

Health experts in Darwin to discuss diabetes in pregnancy

Tuesday, 24 September 2019

Diabetes experts and health care professionals from across northern Australia will be gathering at Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) for the annual Diabetes across the Lifecourse: Northern Australia Partnership – Annual Educational Symposium on Friday, 27 September.

This is the seventh annual gathering of diabetes researchers, health workers and stakeholders to discuss a 'lifecourse approach' to preventing and managing diabetes.

According to lead investigator of the Partnership, Professor Louise Maple-Brown, diabetes is preventable and there are many opportunities across the lifecourse to address this.

"Our focus at Menzies is on diabetes in pregnancy; we are now concentrating our efforts on the time between pregnancies for women of child-bearing age and preventing diabetes in children.

"We know from our research that diabetes is a chronic disease and can be a precursor to other long-term conditions like kidney disease," said Prof Maple-Brown.

The symposium will provide the chance for interested parties to find out the latest developments in the field of research in diabetes in pregnancy, and what can be done to prevent diabetes.

The keynote speakers will be Professor Alex Brown, Aboriginal Health Equity Theme Leader at SAHMRI, Professor Elizabeth Davis, Co-Director Children's Diabetes Centre at Telethon kids Institute, Professor Jerry Greenfield, Director Diabetes Services at St Vincent Hospital and Professor Jonathan Shaw, Deputy Director at Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute.

The symposium is supported by NHMRC funding to the Diabetes Lifecourse Partnership and the [HOT NORTH](#) program at Menzies.

For more information about the Diabetes across the Lifecourse: Northern Australia Partnership Educational Symposium on 27 September, [click here](#).

What: Diabetes across the Lifecourse: Northern Australia Partnership, Annual Educational Symposium

Who: **Prof Louise Maple-Brown**, lead investigator of the Diabetes across the Lifecourse: Northern Australia Partnership, head of the endocrinology department at Royal Darwin Hospital and senior principal research fellow with Menzies School of Health Research. Keynote speakers available on request.

Where: Menzies School of Health Research Auditorium, John Mathews Building (Bldg 58), Royal Darwin Hospital campus, Cnr Nightingale and Paracelsus Roads.

When: Friday, 27 September, 8.00am – 1.00pm

*Please note this is a symposium for healthcare professionals and researchers.
Media are welcome upon prior arrangement to ensure interviews can be arranged.*

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Menzies background

Menzies School of Health Research is one of Australia's leading medical research institutes dedicated to improving Indigenous, global and tropical health. Menzies has a history of over 30 years 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. Menzies collaborates to create new knowledge, grow local skills and find enduring solutions to problems that matter.