

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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	9:15 – 10:40 ABSTRACT Presentations <u>Theme:</u> Patient Care and Experience; Other: Integrated Health	1. Mental Health; Young People's Health 2. Orthopaedics & Rehabilitation; Other: Emergency Medicine and Medical Imaging 3. Oncology, Cancer & Tumour Biology		
	10:40 – 11:00 Morning tea	10:25 – 10:45 Morning tea	10:30 – 11:00 Morning tea	
	11:00 – 12:35 ABSTRACT Presentations <u>Theme:</u> Artificial Intelligence; Chronic Disease; Oncology, Cancer & Tumour Biology	10:50 – 11:05 Concurrent Research Innovation Fund Presentations	11:00 – 11:30 Mini KEYNOTE: Indigenous Data Governance - Beyond Ethics Approval Yehuwdiy Dillon Senior Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Partnerships, Health and Community Services Directorate	
		11:05 – 12:30 ABSTRACT Presentations <u>Concurrent Themes:</u> 1. Health Equity; Environmental & Climate-Related Health; Aged Care, Dementia & Cognitive Health 2. Oncology, Cancer & Tumour Biology; Infectious Diseases and Immunology; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health 3. Aged Care, Dementia & Cognitive Health	11:30 – 12:15 KEYNOTE: The Power and Possibilities of Black Knowing Professor Chelsea Watego Executive Director of QUT's Carumba Institute, Queensland University of Technology	

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14:30 – 15:00 Registration & Networking	13:45 – 14:30 KEYNOTE: From Data to Doubt - AI, Uncertainty and Healthcare Decision-Making Professor Michelle Lazarus, Director, Centre for Human Anatomy Education, Monash University	13:30 – 14:30 KEYNOTE: We're all koalas now - Building, connecting, and caring with 'nature' to promote flourishing and planetary health Professor Thomas Astell-Burt Director, Centre for Flourishing Cities, The University of Sydney AND KEYNOTE: Exiting the consumptogenic system - key to planetary health equity Professor Sharon Friel, Director, Planetary Health Equity Hothouse, Australian National University	13:15 – 14:15 WORKSHOP: Translating Abstracts into Publications Facilitator: Dr Rosalyn Stanton	
15:00 – 15:20 Welcome to Country & Opening Ceremony Tyronne Bell, Ngunnawal Elder, Thunderstone Aboriginal Cultural Services AND Opening Ceremony Kareena Arthy Director-General, Health and Community Services Directorate			14:15 – 15:15 WORKSHOP: MRFF Grant Writing Facilitator: Professor Bernie Bissett	

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<p>15:20 – 16:05 2026 Senior Australian of the Year KEYNOTE: From Hopelessness to Hope - Turning the corner on dementia Professor Henry Brodaty AO Centre for Healthy Brain Ageing, UNSW Sydney</p>	<p>14:30 – 15:30 PANEL: AI in Healthcare - Evidence, opportunities and pitfalls</p> <p>15:30 – 16:00 Afternoon tea</p>	<p>14:30 – 15:30 PANEL: Planetary Health- Evidence, equity and system-level action?</p> <p>15:30 – 16:00 Afternoon tea</p>	<p>15:15 – 16:15 WORKSHOP: AI as Research Partner: Applications in Health and Medical Research Facilitators: Canberra Health Services Library</p>	
<p>16:05 – 16:15 Outstanding Vacation Scholar Project: Exploring Quality in Paediatrics in the Emergency Department (EQUIPED) Bronwyn Kneeshaw, Medical student, Australian National University</p>	<p>16:00 – 17:00 WORKSHOP: "Bring a Problem" - Turning clinical pain points into tech-enabled solutions Facilitators: Associate Professor Janie Busby Grant, Dr Macey Barrett & Professor Damith Herath</p>	<p>16:05 – 16:20 Research Innovation Fund Presentation</p>		
<p>16:15 – 17:00 Rising Star Awards</p>	<p>Workshop Venue (ONLY): Canberra Hospital, Building 5, Level 5, Conference Rooms 1 and 2</p>			
<p>17:00 – 18:30 Poster Viewing Event Canberra Hospital Building 5, Reception Foyer</p>	<p>17:00 – 18:30 Hot Clinical Topics</p>	<p>16:00 – 17:45 ABSTRACT Presentations Concurrent Themes: 1. Pregnancy, Newborn and Child Health; Women's Health; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health 2. Chronic Disease; Digital Health, Systems and Data; Other: Cardiology; Other: Dietary Assessment 3. Healthcare Workforce; Aged Care, Dementia & Cognitive Health; Palliative and End of Life Care</p>		<p>18:00 – 22:00 CHARM Awards Dinner Venue: The Marion, Act Parks Depot, Barrine Dr, Parkes ACT 2600</p>

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Day 1, Monday 15 June 2026

Location: Canberra Hospital Auditorium, Building 2, Canberra Hospital

Time	Monday 15 June Session Details
14:30-15:00	Registration and networking
15:00-15:20	<p>Chair: Dr Jade Redfern, A/g Executive Group Manager, Population Health, Health and Community Services Directorate</p> <p>Welcome to Country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tyronne Bell, Ngunnawal Elder, Thunderstone Aboriginal Cultural Services <p>Official opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Opening address by Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA, Minister for Health, ACT Government
15:20-16:05	<p>Chair: Associate Professor Jessica Russ-Smith, Australian Catholic University</p> <p>KEYNOTE: 'From Hopelessness to Hope' - Turning the corner on dementia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Professor Henry Brodaty AO, 2026 Senior Australian of the Year, Centre for Healthy Brain Ageing, UNSW Sydney
16:05-16:15	<p>Chair: Dr Jade Redfern, A/g Executive Group Manager, Population Health, Health and Community Services Directorate</p> <p>Outstanding Vacation Scholar Project: Exploring Quality in Paediatrics in the Emergency Department (EQUIPED)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Bronwyn Kneeshaw, Medical student, Australian National University
16:15-17:00	<p>Chairs: Dr Jade Redfern, Health and Community Services Directorate and Associate Professor Jessica Russ-Smith, Australian Catholic University</p> <p>CHARM Rising Star Awards recognises and showcases outstanding achievements of developing researchers in the ACT. Awards across several categories will be announced live at this session.</p>
17:00-18:30	<p>Location: Canberra Hospital Welcome Hall, Building 5</p> <p>Poster Viewing event will showcase health research activity across ACT with a jam-packed poster display.</p>

Day 2, Tuesday 16 June 2026

Location: Canberra Hospital Auditorium, Building 2, Canberra Hospital

Time	Tuesday 16 June Session Details
8:30-9:00	Registration and Networking
9:00 – 9:15	Chair: Dr Macey Barrett, University of Canberra RESEARCH INNOVATION FUND FELLOW PRESENTATION: Dying, death literacy and Voluntary Assisted Dying – Educating community responses to assisted dying in the ACT Dr Michael Chapman, Director of Palliative Care, Palliative Medicine specialist, Canberra Health Services and an Academic at the Australian National University
9:15–10:40	ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS Themes: Patient Care and Experience; Other: Integrated Health Chair: Dr Macey Barrett, University of Canberra
9:20-9:30	Annaliese Blair, “A gateway of possibilities”: A reminiscence program inspiring undergraduate healthcare students to work with people with dementia
9:30-9:40	Vincenzo Marzano, Mobilisation and vasoactive infusions: An observational study of practice across critical care
9:40-9:50	Drew Richardson, Results of the 2025 Access Block Point Prevalence Study
9:50-10:00	Angela Sonter, After the Wound Is Healed: Co-Designed Solutions for Post Discharge Support in Diabetes Related Foot Complications
10:00-10:10	Sarah Hall & Lauren Hendry, Identifying and Responding to Co-Occurring Substance Use Disorder and Mental Illness within MHJHADS: Project One
10:10-10:20	Vince Marzano, Physiotherapy in potential organ donors: retrospective observational clinical audit
10:20-10:30	Laura Chien & Sam Scanlan, What patients and caregivers want: Perspectives on communicating diagnostic uncertainty to support diagnostic excellence in emergency care

Time	Tuesday 16 June Session Details
10:30-10:40	Lisa McDaid , Maintenance of mobilisation following transition from ICU to general ward; a retrospective cohort study
10:40-11:00	Morning tea
11:00-12:35	ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS Themes: Artificial Intelligence; Chronic Disease; Oncology, Cancer & Tumour Biology Chair: Dr Anupam Rao , Advanced Trainee, Cardiology, Canberra Health Services
11:05-11:15	Mogeshni Govender , Vitamin B3 (nicotinamide) supplementation in primary and scleroderma-related Raynaud Phenomenon.
11:15-11:25	George McNamara , Understanding alcohol-related emergency department presentations in the ACT using machine-learning-based natural language processing
11:25-11:35	Timothy Murphy , What Drives AI Diagnosis in Diabetic Retinopathy? Insights from Heatmap Analysis.
11:35-11:45	Daniel Christiadi , KidneyVision - Medical Kidney Biopsy Pathomics Analysis Platform
11:45-11:55	Helen Truong , Evaluating Clinical Use of Artificial Intelligence for Identifying and Outlining Brain Lesions on MRI for Stereotactic Radiosurgery
11:55-12:05	Oliver Higgins , The Digital Therapeutic Nexus: Attachment, Alliance, and Harm in Human–AI Mental Health Interactions
12:05-12:15	Mst Mousumi Rizia , Advancing Ophthalmic Diagnostics: Interpretable Multimodal Deep Learning for Early Age-Related Macular Degeneration
12:15-12:25	Khan MD Hasib , A Heterogeneous Knowledge Graph Approach for Multimorbidity prediction using synthetic Australian Health Data
12:25-12:35	David Anak Simon Davis , Integrating blood based biomarkers with AI enhances prostate cancer detection and monitoring in a preclinical model
12:35-13:45	Lunch: Post Graduate Opportunities & Optional Lunchtime Poster Viewing Location: Canberra Hospital Welcome Hall, Building 5 Foyer

Time	Tuesday 16 June Session Details
13:45-14:30	<p>Chair: Professor Martin Veysey, Gastroenterology and Hepatology Specialist, Canberra Health Services</p> <p>KEYNOTE: ‘From Data to Doubt’ - <i>AI, Uncertainty and Healthcare Decision-making</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Professor Michelle Lazarus, Director, Centre for Human Anatomy Education, Monash University
14:30-15:30	<p>PANEL: ‘AI in Healthcare’ - <i>Evidence, opportunities and pitfalls</i></p> <p>Chair: Associate Professor Jessica Russ-Smith, Australian Catholic University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dr Andrew Goodman, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation – Marcus Nicol, Australian Research Data Commons – Prof Michelle Lazarus, Monash University – Dr Ananthan Ambikairajah, University of Canberra – Professor Khin Than Win, University of Wollongong
15:30-16:00	Afternoon tea
15:30-16:45	<p>WORKSHOP: “Bring a Problem” - Turning clinical pain points into tech-enabled solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Facilitators: Associate Professor Janie Busby Grant, Dr Macey Barrett & Professor Damith Herath; University of Canberra <p>Location: Canberra Hospital, Building 5, Level 5, Conference Rooms 1 and 2</p>
17:00-18:30	<p>Chair: Professor Martin Veysey, Gastroenterology and Hepatology Specialist, Canberra Health Services</p> <p>‘HOT CLINICAL TOPICS’</p> <p>Presentations by representatives from the following disciplines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Associate Professor Simon Jiang – Personalised Medicine 2. Professor Mark Polizzotto – Haematology and Tumour Immunology 3. Professor Katrina Randall – Immunology 4. Dr Ming Lee – Sexual Health and HIV 5. Professor Kasia Bail – Gerontology

Day 3, Wednesday 17 June 2026

Location: Ann Harding Conference Centre, University of Canberra

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8:30-9:00	Registration and Networking

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9:00-10:25 <i>Concurrent sessions</i>	ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS Theme: Mental Health; Young People's Health Chair: John Ord, Senior Director, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Health and Community Services Directorate	ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS Theme: Orthopaedics & Rehabilitation; Other: Emergency Medicine and Medical Imaging Chair: Joe Lynch, Clinical Research Lead, Canberra Health Services	ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS Theme: Oncology, Cancer & Tumour Biology Chair: Gemma Hart, PhD Student, Australian National University
9:05-9:15	Wegayehu Sheferaw , Determinants of depressive symptoms among Australian men: A longitudinal analysis using the Ten to Men cohort study	Dips Thaker , Does Form Dictate Function? Evaluating the Prognostic Value of Patellofemoral Morphology in Post-Operative Total Knee Replacement Recovery	Loretta Huckstepp , Improving Outcomes for Bone Marrow Transplant Patients: Exploring the Impact of Platelets on Stem Cells
9:15-9:25	Beijing Cheng and Michael Tong , The Effect of Heatwaves on Mental Health–Related Emergency Department Visits in the Australian Capital Territory, Australia	KamChun Ho , Co-design of the Vision Assessment, Referral, Investigation and Support (VA-RIS) pathway for inpatients with fracture due to falls in an Australian rehabilitation hospital	Xiyu Chen , Anal Squamous Cell Carcinoma in the ACT: Real-World Treatment and Survival Outcomes

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9:25-9:35	Dinethri Ramasundara , Health behaviours associated with self-rated health in early adolescence	Jacinta Essam , What Lies Beneath Neck Pain? A 3D MR Study of Suboccipital Muscles	Rebecca Cesnik , Integrating physical activity into chemotherapy care
9:35-9:45	Julia Sterman , Current approaches in neurodiversity affirming care for autistic children in health and social care: A scoping review.	Sarah Ellis , The use of sonication in prosthetic joint infection diagnosis in the ACT	Kundan Vemuganti , Biochemical control following post prostatectomy salvage radiotherapy (sRT) in PSMA PET negative prostate cancer patients
9:45-9:55	Thomas McGuckian , Thriving Without Driving: An Intervention to Support Older Adults During Driving Retirement	Kevin Weeks , Evaluation of Wrist/Hand CTs in Emergency: A 12-month Review & Cost Analysis	Chelisa Cardinez , Targeting phagocytosis pathways to augment anti-tumour immunity in small cell lung cancer
9:55-10:05	Joanna Wall Tweedie , Running for Resilience: A Community-Led Physical Activity Initiative Promoting Mental Health in the ACT	Sara Alzaanin , Natural Compounds Isolated from Amazon Rainforest Plants as Potential Therapeutics for Arthrofibrosis Following Total Knee Replacement	Julian Beraldo , Staying on Target: What Pelvic Bone Variation Means for Prostate Treatment
10:05-10:15	Louise Stone , Young people, mental health and trustworthy care	Kye Grant , Between-device agreement of point-of-care devices used to measure respiratory muscle strength in clinical settings: a laboratory validity study	Zahraa Hameed , Pattern of care and clinical outcomes of elderly pancreatic cancer patients in the PURPLE Translational Registry

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10:15-10:25	Vincent Learnihan , Socially fragmented neighbourhoods and psychological distress - Findings from the HABITAT cohort of middle-aged Australians		

10:25-10:45	Morning tea		
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10:50-11:05 <i>Concurrent sessions</i>	<p>Chair: Amy McGuire, Director, Disability Health Policy, Health and Community Services Directorate</p> <p>RESEARCH INNOVATON FUND PROJECT PRESENTATION: Young People’s Journeys Around Mental Health and Mental Services Study (JAMMed): Longitudinal Qualitative Study</p> <p>Professor Louise Stone, General Practitioner</p>	<p>Chair: Dr Chelisa Cardinez, Postdoctoral Fellow, Australian National University</p> <p>RESEARCH INNOVATON FUND FELLOW PRESENTATION: Immunophenotyping patients with inflammatory bowel disease</p> <p>Professor Katrina Randall, Senior Staff Specialist in Immunology and Director of Clinical Immunology at Canberra Hospital, Immunopathologist at ACT Pathology and an academic at Australian National University</p>	<p>Chair: Clare Stephenson, Registered Nurse and PhD Candidate, University of Canberra</p> <p>RESEARCH INNOVATON FUND FELLOW PRESENTATION: Delivering timely post-diagnostic dementia care in the ACT region: Identifying current gaps and enhancing service delivery</p> <p>Associate Professor Nathan D’Cunha, University of Canberra</p>

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11:10-11:20	Jessica Russ-Smith, Tracey Harkness and Amelia Wheeler , From relationship to impact: Academic and government research partnerships to reduce and eliminate restrictive practices in the Australian Capital Territory	Shreya Mahajan , cGAS engages nutrient-sensing enzymes to promote tumorigenesis	Faran Sabeti , Vision services integrated into a novel embedded, multidisciplinary allied health model of care for older people in residential aged care
11:20-11:30	Dorsa Allahyar , What Influences Meaningful Mealtime Choice in Residential Aged Care?	Justin Xia , Platelet activation impairs stem cell health in autologous harvest products	Justin Somers and Sony Palikhe , Assessing medication chart errors during transitions from acute care to residential aged care, pre- and post-intervention
11:30-11:40	Thy Vuong , Barriers, Perceptions, and Pathways Forward: A Scoping Review of CALD Perception toward Participation in Australian Clinical Trials	Tom Lea-Henry , The development of Monk inhibitors as a novel therapy for autoimmune kidney disease	Ayesha Alhassan and Glenn Draper , Healthy Ageing in the ACT

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11:40-11:50	Chala Daba Yadate and Michael Tong , Mapping mortality risk attributable to wildfire smoke exposure across global, regional, and country levels: A systematic review and meta-analysis	Kyle Cavanagh , Exploring the Determinants of Mortality in Warm Autoimmune Haemolytic Anaemia	Alice Pashley , An embedded allied health model of care in residential aged care improves quality of life and reduces depression
11:50-12:00	Julia Sterman , Advancing practice for autistic children: Culturally and neurodiversity affirming allied health care	Mary-Ellen Hooper , Improving vaccination equity: factors influencing uptake in culturally diverse communities in Australia	Rebecca Brown , Time-to-care Disparities Between Adult and Geriatric Major Trauma Patients: an 11-year retrospective analysis
12:00-12:10	Jane Desborough , The impact of the out-of-pocket costs of health care and medicines for people living with chronic conditions in Australia viewed through the lens of Maslow’s theory of human motivation.	Tom Lea-Henry , Highly prevalent TNFAIP3 variants contribute to kidney disease among Indigenous Australians	Kate Gorell , Barriers to safe transitions of care between hospital and Residential aged care.
12:10-12:20	Mik Bartels , “I’d rather you just see me for what I am, than assume what I am not”: Understanding harm-based microaggressions in LGBTQ+ healthcare encounters		Georgina Chelberg , Process evaluation of the SPICE program - a multicomponent rehabilitation service for people with dementia and their care partners in the ACT

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14:30-15:30	<p>PANEL: Planetary Health - Evidence, equity and system-level action?</p> <p>Chair: Mark Tournier, A/g Executive Branch Manager, Population Health, ACT Health and Community Services Directorate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Thomas Astell Burt, Director, Centre for Flourishing Cities, The University of Sydney - Professor Sharon Friel, Director, Planetary Health Equity Hothouse, Australian National University - Professor Sotiris Vardoulakis, Director of the NHMRC Healthy Environments and Lives (HEAL) National Research Network and Professor of Environmental Public Health, University of Canberra Health Research Institute - Professor Susan Green, Australian Catholic University, Wiradjuri woman and social worker whose research includes the health of Country
15:30-16:00	Afternoon tea
Time	<p>Wednesday 17 June Session Details</p> <p>Location: Seminar Room 1, Ann Harding Conference Centre</p>
16:05 – 16:20	<p>Chair: Zeeshan Naseer, Southern NSW Local Health District</p> <p>RESEARCH INNOVATON FUND PROJECT PRESENTATION: Cardiac Rehabilitation for transient ischemic Attack and Mild Stroke (CRAMS): An Effectiveness–Implementation Trial</p> <p>Lucy Walton, PhD Candidate, University of Canberra</p>

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16:00-17:45 <i>Concurrent sessions</i>	ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS Theme: Pregnancy, Newborn and Child Health; Women's Health; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Chair: Chanel Connor, Assistant Director of Midwifery, OCNMO	ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS Theme: Chronic Disease; Digital Health, Systems and Data; Other: Cardiology; Other: Dietary Assessment Chair: Zeeshan Naseer, Southern NSW Local Health District	ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS Theme: Healthcare Workforce; Aged Care, Dementia & Cognitive Health; Palliative and End of Life Care Chair: Dr Dijana Townsend, Director, Research Office, Health and Community Services Directorate
16:05-16:15	Aunty Maria Williams, Sue Green, Jade Ryall and Jessica Russ-Smith , Waluwin Ngurambang, Waluwin Bagirngun, Waluwin Mayiny: Wiradyuri Women Restoring Country, Restoring Health		Jenny Weller-Newton , Scaffolding student learning to make complexity in gerontological nursing visible
16:15-16:25	Harshini Meegaswatte , The Association Between the American Heart Association Life's Essential 8 and Depression Trajectories Among Postmenopausal Women: Findings from National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2011–2020		Darcy Row , From Learners to Leaders: SRMOs Bridging the Transition with Simulation-Based Ward Call Training
16:25-16:35	Joseph Anumba and Andini Pramono , Assessing infant feeding practices: An interactive map of infant formula use among newborns	Michaela McGrath , Falling behind: Tackling long COVID balance deficits at home	Rachel Hill , Outcomes of a novel pharmacist intervention in residential aged care: a mixed-methods study

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	in hospitals in New South Wales, Australia		
16:35-16:45	Annie Moffitt , What are the experiences of women living with an eating disorder during pregnancy? A qualitative systematic review	Tom Harrysson , Why Not Adopt 90-Watt QMODE+ Ablation for All Point-by-Point AF Ablations? Experience from Canberra Hospital	Jenny Weller-Newton , Within the classroom and beyond, enhancing the capabilities of educators
16:45-16:55	Emily Bek , The CARE-Peanut Study: Knowledge, attitude and practice among new parents regarding prevention of peanut allergy	Emma Prior , Setting the Standard: A Group Based Goal-Setting Model for Bariatric Care	Sylvia Nilsson , Integrating Evidence-Informed Palliative Care Content into Pre-Registration Nursing Curricula: Barriers, Facilitators and Strategies for Success
16:55-17:05	Chelsey Helliwell and Susan Hartono , Respiratory Syncytial Virus in infancy: A disease of the un-immunised?	Luke Pole , Younger Cardiac Arrest Patients had More Shockable Rhythms and Shorter Downtime – Experience From the Canberra Hospital	Kelly Marriott-Statham , “Changing mindsets”: Developing Clinical Facilitators for high quality nursing placements with older people
17:05-17:15	Taylor Wallace , Evaluating an Interdisciplinary Treatment Pathway for Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain: Insights from the CaPPPE Project	Marwa Metwalli , Translating Coffee-Bamboo Textile Evidence for Dermatological Skin Protection	
17:15-17:25	Suya Xie , The Healthy Immigrant Effect in women accessing a co-designed physical activity program in the ACT: a cross-sectional study	Kristen Murray , A Pilot Study Scoping Training Needs for Health Professionals to Support Body Image in Chronic Illness	

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17:25-17:35		Tom Harrysson , Why not discharge all AF ablation patients on the same day? Experience from The Canberra Hospital	
17:35-17:45		Linda Smillie , Nutrient and discretionary food intake in vegan adult Australians: a cross-sectional study	

Day 4, Thursday 18 June 2026

Location: Ann Harding Conference Centre, University of Canberra

Time	Thursday 18 June Session Details
8:30-9:00	Registration and Networking

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9:00-10:30 <i>Concurrent sessions</i>	<p>Chair: Dr Rosalyn Stanton, Director Research Mentorship, Supervision and Education Programs, Canberra Health Services</p> <p>3 Minute Pitch Presentations:</p> <p>Taylor Wallace, Strengthening Preventive Maternity Care: Integrating Physiotherapy into Antenatal Pathways to Reduce Pelvic Floor Injury</p> <p>Kayla Herbert, Difficulties Regulating Positive Emotions Associated with Alcohol and Other Drug Use</p> <p>Mingming Zhou, Consumer engagement in chronic conditions research: An integrated framework informed by recognition theory</p> <p>Rosina Johnson, Relocating contaminated communities to mitigate health risks</p> <p>Anton Fichtenmaier, Atypical presentation of social anxiety and why this is relevant to problematic alcohol use</p> <p>Richard Singer, CHS Obesity Program Outcomes</p> <p>James Li, Consumer and caregivers' perspectives and expectations of admission to</p>	<p>Chair: Professor Bernie Bissett, Deputy Dean of Faculty of Health, University of Canberra</p> <p>3 Minute Pitch Presentations:</p> <p>Karen O'Brien, Stepping Up Pilot Program - Evaluating impact on clinical outcomes and career progression among early to mid-career nurses and midwives</p> <p>Ry Cambourne, A retrospective single-centre scoping study of clonal haematopoiesis</p> <p>Minimol Kulakkottu Scaria, Enhancing Parkinsons disease care; A systematic review of Nurse-led interventions in Australia</p> <p>Emily Thinius, A mixed methods systematic review of parental acceptance of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) immunisation for their infants</p> <p>Julie Harisson, Attached to Machines.... But falling through the Cracks</p> <p>Kye Grant, Improving Access to Respiratory Rehabilitation for ICU survivors: Working SMARTer all the way home</p>

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	<p>a new Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit in Canberra</p> <p>Chelsea Liu, Implementation of health information technology: Case studies from Canberra Health Services</p> <p>Wegayehu Sheferaw, Trajectories of generalised anxiety disorder symptoms among Australian men: Insights from the Ten to Men study</p> <p>Soumya Mazumdar, Lessons for the ACT Light Rail: A Quantitative Health Impact Assessment of Peri-Urban Rail Infrastructure</p> <p>Swati Bachani Singh, Holding on While Adapting: A Scoping Review of Food, Identity, and Dietary Acculturation in Indian Migrant Populations</p> <p>Sharon Ponnampalam, Health System Barriers Influencing Breast Cancer Screening Utilisation among South-Asian Migrant Women in High-Income Countries</p> <p>Amish Talwar, Description of events reported to the Australian National Focal Point, 2014–2023</p> <p>Luise Hollmann, The GenAI Paradox in Clinical Placements: an observational mixed methods study of academics and supervisors of health students</p> <p>James Wayte, Does the Tempus system improve chest pain evaluation treatment times?</p>	<p>Rachel Li, It's time to go to Quantum in Health System</p> <p>Megan Thorn, Wellbeing in healthcare: The WorkWell Project</p> <p>Hannah Sudarsan, Clinical outcomes of patients with schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders attending the Canberra Department of Bariatric Medicine</p> <p>Erin Mengler, Managing menstruation in an ambulance health service: Early findings of workforce considerations</p> <p>Sophie Martin, Physiotherapy Interventions in Intensive Care: A Systematic Review of Audits of Usual Practice</p> <p>Olivia Scheide, Patellofemoral Kinematics of Native Vs. Kinematically Aligned Total Knee Replacement</p> <p>Sameer Shariff, Audit of Lower Limb Injury Management in the Emergency Department</p> <p>Syeda Hira Fatima, Community resilience centres for improving climate adaptation to bushfire smoke and heatwaves in changing urban environments</p> <p>Bridie Swingler, Head CT Non Trauma Patients Over 65 years in the Emergency Department</p> <p>Tergel Namsrai, The relationship between income and strategies to manage out-of-pocket costs and their impacts among Australians living with chronic conditions</p>

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	<p>Jason Liang, Peripheral Administration of Vasoactive Medications in the Emergency Department</p> <p>Matthew Whitehouse, Rapid Rehydration for Children in the Emergency Department</p> <p>Wubshet Negash, Person centered maternity care in humanitarian and fragile settings</p> <p>Louise Brightman, A trial to upgrade the bariatric referral triage category for patients on clozapine</p>	<p>Phillip Whiley, Medical Student Experiences of Surgical Rotations and the Link with Surgery as a Vocation</p> <p>Mary-Ellen Hooper, “Let’s have a yarn”: Understanding maternal pertussis vaccination through First Nations yarning circles</p> <p>Lance Gray, The impact of ramping on the paramedic student workplace integrated learning experience</p>

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10:30-11:00	Morning tea

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11:00-11:30	<p>Chair: Mark Tournier, A/g Executive Branch Manager, Population Health, ACT Health and Community Services Directorate</p> <p>Mini KEYNOTE: Indigenous Data Sovereignty - Beyond Ethics Approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Yehuwdiy Dillon, Senior Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Partnerships, Health and Community Services Directorate
11:30-12:15	<p>Chair: Associate Professor Jessica Russ-Smith, Australian Catholic University</p> <p>KEYNOTE: The Power and Possibilities of Black Knowing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Professor Chelsea Watego, Executive Director of QUT’s Carumba Institute, Queensland University of Technology
12:15-13:15	Lunch
13:15-14:15	<p>WORKSHOP: Translating Abstracts into Publications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Facilitator: Dr Rosalyn Stanton, Director Research Mentorship, Supervision and Education Programs, Canberra Health Services

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14:15-15:15	WORKSHOP: MRFF Grant Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitator: Professor Bernie Bissett, Deputy Dean of Faculty of Health, University of Canberra
15:15-16:15	WORKSHOP: AI as Research Partner: <i>Applications in Health and Medical Research</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitators: Canberra Health Services Library

Day 5, Friday 19 June 2026

Location: The Marion, Act Parks Depot, Barrine Dr, Parkes ACT 2600

Time	Friday 19 June Session Details
18:00-22:00	<p>CHARM Awards Dinner</p> <p>This event celebrates the achievements of our ACT health researchers, announcing the winners of the best oral, poster and 3-minute pitch presentations.</p>

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