

Global health specialists speak out at a public lecture series

Saturday 29 August 2015

A transformative group of specialists leading the charge in addressing health disadvantage are convening in Darwin to share their knowledge and experience on some of the most significant global health issues affecting those among the poorest populations in the world.

Presenting at the opening night, the first of a free set of public lecture series, the panel will present their works and take questions from the public on what issues are emerging, what action is being taken and what's working in their field of expertise.

Speakers include world acclaimed Professor Ric Price, an infectious disease and general physician on the staff at the Royal Darwin Hospital. He is currently leading multicentred clinical trials in more than seven malaria endemic countries to optimise the use of primaquine for the radical cure of vivax malaria.

Dr Julie Brimblecombe has worked cross-culturally in the South Pacific and with remote Northern Territory Aboriginal communities for over 20 years. Her research focuses on population dietary interventions, determinants of healthy eating and building capacity to support community-driven decision-making for nutrition improvement.

Brendon Douglas has more than 15 years' experience in capacity building, partnership brokering and innovation in developed and developing country settings. Brendon has designed, managed and evaluated programs providing strategic advice to the Australian aid program.

Dr Nick Coatsworth is speaking to national critical care and trauma response. He is a consultant physician at the Royal Darwin Hospital, regularly visits remote indigenous communities, and has led a combined team of health professionals to the Arnhem Land community of Maningrida to eradicate endemic trachoma. In 2013 Nick led the second Australian Medical Assistance Team that responded to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

What: Public Lecture Series | Global health - Taking NT know-how to the world

Featuring: Professor Ric Price | Malaria, Mr Brendon Douglas | Partnerships in Asia, Dr Julie Brimblecombe | Nutrition and Food Security, Dr Nick Coatsworth | National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre

When: Monday 31 August 2015

Where: Menzies Auditorium, Building 58, Royal Darwin Hospital campus

Register: <http://tix.yt/pKf>



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Media Notes:

The Global health | Taking NT know how to the world is the first of five 30th anniversary public lecture series. Each public lecture will be held at Menzies Auditorium, building 58, Royal Darwin Hospital, Rocklands Drive Casuarina.

For more information on the 30th anniversary events, please visit:

http://www.menzies.edu.au/page/Menzies_30th/Events/

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Menzies Background

Menzies School of Health Research is Australia's leading Medical Research Institute dedicated to improving Indigenous, global and tropical health. We have a 30 year history of scientific discovery and public health achievement. Menzies works at the frontline, joining with partners across the Asia-Pacific as well as Indigenous communities across northern and central Australia. We collaborate to create new knowledge, grow local skills and find enduring solutions to problems that matter.