

Keynote speakers

Professor Samar Aoun

Professor Samar Aoun is a palliative care researcher with a public health approach and a focus on under-served population groups such as people with Motor Neurone Disease, Dementia, terminally ill people who live alone and family caregivers before and after bereavement. Samar advocates strongly for person-centred health and social care. Her work on supporting family caregivers at end of life and the public health approach to bereavement care has informed policy and practice at the national and international levels. Samar is currently the Vice-President of the MND Association in WA and Director on MND Australia Board. She was awarded the Eleanor Mounsher Medal in recognition of outstanding commitment, dedication and service to people living with MND and their families.

Dr Susan Mathers

Dr Susan Mathers is a Consultant Neurologist at Monash Medical Centre, and the Clinical Director of Neurology at Calvary Health Care Bethlehem, Melbourne, which provides neuro-rehabilitative and neuro-palliative services to people with progressive neurological diseases including over 200 people with Motor Neurone Disease. She is a member of the Motor Neurone Disease Research Institute of Australia, the MND Research Tissue Bank and a founding member of the Australian MND Registry. Her main interests are in the management of chronic progressive neurological diseases and models of care. She has participated in a number of government sponsored collaborative projects in this area and is currently involved in a project to implement a state-wide integrated care service for people with progressive neurological diseases in Victoria.

Dr Shyuan Ngo

After obtaining her PhD in Neuroscience in 2009, Dr Shyuan Ngo undertook her first postdoctoral training position with Prof Pamela McCombe and Dr Robert Henderson. In 2012, she was awarded a Motor Neurone Disease Research Institute of Australia Bill Gole Fellowship to conduct research in a niche area, which focuses on metabolic imbalance in MND. Dr Ngo has presented her research at a number of national and international meetings, and regularly communicates her research outcomes to the wider community.

2018 NATIONAL MND CONFERENCE

Friday 31 August 2018

Adelaide, South Australia

Registration

Conference program and registration is available online
Visit: www.mndaust.asn.au/national-conference/

Conference cost

\$195 (GST inclusive) to include Conference Day and Pre Conference Networking Event

\$125 (GST inclusive) for people living with MND and their carer to include Conference Day and Pre Conference Networking Event

Venue

The conference will be held at the
Hotel Grand Chancellor
Hindley Street, Adelaide, South Australia
www.grandchancellorhotels.com/hotel-grand-chancellor-adelaide

Pre Conference Networking Event

Thursday 30 August, 2018 5pm – 7pm
Hotel Grand Chancellor
Hindley Street, Adelaide, South Australia

Online registrations close on Tuesday 21 August

After this date please contact 02 82874980 or email info@mndaust.asn.au



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NATIONAL MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE CONFERENCE

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MND Australia is pleased to announce the 9th National Motor Neurone Disease Australia Conference

Conference themes

Informing

- Translating advances in knowledge and clinical care into practice
- Models of support for people with MND
- Carer Support
- Maintaining independence and quality of life
- Improving well being

Influencing

- Working to influence best practice in a changing service sector environment
- Cross sector models of care to narrow the disability, aged, healthcare divide
- Facilitating the transition to the NDIS
- Collaborative approaches to improve care and support
- Advance care planning and end of life care

Innovating

- Innovations in technology to support communication and independence
- Innovative approaches to supporting people living with MND and their families
- Using technology to provide MND education and information
- Developing a smart home

For

Allied health professionals	NDIA staff
Case managers	Nurses
Community aged care providers	Palliative care staff
Community disability providers	Residential aged care staff
General practitioners	Personal care workers
Government representatives	People living with MND and carers
Local Area Coordinators	Support coordinators
Medical specialists	

9th National MND Conference Program - Friday 31 August 2018

8.30am	Registration
9.00am	Welcome <i>David Ali, National President, MND Australia</i>
9.10am	Opening Address
9.20am	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Motor Neurone Disease: Patient centred care for a progressive neurological disease— from ambition to reality? <i>Susan Mathers, Clinical Director of Neurology at Calvary Health Care Bethlehem, Melbourne</i> INFORMING OT and MND: Adjusting and adapting to rapidly changing function. <i>Sarah Solomon, Occupational Therapist, Calvary Health Care Bethlehem</i>
10.20am	Morning tea and poster displays
10.50am	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Until there is a cure, there is care. <i>Samar Aoun, Professor of Palliative Care, Palliative Care Unit, School of Psychology and Public Health La Trobe University</i> INFORMING End of Life Care - having the difficult conversations. <i>Mark Whitley, Accredited Mental Health Social Worker / MND Advisor, MND Queensland</i> Identifying patient needs....staying one step ahead with a triage call. <i>Mary-Anne Vas, Registered Nurse, Calvary Health Care Bethlehem</i> Fostering a Multi-Disciplinary Team approach to MND. <i>Christine Batten, Social Worker, Tasmanian Health Organisation Palliative Care Service</i> MND Care: A Regional Approach. <i>Samantha Mitchell, Speech Pathologist, Goulburn Valley Health</i>
12.30pm	Lunch and poster displays
1.30pm	INFLUENCING Multidisciplinary management of people with Motor Neurone Disease under the National Disability Insurance Scheme. <i>Anna Connolly, Occupational Therapist, Northern Health</i> Supporting NDIS participants living with MND – an integrated approach. <i>Kristina Dodds, Education and Carer Support Coordinator, Motor Neurone Disease Association NSW</i> Supporting wellbeing in motor neurone disease for patients, carers, social networks and health professionals: a scoping review and synthesis. <i>Paul Cafarella, Health Psychologist, Flinders Medical Centre (SA Health), Flinders University, University of Adelaide</i> Influencing and Voluntary Assisted Dying. <i>Rod Harris, MND Victoria</i>
2.50pm	Afternoon Tea
3.00pm	INNOVATING The impact of Assistive Technology on Quality of Life (QOL). <i>Alicia Gibb, Occupational Therapist, NSW Health, Liverpool Hospital</i> "I have MND. Now What?" Collaborative development of an online reference guide for the MND person. <i>Anna Fulford, Physiotherapist, Palliative Care Team, Port Kembla Hospital, Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District</i> A trial of Suprascapular Nerve Block for shoulder pain in MND. <i>Peter Allcroft, Physician, Southern Adelaide Local Health Network Flinders Medical Centre</i> KEYNOTE SPEAKER Advances in research. <i>Dr Shyuan Ngo, Scott Sullivan MND Research Fellow at The University of Queensland</i>
4.40pm	Closing remarks