Have you been using Twitter as a Learning Tool?

Literature has explored the use of social media by healthcare professionals in developing virtual communities that facilitate professional networking, knowledge sharing, and evidence informed practice. The overwhelming evidence suggests that virtual communities created on social media platforms are viewed as valuable knowledge portals where knowledge is exchanged. There is, however, a paucity of knowledge in terms of allied health using Twitter within the Australian context.

The Allied to Kids (A2K) Allied Health Educators have been exploring the use of Twitter in association with the Allied Health Telehealth Virtual Education Program (AHTVE). We are looking to explore if allied health professionals are using Twitter for professional purposes. Please complete the survey and let us know if you have been or are interested in using Twitter [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TwitterPost](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TwitterPost).

This research is part of an initiative introduced by A2K Allied Health Educators regarding the value of Twitter as a tool to facilitate active participation in the AHTVE sessions. Information regarding this initiative can be found on the A2K website, at [http://www.nchn.org.au/a2k/telehealth.html](http://www.nchn.org.au/a2k/telehealth.html). Currently A2K provides fortnightly education sessions. The calendar for upcoming sessions can be found at [http://www.nchn.org.au/a2k/docs/2019AlliedHealthTelehealthVirtualEducationCalendar.pdf](http://www.nchn.org.au/a2k/docs/2019AlliedHealthTelehealthVirtualEducationCalendar.pdf).

The topics for the current month are on page 10.

Register as a Twitter user and follow us AlliedtoKids@AlliedtoKids. Then join in the Twitter discussion for each AHTVE session. Look out for further details, including AHTVE session hashtags, in the A2K newsletter, via email, and of course on Twitter.

Further details regarding the Twitter research study are available on the A2K website or by asking your Allied Health Educator (contact details on page 10).

References:


To Tweet or not to Tweet

This section will be a regular inclusion of the Allied to Kids newsletter and will spotlight relevant Twitter accounts for allied health professionals.

**Kids Research**@kids_research  - Kids Research (KR) is committed to better understanding the diseases of childhood and to discover innovative treatments to help children and young people live their healthiest lives. They are the research division of Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, located in Westmead in Sydney's West and Randwick in Sydney's East. KR includes research undertaken by students, affiliated academic staff and research staff at both of Sydney’s paediatric hospitals, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead and Sydney Children’s Hospital, Randwick.

**Children's Health Queensland**@childhealthqld  - Children’s Health Queensland (CHQ) is a specialist state wide hospital and health service dedicated to caring for children and young people from across Queensland and northern NSW. A recognised leader in paediatric healthcare, education and research, CHQ delivers a full range of clinical services, tertiary level care and health promotion programs.

Please do not forget to follow **AlliedtoKids**@AlliedtoKids  - A2K aims to provide education, support and clinical resources to allied health professionals working with children across NSW.

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**Project ECHO®**

Project ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is a global movement that aims to empower professionals to provide the right care, in the right place, at the right time. Project ECHO®:

- Aims to support teams caring for children with complex and chronic conditions using a virtual, case based learning platform
- Connects primary care teams, education and human service professionals with experts, using free, online and interactive case-based learning sessions
- Encourages ‘all teach, all learn’ for participants to share knowledge, discuss cases, and develop new skills.

Clinicians can connect for free, from their home or office, using any device with an internet connection and a webcam.

Children’s Health Queensland currently has the following Project ECHO® programs available:

- **ADHD Project ECHO®** weekly program will start on Wednesday 1st May to 3rd July (for 10 weeks) from 8:00 - 9:00 am (Brisbane time).
- **Supporting Refugee Kids Project ECHO®** weekly program will start on Monday 29th April to 17th June (7 weeks) from 3:15 - 4:30 pm (Brisbane time).

Expressions of interest for future programs are also welcome:

- Childhood Overweight and Obesity
- Kids Behavioural and Mental Health
- Paediatric Persistent Pain
- Clubfoot and other Foot Anomalies
- Type 1 Diabetes

Please see the website for more information and to enrol in a program:

Australia’s first health & learning facility for country kids opens

Article provided by Royal Far West

Royal Far West is a charity organisation that has been providing health services to children living in rural and remote Australia for 95 years. Royal Far West (RFW) works in partnership with regional and rural families and their local health and education providers to complement existing services within their communities.

Manly-based country children’s charity RFW launched its state-of-the-art Centre for Country Kids facility in December 2018. Ushering in a new era for the 95-year-old charity, the Centre for Country Kids is Australia’s only integrated health, education and disability service. It is dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of country children, supporting thousands of children with developmental challenges and their families. The children access support for a wide range of issues including speech and language difficulties, ADHD, autism, behavioural difficulties, disabilities, and mental health.

The new Centre will help RFW increase the number of children and families supported each year and increase the impact on rural and remote communities currently doing it tough in the face of severe drought conditions. Specifically, it will support the expansion of the award-winning Telecare for Kids program, which allows children in rural and remote communities to access regular psychology, speech therapy and occupational therapy to address issues with mental health, behaviour, speech, language and communication, and motor skills. The RFW clinical team engages with parents and teachers, alongside local health and early intervention services, to support optimal outcomes for children and build capacity around them.

The new Centre will also dramatically improve the experience for clients with complex needs who attend the charity’s Paediatric Developmental Program in Manly. This will assist with strengthening RFW goal of ensuring every country child can access the same level of health and wellbeing services as city children.

The 150 staff at the Centre include speech pathologists, occupational therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists, paediatricians, nurses, dentists, business and corporate services teams. In addition, the teachers and support staff from the RFW Department of Education School are now all incorporated into the one, purpose-built facility.

There are 25 clinic rooms, 20 Telecare Pods, breakout rooms to help regulate children between school and appointments, and recreational play spaces.

The Centre has been funded by RFW in conjunction with the NSW Government and Commonwealth Government. Following more than a decade of planning and construction, the Centre for Country Kids will help to ensure health services for country kids are more equitable and effective.

At the grand opening, Premier Gladys Berejiklian expressed her support, saying, “For nearly a century, Royal Far West has been supporting the families of rural and remote Australia. Now their reach will extend even further with this state-of-the-art facility.”

Deputy Prime Minister and Nationals Leader Michael McCormack said the new Centre will enable rural and regional children to get the access to the health and educational support services they deserve.

“For generations, Royal Far West at Manly has held a special place in the hearts of country families when it comes to making sure distance is no barrier to accessing integrated health, education and mental support,” Mr McCormack said.
Australia’s first health & learning facility for country kids opens continued

The expansion of this wonderful facility means RFW can support even more country children and their families and provide the support, respite and care they need.

RFW CEO, Lindsay Cane said “This cutting-edge facility will bring us closer to meeting the ever-growing needs of country kids and communities across the nation. We’re incredibly grateful for the funding from the NSW and Federal Governments, as well as from our corporate supporters and the public. Without their support, we wouldn’t be opening the doors on this beautiful new facility which promises to enhance and expand the depth of our help to vulnerable children in Australia who have long been falling between the cracks.”

Information on Royal Far West’s programs is available at www.royalfarwest.org.au.

Childhood Obesity Update Day

By Alicia Grunseit, Weight Management Dietitian, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead

A Childhood Obesity Update Day was held in South West Rocks on the 19th March 2019. The workshop was run by Kerryn Chisholm and Alicia Grunseit, Weight Management dietitians for the Children’s Hospital at Westmead (Sydney Children’s Hospital Network). It was attended by dietitians, early childhood health workers, oral health workers, aboriginal health workers, health promotion, health management and students.

This workshop was held in response to a Mid North Coast Local Health District request to update knowledge and skills following on from the implementation of the mandatory recording for heights and weights in children across all NSW health sites. The dietitians from the area applied for and were successful in obtaining a HETI grant to cover the costs of the workshop.

The weight management team at the Children’s Hospital at Westmead are amongst the leaders in the treatment of childhood obesity. Approximately 50 participants attended the one-day workshop at South West Rocks. The morning sessions focused on accurate measurements and interpretation of growth charts as well as case studies on service development and implementation. The workshop also focused on challenges associated with raising the issue of childhood obesity using sensitive language and working with families to effect positive family wide change. Lunch allowed time for networking and fuel for the afternoon sessions, which covered dietetic specific treatment and case studies. The case studies challenged participants thinking on how to manage children and adolescents with weight well above the healthy range.

Feedback showed the workshop was very well received overall and showed learning in areas of assessment, communication and treatment in younger children. Gaps in knowledge were identified as severe and adolescent obesity.

If you are interested in running a workshop on childhood obesity in your area please email Kerryn Chisholm and Alicia Grunseit on SCHN-CHW-MDietitian@health.nsw.gov.au.

Public Health Research & Practice – Childhood Overweight & Obesity

Public Health Research and Practice is an open-access, quarterly, online journal with a strong focus on the connection between research, policy and practice. The March 2019 issue of Public Health Research and Practice focuses on childhood obesity.

Indigenous young people share message of LOVE and HOPE in a song to prevent youth suicide


Racism and the fear of difference has crippled Australian communities over generations yet this difference is what makes us our very best as a nation. When we have the courage to understand and connect with each other, we find deep belonging in a national identity that is inclusive of all Australians, and one that values our Indigenous young people.

In the lead up to the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21), a collective of young Indigenous people released a song about connection and belonging. Entitled LOVE and HOPE the song asks the wider community to listen with their hearts to the lived experiences of Indigenous young people, their friends, families and communities and to consider the role they play in addressing the impacts of racism and the alarming rates of Indigenous youth suicide.

The LOVE and HOPE song and music video was produced by Culture is Life and the Centre of Best Practice in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention, Poche Centre for Indigenous Health, University of Western Australia and the National and World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conferences in Perth Western Australia in November 2018. The song features Indigenous young people from Australia and Canada and was co-written by youth stream delegates with songwriting mentors from the Homelands Tour and the Youth Music Mentoring Project.

Belinda Duarte, Wotjobaluk/Dja Dja Wurrung woman and CEO at Culture is Life says this song encourages us to listen to communities that are faced with extreme loss and grief and the impact of trauma:

"The song reminds us all of how deeply our families love and care for one another and how important it is for us to maintain hope through the challenges we face from the loss within our communities. And it’s a call to the broader Australian community to think about the role we all play in providing loving and hope-filled environments."

Professor Tom Calma AO, Kungarakan Elder, a member of the Iwaidja tribal group in the Northern Territory and Conference Patron AO said:

"In human rights terms, a person and a community needs to have hope and we have to love each other, we have to love ourselves and I think this is part of the concern about why people take their own lives. They feel alienated, not loved, they feel disempowered and they don’t have hope for the future. This impacts on their social and emotional wellbeing and on their mental health."

Professor Pat Dudgeon, Bardi woman and Project Director at the Centre for Best Practice in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention said:

“Our suicide rates are at least twice that of other Australians and we know from our own lived experiences, that there's not many families that haven't been touched. The reason this is happening is because this is the end result of the story of colonisation, where we were put into missions and reserves, where there was genocide, where we were taken from our families. You can't wipe out a history like that, it is transmitted intergenerationally. We are still one of the most disadvantaged groups. There is still racism. So, you know, put all that together, and it's no wonder that we've got the problems that we have."

Professor Tom Calma said:

“The song fills you with pride. There’s a very clear message for all of us and for all the young peoples’ contemporaries. Love yourself and if you see someone who is down, help them up."

To view the music video and learn more about Culture is Life’s #loveandhope campaign go to the website, https://www.cultureislife.org/campaign/love-hope/.

For help or support please call one of the following national helplines: Lifeline 13 11 14, beyondblue 1300 22 4636, Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467, Q Life 1800 184 527 or contact a Critical Response Support Advocate on 1800 805 801.

Help is also available at https://www.gogentleaustralia.org.au/suicide_help.
Telehealth Initiative at The Sutherland Hospital

By Susan Murray, Senior Physiotherapist in Paediatrics, The Sutherland Hospital

This initiative was started in late 2017 for the paediatric physiotherapy service at The Sutherland Hospital, in Sydney. This service covers paediatric patients in the Sutherland Shire of Sydney.

In winter 2017, we had many cancellations and failures to attend due to patient/carer illnesses and physiotherapy staff illness during that flu season. It was decided to implement Telehealth video treatments to improve access to health advice and information for families.

Videoconferencing and telehealth is now commonplace and used in an effective health system. At The Sutherland Hospital, telehealth consultations were already in place for wound management in aged care. This has been a very cost effective measure which has resulted in elderly patients not having to come into hospital for wound checks. Rather wound checks could be done remotely from the nursing home, with a doctor checking the wound online, and giving advice to the nursing home staff.

The objective of the initiative was to use Telehealth as an adjunct to face to face treatments. This would save travel time and costs, increase productivity, and also implement earlier intervention in some cases.

Telehealth is about improving the health care of the population, and keeping the per capita cost of health care down. It can be used to improve both patient and clinician experience.

The only requirements are a good webcam, speakers, and a quiet room to conduct the Telehealth treatment.

The following pros and cons for the use of Telehealth were identified.

Criteria for the use of Telehealth:

- If the child/carer/sibling is sick, a treatment could potentially still be an option, rather than wasting that appointment at the hospital
- Good for families that are having transport difficulties
- Quick follow up appointments i.e. follow up after a child starts walking, or a quick last check for range of movement for plagiocephaly/torticollis patients
- Babies/toddlers that are very upset and are unwilling to be handled. These children can benefit from an online appointment from their own home, where they are happy and comfortable, and will perform better
- Good also for a follow up in the family home, so parents can demonstrate furniture or equipment that they want advice with. It is very helpful to see the home environment of the child.

Criteria against the use of Telehealth:

- Not for initial consultations or initial assessments
- Not for definite hands on treatments that involve, for example, stretches for feet, plagiocephaly
- Not for complex cases
- Not for reluctant or unwilling families who prefer hands on physiotherapy
- Not suitable for families who do not have good internet connection or smart phone/iPad access. At times, the family may need the use of a tripod, as it is difficult to film plus hold baby and demonstrate.

Parents are given the link to Pexip, and instructions and trouble shooting guides are included.

Overall, Telehealth has been a valuable adjunct to the treatment of paediatric patients in The Sutherland Hospital. It has given parents more scope and variety to attend treatments for their children.
The Association for the Wellbeing of Children in Healthcare (AWCH) is a national not-for-profit organisation that has been advocating for the needs of children, young people and their families within the healthcare system in Australia since 1973.

AWCH works in partnership with children, young people, and their families, health professionals, the NSW Ministry of Health and the broader community. The purpose is to ensure that the psychosocial needs of children, young people and their families are recognised and met.

AWCH provide resources for health professionals about engaging with children and young people, models of care, position statements and policies relating to care of children and information on supporting parents, children and young people using the healthcare system. This includes the Ward Grandparent Program Scheme.

The AWCH Ward Grandparent Program was established in 1987. It has become a highly regarded service in all major NSW children’s hospitals, and a number of metropolitan and rural hospitals across NSW.

The Program supports children whose families may be unable to stay or visit their child as much as they would like or who may need extra support during their child’s stay. When you cannot be with your child in hospital because of distance, family, work, or for a variety of reasons, a Ward Grandparent can help support your child during their stay.

A Ward Grandparent:
- May be assigned to an individual child for the duration of the child’s stay in hospital. If this is not possible they may be assigned to a ward or clinic
- Visits the child during their stay on a regular basis
- Performs activities such as comforting, feeding, playing, talking, singing, going for walks with the child
- Does not perform any medical tasks.

If your hospital is interested in the Ward Grandparent Program, or for further information, go to the AWCH website, https://awch.org.au/.

Asthma and Your Child – A Resource Pack for Parents & Carers

As a result of the Therapeutic Goods Administration’s (TGA) recommendations in relation to consumer awareness of Montelukast side effects, the following important change to the medication section (page 13) in the ‘Asthma and Your Child – A Resource Pack for Parents and Carers’ was made in 2018.

Possible side effects - non-steroid based:
- Montelukast® (Singulair®, Lukair®) - Although this medication is highly effective and well tolerated by many children there have been rare cases of behaviour and mood-related changes in children taking Montelukast. If you notice your child experiencing any of the following on taking this medication (agitation, aggression, irritability, anxiety, tremors, hallucinations, sleep disturbance and depression), notify your child’s doctor. If the symptoms are severe (such as suicidal thinking or behaviour changes), seek urgent medical attention immediately. If you have any questions or concerns, talk to your health professional. Reference http://www.tga.gov.au/node/845079

The online version of the resource is the most up to date version, http://www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/asthma-and-your-child-a-resource-pack-for-parents-and-carers. Please ensure old versions that may have been printed are deleted.

For further information contact:
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Melinda Gray: 02 9382 8376 / 0411 446 239

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Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick, NSW
Email: SCHN-SCH-AAIC@health.nsw.gov.au
Website: www.asthmainchildren.org.au.
Developmental Coordination Disorder – A common yet under recognised disorder

By Professor Beth Hands, Senior Research Scholar, University of Notre Dame Australia

In every PE class, teachers may observe children who struggle to efficiently perform the fundamental motor skills required to participate in many activities and games. They may be unable to catch a ball, to jump over a cone, or kick a soccer ball. They might frequently trip and fall over, or always be caught first in a tag game. Many just think "they are clumsy", "they are not the sporty type" that "they are not trying hard" or even "they are lazy". Their peers are also aware of their inadequacy as movement is such a public event. They can see who can't catch a ball or who comes last in running races. In the classroom, children may not be aware of who is the worst speller or mathematician. However, they know who they don't want on their team because they can't catch a ball or run fast.

Many parents find they need to help their son or daughter get dressed, tie their shoelaces, butter their bread or clean their teeth a lot more than other same aged children. They prefer not to play actively with their peers, ride their bikes or climb a tree.

Some of these children may have a condition called Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD). This diagnosable condition means a person has significant difficulty coordinating their movements and are often unable to complete many everyday tasks such as tying shoe laces, doing up buttons, or making a sandwich. They don’t have any other movement-related disorder, such as cerebral palsy, that could explain their difficulty.

DCD can have a powerful negative impact on a child’s physical and emotional health. Some physical consequences include lower fitness (aerobic endurance, muscle strength, muscle endurance, lower flexibility) and reduced bone strength. Many experience poor self-esteem and low confidence, depression, stress, anxiety and develop greater risk-taking behaviours as they enter adolescence. In the playground, they may be socially isolated, or even bullied by their peers, so they may retreat to the library or computer room. As adolescents, they are unable to participate in many weekend sporting activities which are particularly important for social interaction and the development of peer relationships.

The incidence of this condition is between 5 and 10% so there is a high probability that you know someone with this condition- which at present is under-recognised and generally under-resourced. Often parents, teachers, and even health professionals don’t realise that the condition has a name. Many parents are very relieved when someone else acknowledges that their child has a difficulty! If you want to know more visit movegrowengage.com.au – a website developed by a team of researchers from the University of Notre Dame Australia about DCD.

The website is a portal for information about current DCD related research, intervention programs and services available to families and carers, and professional resources for teachers and health practitioners. This includes the following:

- **DCD Booklet**: This is a resource designed for parents, teachers and clinicians working with those with DCD.
- **Living with DCD video**: In this video, a teenager with DCD and her mother share their experiences of living with DCD.
MP4Kids Conference 2019

MP4Kids is a clinical network representing all Level 4 paediatric units in hospitals, in metropolitan and outer metropolitan Sydney. It is the goal and vision of the MP4Kids network to provide high-quality specialist paediatric care for infants, children, adolescents and their families as close to home as possible. The MP4Kids network advocates for coordinated and equitable provision of children’s healthcare services across metropolitan Sydney. Included in this philosophy is access to care in adequately resourced Level 4 paediatric units as well as access to tertiary/quaternary paediatric services when required. Membership is open to medical, nursing and allied health professionals employed in a Level 4 paediatric unit in a NSW hospital.

MP4Kids is aligned with Regional Paediatrics NSW (RPNSW), a peer-support network for regional clinicians.

The MP4Kids network hosts a one day conference twice each year, and a biennial two day conference. The next MP4Kids Conference is scheduled for 5th July 2019 at Royal North Shore Hospital. A range of presentations are planned around the theme, ‘Optimising the patient journey through partnership, collaboration and innovation’. The program is expected to comprise topics of interest to allied health professionals, including eating disorders, palliative care and head injury.

The program for the conference will be released soon. For further information regarding MP4 Kids contact mp4kidsnsw@gmail.com.

Research Corner

The Connections Project: Clinical Practices of Australian Speech Pathologists Working with Young People Aged 12-16 Years

Are you a practising speech pathologist? Do you work with young people aged 12-16 years?

If so, you’re invited to complete our online survey about how young people access speech pathology services, and how speech pathologists support them.

This survey is completely anonymous and should take between 20 to 40 minutes to complete. You can complete the survey in more than one sitting, as long as you use the same computer and the same web browser.


Ethics approval number: 2019/079

Closing Date: 9th June 2019

The project is conducted by a team of speech pathologists and researchers from The University of Sydney and Western Sydney University.

If you have questions, please contact: Nichola.Shelton@sydney.edu.au.

Dr Natalie Munro can also be contacted on: Natalie.Munro@sydney.edu.au or (02) 9351 9696.

Parent & Clinician Perceptions of Wheelchair Prescription for Children with Neuromuscular Disorders

Sarah-Grace Paguinto is an Occupational Therapist at the Neuromuscular Clinic, Sydney Children’s Hospital and 3rd year PhD Candidate at the University of NSW, Women and Children's Health. In March, Sarah-Grace presented the results of her research regarding parent experience and implications of wheelchair prescription for children with neuromuscular disorders. To view a recording of the Allied Health Telehealth Virtual Education session, go to http://www.nchn.org.au/a2k/telehealth.html.

Sarah-Grace is currently recruiting participants for an associated study aimed at understanding clinicians’ perceptions of wheelchair prescription for children with neuromuscular disorders. If you are interested in participating in this study please contact Sarah-Grace, sarahgrace.paguinto@health.nsw.gov.au.
Further details regarding Allied to Kids is available at the Allied to Kids website: http://www.nchn.org.au/a2k/index.html.

For more details about any of the information included in this newsletter, or if you have something you would like included in a future edition, please contact one of us.

Submissions for Future Editions of Allied to Kids

Let us know about your workshops, new programs, events, research or positions vacant. Clinical articles need to be evidence based with a relevant (albeit short) reference list. Submissions can be sent to any of the Allied Health Educators (email details are listed above) and need to be received no later than the 25th of each month to ensure inclusion in the following month’s edition. Remember, Allied to Kids is a newsletter for allied health professionals by allied health professionals.

Please note the inclusion of event/resource details in this newsletter does not constitute endorsement by the NSW Children’s Healthcare Network. Individuals are responsible for determining the credentials of events/resources in line with their own professional standards.

Children’s Healthcare Network

Allied Health Telehealth Virtual Education

Available to allied health professionals who provide services through NSW/ACT Health

The 2019 Allied Health Telehealth Virtual Education program incorporates a range of virtual education technologies such as videoconferencing and pre-recorded sessions. Upcoming Sessions:

30 April  Playing our ACEs: The benefits of screening for adverse childhood experiences. #ACEs
         Robyn Jones
         Clinical Coordinator/Child Protection Trainer Violence, HNELHD

         National Guideline for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder in Australia.
         Dr Kiah Evans
         Autism CRC

14 May     Part 1 - Comprehensive Needs Assessment
28 May     Part 2 - Diagnostic Evaluation

Most sessions are recorded and available for viewing online. Please visit the Allied to Kids website http://www.nchn.org.au/a2k/index.html for details of the 2019 calendar, latest updates and to view earlier sessions.
Tertiary Children’s Hospitals Grand Rounds
Available to allied health professionals who provide services through NSW Health

Children’s Hospital at Westmead (CHW) Grand Rounds
The CHW Grand Rounds Education Program is held each Thursday from 1:00 - 2:00pm. Upcoming sessions:

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John Hunter Children’s Hospital (JHCH) Paediatric Grand Rounds
The JHCH Paediatric Grand Rounds Education Program is held each Tuesday from 1:00 - 2:00pm. Upcoming session topics include (more specific details are released one week prior to the session):

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For instructions on how to view these sessions online or to access previous sessions, please email Sonia.Hughes@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au.

Sydney Children’s Hospital (SCH) Grand Rounds
The SCH Grand Rounds Education Program is held each Wednesday from 1:00 - 2:00pm. Upcoming sessions:

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For information on how to view sessions contact SCH Education Administration on 02 9382 5409.
Save the Date

On Call Sexual Assault Counsellor Training
30 April - 2 May 2019 Bathurst, NSW
23 - 25 July 2019 Dubbo, NSW
12 - 14 November 2019 Orange, NSW, NSW
This is an opportunity to be trained in a specialised area, enhancing your skills while assisting all victims of sexual assault.
For more information contact Leigh McCormick at leigh.mccormick@health.nsw.gov.au.

MP4Kids Conference
5 July 2019
Royal North Shore Hospital
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Paediatric and Adolescent Nutrition Update Day: Challenges in babies, toddlers and teens
8 November 2019
The Children’s Hospital at Westmead
Further information will be released in the coming months.

Conferences/Workshops/Webinars

Connections Forum: Supporting Aboriginal maternal, child & family health
10 April 2019
This interprofessional forum is for anyone who works with Aboriginal mothers, families and communities, or has an interest in learning more about how they can support positive health outcomes for Aboriginal families and communities. Virtual in design, the forum will connect health staff, programs and services, regardless of geographical location.
## Course in Clinical Gait Analysis

**Transitioning to adult health services: young people with intellectual disability**  
11 April 2019  
Lavender Bay, NSW  

An initiative of NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation and Trapeze. The program will hear the voice of the young person, showcase research and examples of service delivery, new and developing models of care and provide the opportunity to network with colleagues.  
Cost: This is a free event but registration is required.  
For further information contact Tracey Szanto, Intellectual Disability Health Network Manager, NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation. [Tracey.szanto@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Tracey.szanto@health.nsw.gov.au) or 02 9464 4632.

### Conferences/Workshops/Webinars continued

#### Transitioning to adult health services: young people with intellectual disability
11 April 2019  
Lavender Bay, NSW  
An initiative of NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation and Trapeze. The program will hear the voice of the young person, showcase research and examples of service delivery, new and developing models of care and provide the opportunity to network with colleagues.  
Cost: This is a free event but registration is required.  
For further information contact Tracey Szanto, Intellectual Disability Health Network Manager, NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation. [Tracey.szanto@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Tracey.szanto@health.nsw.gov.au) or 02 9464 4632.

#### Course in Clinical Gait Analysis
3 & 4 May 2019  
Westmead Institute for Medical Research, NSW  
This two day course is an introduction to clinical gait analysis, exploring normal gait and gait impairments of children and adults with various gait disorders (including neurological and orthopaedic impairments). In addition the course will demonstrate the use and interpretation of three dimensional gait analysis data to identify impairments affecting walking patterns and will focus on appropriate interventions to improve gait.  

#### Spina Bifida Education Day
14 May 2019  
The Children’s Hospital at Westmead  
A collaboration of presentations by the multidisciplinary Spina Bifida service - medical, physiotherapy, nursing, occupational therapy, orthotics, social work and neuropsychology.  
For further information please contact Rebecca Elliott via email [Rebecca.Elliot1@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Rebecca.Elliot1@health.nsw.gov.au) or phone 02 9845 3369.

#### Learning to Conquer the Wees and Poos
16 & 17 May 2019  
Dubbo, NSW  
This FREE course regarding the clinical management of chronic incontinence in children aged 3-15 is targeted at occupational therapists, psychologists and child and family health nurses.  
For further information contact Amanda Prince, 02 6850 7121 or [amanda.prince@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:amanda.prince@health.nsw.gov.au).  

#### WeeFIM
10 April 2019 Sydney, NSW  
27 May 2019 Melbourne, VIC  
TBC - May 2019 Venue to be confirmed, NZ  
TBC - August 2019 Venue to be confirmed, WA  
30 July 2019 Brisbane, QLD  
Conferences/Workshops/Webinars continued

Autism CRC - Autism Month Webinars
24 April 2019 - Diagnosis and Early Years
26 April 2019 - Adulthood
29 April 2019 - Autistic Voices
30 April 2019 - School Years

Play Workshop: Introductory to Advanced Course
29 April - 1 May 2019
Holden, ACT
Tracey.Power@act.gov.au

Feeding and Swallowing Disorders in Infancy: Optimising breastfeeding success
29 & 30 April 2019 Melbourne, VIC
2 & 3 May 2019 Brisbane, QLD
6 & 7 May 2019 Sydney, NSW

Vision Development in Paediatrics (APA)
1 May 2019
North Ryde, Sydney
https://australian.physio/pd/pd-product?id=6741

Understanding Normal Movement for Paediatric Therapists
11 - 12 May, 2019
North Rocks, Sydney

Executive Function in School Students with Learning Difficulties
20 May 2019
Herston, QLD

6th Annual Family Systems Conference
19 - 20 June 2019
North Sydney, NSW

Learn to Play Workshops
8 - 12 July 2019 - Learn to Play 5 Day Workshop
10 July 2019 - Parent Learn to Play: Train the Trainer
11 & 12 July 2019 - Advanced Learn to Play Therapy
Melbourne, VIC
https://www.learntoplayevents.com/events/

13th National Allied Health Conference
5 - 8 August 2019
Herston, QLD

International Symposium on Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma
16 & 17 September 2019
Sydney, NSW
https://www.dontshake.org/2019-sydney#midCol