



20 YEARS OF INSPIRING TALKS

Over the last two decades, we've had the privilege of hearing some of the leading cancer researchers in Australia share updates on the very latest advances in their fields of expertise.



Dr Andrew Penman AM has undoubtedly saved the lives of thousands of Australians by reframing cancer as a social issue not just a medical one. As CEO of Cancer Council NSW from 1998 to 2012, Andrew pushed the public health focus to reach larger numbers of people by targeting their working and leisure environments. Under Andrew's stewardship, Cancer Council NSW increased its investment in research, establishing ongoing partnerships with the best researchers in the field. His work in cancer control was recognised by his appointment as a Member in the Order of Australia (AM) in 2010.

Dr Andrew Penman AM

keynote speaker 2000–2005



Professor Robyn Ward AM is Executive Dean of the new Faculty of Medicine and Health at The University of Sydney. Throughout her career Robyn has shown a sustained capacity for innovative research into the range of issues that underlie cancer. In particular, she has made several important contributions to translational cancer research in bowel cancer. In 2013, Robyn was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to medical research and patient care in the field of oncology.

Professor Robyn Ward AM

keynote speaker in 2005, 2007 and 2013



Professor Charlie Teo is a world-renowned neurosurgeon and brain cancer researcher working primarily at the Prince of Wales Hospital Sydney. Charlie established the internationally acclaimed Centre for Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery, for which he was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2011. His work has extended the lives of many children and adults with brain tumours, some of which were previously considered to be 'inoperable'.

Professor Charlie Teo AM

keynote speaker in 2008



Professor Ian Frazer AC is recognised as co-inventor of the technology enabling the HPV vaccines, currently used worldwide to help prevent cervical cancer. He continues to lead work on new vaccine technologies. Ian was recognised as Australian of the Year in 2006 and was appointed Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in 2012. Most recently, Ian was appointed chair of the federal government's Medical Research Future Fund.

Professor Ian Frazer AC

keynote speaker in 2009, 2015 and 2019



Dr Graham Colditz is an internationally recognised leader in cancer prevention research and Deputy Director of the Institute of Public Health at Washington University in St. Louis. As an epidemiologist and public health expert, Graham has received numerous awards including the 2011 Medal of Honour (American Cancer Society's highest honour) and the 2014 Award for Outstanding Achievement in Cancer Prevention Research.

Dr Graham Colditz
keynote speaker in 2010



Professor Roger Reddel is Director of the Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) and Head of its Cancer Research Unit. In 2016, Roger, with Professor Phil Robinson, established a new world-leading research project and facility called ProCan. Over the next 5-7 years, ProCan is analysing 70,000 samples of all types of cancer from all over the world to build a database of information to advance scientific discovery and enhance clinical treatment worldwide.

Professor Roger Reddel
keynote speaker in 2011 and 2017



Professor Murray Norris AM is Deputy Director of Children's Cancer Institute and Head of the Molecular Diagnostics Program. In 2016, the Children's Cancer Institute and Sydney Children's Hospitals Network launched the Zero Childhood Cancer program – the most ambitious and comprehensive child cancer research program ever undertaken in Australia. In 2015, Murray was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to medical research as a molecular biologist and for pioneering developments of treatment for cancer in children.

Professor Murray Norris AM
keynote speaker in 2012



Associate Professor David Smith is a Senior Research Fellow who leads Cancer Council NSW research group for prostate cancer. He is an epidemiologist and health services researcher with specific expertise in issues related to the causes of prostate cancer, the effects of early detection and screening, patterns of care for prostate cancer and improving the quality of life of men living with prostate cancer.

Associate Professor David Smith
keynote speaker in 2014



Professor Karen Canfell is Director of the Cancer Research Division at Cancer Council NSW. Over the last 15 years, her research has had a major impact on cervical cancer prevention policy decisions in Australia, New Zealand and the UK. Karen's work in this area has been recognised by the World Health Organization (WHO), which approached her to be a key member of a ground breaking technical group on global cervical cancer elimination. In 2017, Karen established a new research strategy for Cancer Council NSW called *Pathways to a cancer free future*. Karen was named one of Australia's top 100 Women of Influence in 2015.

Professor Karen Canfell
keynote speaker in 2016



Professor Anna deFazio heads the Gynaecological Oncology Research Laboratory at the Centre for Cancer Research, the Westmead Institute for Medical Research. The focus of Anna's research is to understand the clinical and genetic factors that influence response and resistance to chemotherapy in ovarian cancer. In 2017, Anna established a major new study to develop strategies to better define ovarian cancer patient subsets, in an effort to optimise the selection of patients for novel molecularly-targeted clinical trials and ultimately to individualise treatment.

Professor Anna deFazio
keynote speaker in 2018