimi	Work Ready Or Lab Ready? Rethinking Employability Capabilities In Medical Laboratory Science Program Prajwal Gyawali	Impact Of Gene Polymorphisms Of Vitamin D Receptor (Vdr) On 25-Hydroxyvitamin-D Levels In Nepalese Adults. Dr Binod Kumar Yadav	
2.50pm – 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea Exhibition Hall			
Session Room	<u>Golden Ballroom</u>			



3.30pm – 5.00 pm	AIMS Skills Development Pathway - Panel Presentation
7.00pm – 11.00pm	NSM Gala Dinner Grand River Ballroom

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2026	
TIME	SESSION Golden Ballroom <i>Session Chair - Sarah Just</i>
7.30am – 8.30am	Registration
8.30am – 9.30am	Saal Foley Lecture But I was supposed to be a Plumber... <i>From the Bench to the Boardroom</i> Reflections on the lessons and opportunities that shaped an uncommon career in Medical Science. Mr Paul Schneider
9.30am – 10.30am	Implementation of Next Generation Sequencing for the diagnosis of rare childhood diseases Dr Richard Allcock
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning Tea Exhibition Hall
11.00am – 11.30am	From Precision Peptides to Diagnostic Translation: Development of the Helitope Anti-CagA Serology Assay Dr Samuel Lundin
11.30am – 12.00pm	WA Emerging Innovator of the Year (2025) Professor Rakesh Veedu, Progenis Pharmaceuticals
12.00pm – 12.30pm	Using Genetically Variant Peptides to inform identification Dr Joel Gummer, ChemCentre
12.30pm – 1.15pm	Panel Discussion - AI and Big Data in Pathology Prof Nicola Armstrong, Dr Alex Jenkins, Dr Jeremy Parry, Dr Sara Suk-Udom
1.15pm – 2.00pm	Closing Address – Denise Jackson Lunch

